



# BROOKS BULLETIN

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Two-year-old Ephram Johnson enjoys his food during the community BBQ last Thursday hosted by Inter Pipeline and the city. | SANDRA M. STANWAY PHOTO

## Duchess cuts cost of village-owned housing lots

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The Village of Duchess has come up with a plan for the Housing Accelerator money they received from the federal government to help with the housing crisis while adding residences and residents to the community.

In February the village was granted \$527,991 over four years.

Five municipally-owned lots are being sold at a 40

per cent reduction. The lots have servicing to the property line.

Current homeowners who add a secondary suite to their existing residence will qualify for a grant up to \$2,500 while a new building with a secondary suite either on the property or within a new home will qualify for a grant up to \$5,000.

Owners of modular homes that are moved onto rented lots at the modular

home park receive a 50 per cent reduction on municipal taxes for two years.

The village has terms and conditions that must be met in order to qualify.

"With this funding the village has put together some initiatives to attract new residents to our community and to financially support current residents of Duchess," states a press release from the village.

## Donations needed as financial trouble plagues animal shelter

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Animal Protection Society (BAPS) is having financial trouble, thanks to the huge influx of cats, many of which are pregnant, and they are reaching out to the community to help.

They are filled to capacity with just over 100 dogs, puppies, cats and kittens with just under \$20,000 in their account.

Since the public learned that BAPS is in trouble, Alyshia Nyberg, shelter manager, said there has been a couple of adoptions and some donations.

"We've had some donations come in - food and money and a couple of adoptions have gone out the door," Nyberg said.

"It's slow. People don't want to adopt yet. It's school and vacations but we've had people step up and help us. Absolutely."

Shelter representative Dianne Lau said many of the cats they have taken in are pregnant which has led to a large influx of kittens.

"It has taken a toll on BAPS," she said.

"They require more cat food, kitten formula and food, vaccinations and vet care. It has become a trickle effect as well. When there is a huge amount of cats in one area, we need to

create a clean environment to prevent the spread of diseases which means more cleaning supplies and caretakers to clean. This effects payroll, funds toward

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-BAPS

cleaning supplies, food for the cats and also on our vet bills as we need to ensure the cats are vaccinated and also spayed or neutered."

On top of those issues, inflation is taking its toll as they have to put out more money for food, cleaning supplies and vet care.

"As a volunteer board we have been actively trying to combat this issue. Our main focus as board members is to create fundraising events to gain funds from our generous community."

On Oct. 5 BAPS will hold a Dog Jog which is expected to be a major fundraiser.

Mayor John Petrie said the city is aware of the situation and they are keeping an eye on it.

"They haven't approached us and I give them kudos for trying to solve the problem," he said

The second quarter financials should be presented to city committee

at the September meeting and there may be further discussion about the situation.

Since last fall the organization has hosted many events, however, the average raised is between \$300 and \$800, with the exception of 50-50 draws and gift basket raffles each which raise about \$2,000.

"This only helps with one-third of the cost to run the shelter."

To ensure that the animals are fed and healthy, there is also the day-to-day costs to pay staff.

While the organization does not want to exhaust the public in their generosity, they do need funds and/or other donations to keep the doors open.

They are seeking funds, office supplies and food for all animals.

"Unfortunately, if we can't get the help we need, we will be unable to keep our doors open. We will keep doing our best through this time but we are asking for help," the shelter staff posted on social media.

Donations can be made through e-transfer to info@bapsociety.com or at the shelter during business hours.

The society has also set up an Amazon wishlist page under BAPS wish list. It includes, not only food but also office supplies.



A momma cat holds her recently born kittens while in the Brooks animal shelter. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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## City Facility Hours September 2nd

**JBS Canada Centre | 12pm-6pm**  
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## Yard Waste Collection Update

Due to the closure of the Public Works Office on Monday, September 2nd, regularly scheduled pick-up will happen on Tuesday, September 3rd.



## School Zones Now in Effect!

**Welcome back, students!**

## Pool Closure

**August 26 - September 8**

The EID Aquatic Centre will be temporarily closed for annual maintenance from August 26 to September 8. During this time, our dedicated staff will be hard at work refreshing and improving the facility to ensure a better experience for all patrons.

## Board Members Needed!



**Recreation & Parks Board**

**1 Youth Member**

**EcoBrooks Committee**

**1 Youth Member**

Visit [Brooks.ca](http://Brooks.ca) to find the application form.

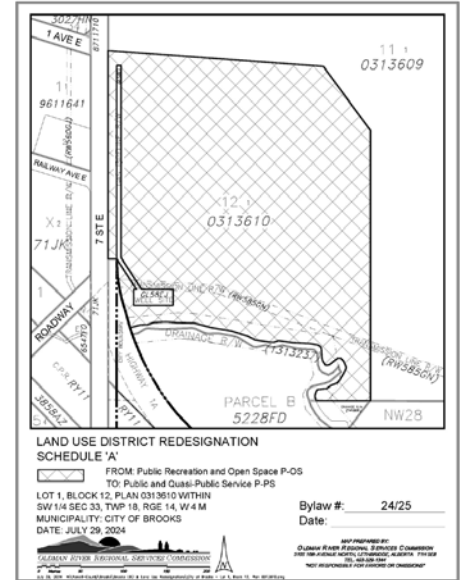
## Notice of Public Hearing

CITY OF BROOKS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
PROPOSED BYLAW 24/25 (ZONING CHANGE)

To be held at 5:00 pm, September 16, 2024  
City of Brooks Council Chambers

PURSUANT to sections 216.4, 606 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt Bylaw 24/25, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw 14/12 for the municipality.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Bylaw 24/25 is to redesignate Lot 1 Block 12 Plan 0313610 (20 7 ST E) from "PUBLIC RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE (P-OS)" to "PUBLIC AND QUASI-PUBLIC SERVICE (P-PS)", as illustrated.



### Submit Comments

If you would like to submit comments or require further information on this proposed Bylaw please email [development@brooks.ca](mailto:development@brooks.ca), call 403-362-3333, visit the City of Brooks office during normal business hours or mail comments to the following address:

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

Please forward written submissions on or before September 13 at 4:30 PM.

### Attend or View the Hearing

A public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw 24/25 will be held in the City of Brooks Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. on September 16, 2024. Please get in touch if you would like to speak at the meeting.

The City of Brooks Council Meeting and public hearing will also be streamed on the City of Brooks Facebook and YouTube.



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

**SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2024 FROM 4:00 PM-6:30 PM @ JBS CANADA CENTRE, FIELDHOUSE**

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# COMMENT

## Canada's federal public service is expanding rapidly — at your expense

*Across the economy there's massive bureaucratic expansion to fulfil political demands while the private sector, which fulfils consumer demands for goods and services, is crowded out.*

MATTHEW LAU  
OTTAWA CITIZEN

The increased bureaucratization and socialization of Canada's economy since 2015 is well illustrated by the Treasury Board of Canada secretariat's new statistics on the federal public service. All across the economy there's massive bureaucratic expansion to fulfil political demands while the private sector, which fulfils consumer demands for goods and services, is crowded out and its relative importance reduced.

There are now 39,089 federal employees at Employment and Social Development Canada, up 80 per cent from 2015. Meanwhile, total employment in Canada across all industries is up only 15 per cent. Why do we need 80 per cent more bureaucrats to regulate and centrally plan employment in Canada when total employment is only up 15 per cent?

Next, consider the agriculture sector. From 2015 to 2024, the headcount at the federal department of Agriculture and Agri-Food increased 11 per cent while total employment in agriculture fell 18 per cent. That's 11 per cent more agricultural bureaucrats and central planners while the number of people actually producing agricultural goods is down 18 per cent.

Considering dairy in particular, there are now 75 people employed at the Canadian Dairy Commission, up 34 per cent versus 2015. Meanwhile the number of dairy cows in Canada as of 2023 (the latest year of available data) is only up two per cent versus 2015, and the number of farms that ship milk is actually down 20 per cent. So, 34 per cent more dairy bureaucrats versus two per cent more dairy cows and 20 per cent fewer dairy farms.

Similarly, the Canadian Transportation Agency's headcount rocketed to 377 in 2024, up 20 per cent from the prior year and up 56 per cent since 2015. Yet since 2015, total employment in transportation

and warehousing in Canada increased by a much more modest 17 per cent.

In 2024, a year with no federal election scheduled, there are 1,250 employees at Elections Canada, nearly double the headcount of 630 in 2015, a year in which there was a federal election. But while the number of Elections Canada employees has nearly doubled, the number of voters in Canada has not. From 2015 to 2024, Canada's population increase is about 14 per cent.

Another example: Fisheries and Oceans Canada now employs 14,716 people, up 49 per cent since 2015, and Natural Resources Canada now employs 5,751 people, up 39 per cent since 2015. Meanwhile the number of Canadians employed in natural resources (more specifically, forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, and oil and gas) is actually down one per cent since 2015.

As of 2024, the federal department for Women and Gender Equality employs 443 people, up 382 per cent versus 2015. But if the number of women in Canada has gone up 382 per cent in the same time period, this is nowhere reflected in any of the population statistics published by Statistics Canada — a government agency whose own headcount as of 2024 is up 48 per cent since 2015.

The total employment in our federal public administration (and separate agencies) is up 43 per cent (from 257,000 to 368,000) from 2015 to 2024. So these examples are not just cherry-picking.

But perhaps the most depressing statistic from the Treasury Board of Canada secretariat's report is the headcount growth at the Canada Revenue Agency.

There are now 59,155 people employed at the CRA as of 2024, up 48 per cent since 2015 — a stark reminder of this federal government's enthusiasm for raising taxes and expanding government control.

*Matthew Lau is an adjunct scholar with the Fraser Institute.*

# TIME CAPSULE

SEPTEMBER - 1969



## The Very Precious Life of Elon Musk

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



Elon Musk is heading for a crash. It's only a matter of time before one or another of his random enthusiasms brings him down. But if I had the power I would guarantee him at least two more years of solvency before he loses control of his companies, his great wealth, and possibly even his freedom.

My apparent sympathy for Musk gets me a lot of flak from my wife, one of my sons, and most of my friends, who cannot wait to see him go under. He is so arrogant, so erratic and so wrong-headed in his politics (he must still be reading Ayn Rand) that his downfall will give great pleasure to millions.

And the downfall is almost certainly coming soon. As the entrepreneur and professor Scott Galloway recently remarked: "No company with over \$1bn in revenue has ever lost 60% of its revenues in a 12-month period, in a non-war period... Twitter is literally the worst-performing business in history." (Like many people, he's still reluctant to call it X.)

The whole X debacle demonstrates the rapid decline in Musk's business acumen. He offered far too much to buy Twitter, the delighted owners immediately accepted, Musk tried to back out, the courts forced him to go through with the deal, and he ended up owning a slowly declining

business that he then put into a nose-dive.

As any 10-year-old could have told him, if he effectively abandoned serious monitoring and opened Twitter/X to every hate-filled rant with some lies to peddle, the advertisers who are the real source of his cash flow will take their distance from his site.

But Musk told the advertisers to "go f--- yourself" if they didn't want to advertise on his platform, so almost all his big accounts pulled out. Now, less than a year later, he is suing those same advertisers for not advertising on his platform. Good luck with that one.

In the meantime, Musk seems to be covering X's losses by pulling money out of his most successful business, Tesla. He's so rich that this can go on for a long time (unless Tesla's shareholders revolt), but it's definitely not good practice.

Why is he behaving like this? 'Megalomania' is not a precise term in psychology, but it usually get worse with time and he certainly fits that pattern. Another informal term that probably applies to him is 'on the spectrum'. While that can actually be an asset in some business contexts, it is not playing well for him.

So why should we care what happens to Musk?

The world owes him some gratitude for pioneering electric cars when nobody else was really working at it (and he did it specifically to alleviate the climate crisis), but if Tesla failed now other electric vehicle manufacturers would quickly fill the market gap. However, he still has another job to do, and if he's not available it may not happen

at all.

The fifth iteration of his giant 'Starship' heavy lift rocket will fly this month or next, and with every iteration it gets a bit closer to delivering the kind of performance that will transform space flight.

Every flight so far has crashed into the sea, but that's the development method Musk uses: launch it, find out what made it fail, fix it, and launch again. It will probably take about another five flights before he gets it all right, so that's around a year. Then another year of many flawless launches and landings before it is certified for manned flight.

And then Musk ceases to be the indispensable man. Nobody else has had the will, the skill and the money to make this thing happen, but once it is certified anybody can manage the exploitation of the reusable Starship/heavy booster combination. That will open up the entire solar system for human beings.

Reducing the cost of getting a kilogram into orbit by 99%, which is the plausible claim he makes for Starship, is not an improvement. It's a revolution. But if Musk goes bankrupt and SpaceX also gets tied up in the courts for many years — as it is increasingly possible to imagine — then the whole thing could go down the drain.

If you don't care about the human race getting out into the universe, or at least into our own wider neighbourhood, then go ahead and hate Musk. But if you do care, then acknowledge that Musk needs two more years to make that future possible, and ask whatever gods may be to grant him that time.



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# Bassano Banner

THOMAS McPHAIL



BASSANO - -What an adventure last Thursday when 48 residents of Playfair Lodge, family and friends, led by their activity coordinator, Pam Collett, boarded a coach and travelled to the Rosebud Dinner Theatre. After being served a delicious buffet meal by the staff there, they were entertained to a delightful version of Little Women. The general consensus of the local group was that if you have never attended a Rosebud Dinner Theatre, put it on your bucket list. Stephanie Hereford, daughter of Doug and Shelley from Gem, who has been home briefly from her work in Amsterdam, was able to meet the main group for the event.

-More news from Playfair Lodge - Edna and Andreas Nielsen just returned from visiting their son and family in Stamford, Connecticut.

-The weather is changing as August fades into memory. Local harvesting is progressing

nically. Just a reminder as I learned the hard way. Wasps are particularly aggressive right now as their sources of food diminish. Be vigilant of children's and pets activities.

-Yes, the summer holidays are about to close as students head back to school on September 3rd. With that in mind, the Bassano Pool which has had a very busy season will close on August 28. You might get in one more swim if you hurry.

-Plenty of local birthdays being celebrated. Very warm birthday greetings from family and neighbours to Jerry and Sharon Schaffer who both will celebrate 70 trips around the sun.

-I certainly cannot overlook birthdays for Willetta Connon, Jackie Sawatsky, Lorraine Biette, Alice Slomp and Lorne Steinbach. All I know for certain is they are all over 21!!!

-These folks are celebrating anniversaries

this week: Landon & Kira Lunseth, Mark & Stephanie Havens and Duane & Bonnie Fladhamer.

-The bridal shower for Krista Johnston, hosted by Meghan, Kelly, Jordan and Sherry was attended by about 25 ladies last Saturday in the basement of St. Columba Church. Krista expressed her sincere appreciation for the beautiful gifts and the warm welcome from those attending.

ATTENTION: Rosemary Residents. You are cordially invited to forward your local news to the Bassano correspondent who will be covering the western County of Newell for the Brooks Bulletin. Please email your news to tom1942@hotmail.com or call 403-409-1101.

-Before closing this week's postings, I know there is more news out there. Please email me at tom1942@hotmail.com. My cell is 403-409-1101.

# The Great Paradox

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

**Jon Chalmers (Lead Pastor of Brooks Evangelical Free Church)**
















A paradoxical statement can at first sound contradictory but then be true. We are all quite familiar with statements of paradox. A friend might say to another friend who is desperate to find a romantic relationship, "The best way to meet someone else is to not need to be with someone else." A co-worker may tell an ambitious co-worker, "The harder you try to impress people, the less impressed they will be with you." I would assume that everyone reading this article would believe these paradoxical statements to be true.

Why then can't other paradoxes be true too? Jesus spoke what I would call the great paradox. In Luke 9:24-25 Jesus said, "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?" Naturally, we believe we must do all we can to guard our wealth, our comfort, even our identities. Jesus says only those who are willing to lose their lives are going to find it. Now to be clear, Jesus isn't saying be a masochist and lose your life. He is saying, 'Lose your life for my sake.' Simply put, if you want to find life, you need yield every area of your life to Jesus first. C.S. Lewis explained this well. Lewis wrote, "Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and

you will save it. Submit to death, the death of your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and the death of your whole body in the end: Submit with every fiber of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep nothing back. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in."

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# Church *Come worship with us...*

 <p><b>St. Mary's Catholic Church</b> 511 - 4th St. W., Brooks, AB. Ph: 403-362-4466 Fax: 403-793-2571</p> <p><b>Parish Priest</b> Father Marino Infante</p> <p><b>MASSES</b> Saturday at 5:00 pm Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm <b>WEEKDAY MASS</b></p> <p>Please call church office at 403-362-4466 St. Vincent de Paul 403-409-9510</p>	 <p><b>CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH</b> One Block North of Cassils Rd. at 11th Street West</p> <p><b>Join us for Sunday Worship 10:00 am</b></p> <p><b>403-362-8142</b> <a href="http://www.brookscrc.org">www.brookscrc.org</a></p>	 <p>804 Cassils Road E., Brooks, Alberta T1R 0L2 Pastor Daryle Fox Church: 403-362-5060 Cell 403-793-7203</p> <p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 11 am</b></p> <p>Affiliated North American Baptist Conference Connecting People to Christ and His Caring Community! EVERYONE WELCOME!</p>	 <p><b>BROOKS EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH</b></p> <p>625 8 St W, Brooks, AB (403) 362-2952 <a href="http://www.brookseffc.com">www.brookseffc.com</a></p> <p>Sunday Services 10:00 am Kids program and nursery available</p> <p>Jon Chalmers - Lead Pastor Garth Everett - Family Pastor Josiah Johnson - Youth Pastor</p>	 <p><b>Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church</b></p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Brooks United Church 507 3rd Ave. West 10:00 am</p> <p>REVEREND ESTHER CREWS Phone: 403-362-3637 <i>Inviting, Including, Inspiring</i></p> 
 <p><b>ALLIANCE CHURCH</b> 304 Cassils Road East Phone 403-362-8908 Website: <a href="http://www.brooksalliancechurch.com">www.brooksalliancechurch.com</a></p> <p><b>PASTOR DAVID BRADFORD</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 am</b></p>	<p><b>DUCHESS LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCC)</b> PASTOR ANDY KAHLE Phone 587-832-3221</p> <p><b>Sunday Worship Service 11:30 am</b> Everyone Welcome!</p> <p><b>LUTHERAN HOUR</b> Sundays 7:30 am CHAT FM94.5 RADIO 8:30 A.M. CKMX 1060 "The One" (Genesis 24:14)</p>	 <p>Box 298, Duchess, AB. T0J 0Z0 Phone 403.633.2829 Email: <a href="mailto:office@duchessmennonite.ca">office@duchessmennonite.ca</a> Website: <a href="http://www.duchessmennonite.ca">www.duchessmennonite.ca</a></p> <p><b>Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am</b></p> <p>Pastor Nathan Ramer Pastor Terry Jackson</p> <p>Office Hours: Tuesdays to Thursdays 8:30 am to 12 Noon</p>	 <p><b>BROOKS UNITED CHURCH</b> REVEREND ESTHER CREWS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM ALL ARE WELCOME Kids Programs Available. For online worship please see our Facebook page or <a href="http://www.brooksunitedchurch.com">www.brooksunitedchurch.com</a></p> <p>507 - 3rd Ave. W. Brooks, AB. Phone/Fax: 403-362-3637 Email: <a href="mailto:bksunite@shaw.ca">bksunite@shaw.ca</a> Office Hours: 9:00 to 12 Noon (Tues. - Fri.)</p>	 <p><b>ENCOUNTER CHURCH</b> Pursuing God, Life, Family &amp; Purpose</p> <p>God is doing a NEW thing! Jesus came so we could all have life, and life in abundance. Come &amp; encounter your fullest life with us!</p> <p>Worship Service &amp; Kids SuperChurch (K.G.6) Sundays   10:00am Youth Group (Gr. 7-12) Fridays   7:30pm</p> <p>Pastor Aaron &amp; Cynthia Barrington 15th Ave &amp; 3 St W 403.362.7785</p>
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Cowboys depict life on the range during Saturday's Heart of the Horse night show. The program presented a history of range life including tools and techniques perfected by Spanish vaqueros in Mexico. Throughout the entire weekend cowboys and cowgirls showed their on-the-range skills through demonstrations and competitions as well as clinics and guest speakers. Jonathan Morrison earned the inaugural Canada's Top Ranch Horse Competition. The horse and rider were judged on reining pattern, box/fence, rope and stop cow. Second place went to Michelle Woodridge, third to Cory Wiebe and fourth to Lawrence Gareau. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Brooks and area RCMP report

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vehicle was seized for 30 days.



### Assault

Police arrested a 41-year-old intoxicated woman who was causing a disturbance in a Brooks home.

On Aug. 17 Brooks RCMP responded to a disturbance in an Uplands area residence and found Sumer Laurette Lalonde destroying the home inside and attacking individuals.

Lalonde displayed aggression towards officers and was arrested for multiple accounts of assault.

She appeared in Brooks court last Wednesday with three charges of assault, one obstruction/resist an officer and one county of mischief to property under \$5,000.

She is to return to court today.

### Increase in hit and runs

Brooks RCMP has observed an increase in hit and runs and are reminding drivers that it is their legal obligation to remain at the scene of any collision and exchange information.

Failing to do so is a criminal offense and constitutes leaving the scene of a collision.

"We strongly advise all drivers to exercise caution. If you witness a hit and run incident, we encourage you to promptly report it to the RCMP non-emergency complaint line at 403-362-5535 and provide as much information as possible, including the vehicle's make, model, colour, license plate and time of day and location of the incident.

### Pair of collisions on Highway 1

On Aug. 20 Brooks RCMP responded to two collisions

### Theft??

On Aug. 18 police received a report of a stolen semi truck taken that had been taken from a locked warehouse.

The truck was found later in a different warehouse within the compound. The investigation is ongoing.

### Police deal with intoxicated people

While on patrol on Aug. 17, members of the Brooks detachment saw an intoxicated man stumbling on Sutherland Drive. The man had difficulty speaking and smelled of alcohol. Despite attempts to mediate with the individual, police arrested him. He was released when sober.

On the same day police received a call for assistance to remove an aggressive man from a local bar. Members tried to de-escalate the situation.

The man was escorted outside and police tried to speak with him, however, he was arrested and released when sober.

### Tip gets impaired driver off road

On Aug. 18 police received an anonymous complaint about a possible impaired driver who was leaving the Duchess Golf Course.

Officers stopped the vehicle as it was leaving the parking lot and conducted a traffic stop when a roadside screening was attempted.

The driver was arrested for failure to comply with the screening and a roadside sanction was issued. The

## Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



**RAINIER** - Happy Birthday greetings for the coming week to Ryan Andrews on September 4; Coleter Ellefson on September 5; Brian Slenders on September 6; Danny VanHal on September 7; Ty VanHal on September 8.

Celebrating their respective wedding anniversaries this coming week are David and Cheryl Andrews on September 4; and Brian and Liz Haag on September 8.

Critters are gathering for a baby shower, honouring Cyndi and Rob Graham, on Sunday, September 15th

at 2.00pm at the Rainier Community Hall. All are welcome: men, women, and children. Potluck snacks are welcome, but not required. Diaper Raffle: Bring a box of diapers and be entered in a draw to win a prize! Registries: Amazon: <https://www.amazon.ca/baby-reg/cyndi-graham-october-2024/2EH111C6B04DBand> West Coast Kids: <https://www.westcoastkids.ca/babyregistry/view/index/id/5G1EU9>

Watch this column for details regarding an uncommon but very special

event being organized for the latter part of September, at the Rainier Hall. Are you curious now?

Alcoma School News- School resumes on September 3. Kindergarten start date is September 10. A reminder to all drivers when going through Rainier to please keep your speed under the limit and watch out for our little folk, particularly along the access road by the Hall, Mail Boxes, Water Station, Playground, and School.

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Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public during regular school days and Thursday evenings, 6.30pm 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.

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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! Another couple of months and then I will be retiring completely.

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).

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The red brick in front of city hall is being replaced with a cement walkway. The brick had been lifting and required replacement. The work was budgeted for 2024 at a cost of \$80,000. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Area trick riders earn fifth Canadian Rodeo title

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) will present Shelby Pierson and Piper Yule with their fifth Speciality Act, Dress of the Year award during the CPRA Night of Champions Oct. 1 in Edmonton.

“The dynamic duo – from east central Alberta’s ranch country – are known across North America as outstanding horsemwomen and performers. Both young athletes were thrilled to be recognized once again by their colleagues and peers,” states a press release from Rodeo Canada.

“Receiving the Dress Act of the Year and being recognized by the rodeo industry is such an honour,” Yule said.

“I am truly a product of how great our association is and how it guides and sets the highest standard of professionalism. I am thankful and humbled.”



Alberta trick rider Piper Yule performs during the Newell Pro Rodeo. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Pierson said, “To be voted by our peers as Dress Act of the Year once again is an absolute honour.”

“To win this award is something I’ve dreamed of ever since I started trick riding when I was eight-years-old. There are so many talented acts going

in Canada right now so to be voted in as Dress Act of the Year is something I will never take for granted. It makes the many hours spent on the arena and the road worth it and I’m just super grateful to win it with my talented neighbour and friend Piper.”

## Special year for Show and Shine as they celebrate 25 years

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Preparations are well underway for the 25th anniversary edition of the Brooks Street Rod Association’s annual Show and Shine which will be held in downtown Brooks on Sept. 7.

From the first show in 1998 that was held at the old Freson Bros. parking lot on Second Street to this year’s show, the Show and Shine has become a tradition for many of the participants and it seems to be attracting new fans every year.

The vehicles and drivers come from all over southern Alberta and represent clubs like the Taber Gear Lords, Cypress Rod and Custom, The Dark Horses, Ponoka Piston Poppers, Hanna Cruisers, Badland Bassheads and the Drumheller Valley Cruisers. Whether you like Chargers, Corvettes, Mustangs, Boxsters, Civics, Square Body and Dentside pickups or ARO M461 military vehicles, there will be something for everyone on display.

The owners who have spent countless hours finding and preparing these vehicles are more than willing to share the stories that each and every one of these cars has to tell.

Like the Show and Shine, the BSRA club has also grown.

In addition to hosting the car show the club’s 40 members enjoy travelling to other club’s shows together or going for fun runs like a steak night at the Patricia Hotel, ice cream runs to Lake Newell and Dinosaur Park or turning out for Tim Hortons Camp Days.

This year the BSRA has also displayed cars at several community events like the HALO fundraiser, Family Fun Day downtown, Bandits tailgate party and the Allied



Darrell Church’s 1941 Chevy Coup was on display during the 2023 Show and Shine in Brooks. The 25th annual event will return to the downtown core on Sept. 7. | FILE PHOTO

Distributors Fundraiser which raised money for the Brooks Composite High School’s skills program. The club has a long history of supporting the automotive shop program at the high by providing them with tools and equipment as well as volunteering time as mentors.

With the support of the City of Brooks and the Downtown Brooks committee the show will be on 1st and 2nd Streets and will feature over 150 cars, trucks and motorcycles representing over 90 years of automotive history. In addition to all the vehicles there will be vendors, food trucks and a DJ to provide some tunes.

BAPS will have their barbecue on hand and the Newell 4-H Club will be helping with garbage patrol and cleanup.

Registration for those wanting to bring a car is from 8-10 a.m. on show day.

The car show runs from 10 -3 and is free for spectators. Everyone is welcome to come to the event, look at the cars, talk

to the members and owners and place your vote for the People’s Choice Award.

We hope to see you there.



If you’re looking for a different place to walk check out the Brooks Aqueduct, a Provincial Historic Resource. The 3.2km concrete flume structure was built between 1912 and 1914 as part of the irrigation system. It sits northeast of Lake Newell and east of the city. It was the largest concrete structure of its kind in the world and is connected to the development of local farm organizations, such as the EID, which owned and operated the Aqueduct after 1935. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



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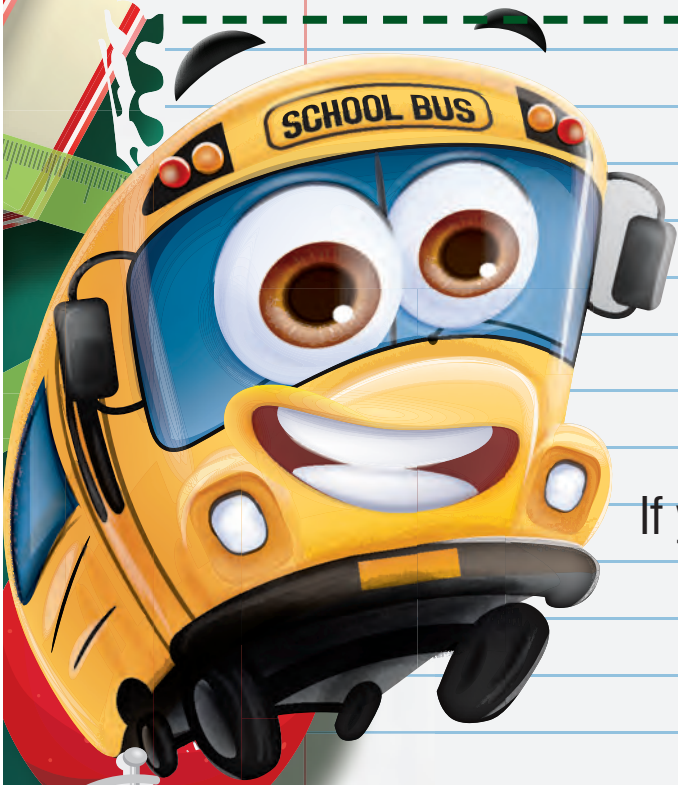
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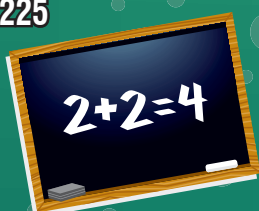
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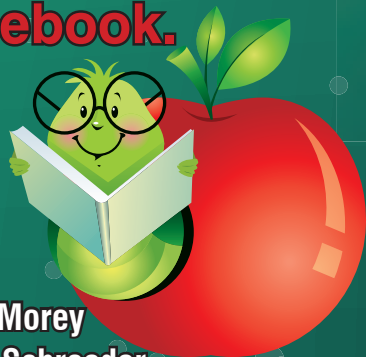
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## Federal agency seems omnipotent... infamous for hindering innovation - but it could get worse



Few citizens, even those in the ag economy, would recognize the extent of the power a particular federal government agency has on sectors of our industry. That agency has become a target of many ag organizations and commercial sectors of the ag industry. That would be the Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency or PMRA. It was created in 1995 to provide a centralized national agency to accept applications, analyze the evidence, and approve/disapprove any new or existing pesticides according to the parameters of its mandate.

That's a somewhat brief overview of the PMRA from a specific aspect. Its complete mandate, rules, regulations, legislation,

subtext, precedents, presumptions and amendments would take countless pages of bureaucratic and legalese. Many citizens, companies, and organizations negatively affected by its many tentacles would suggest that the PMRA's powers have exceeded its original mandate and are out of control. The other side of that perception is that PMRA needs to be more independent, activist, powerful, and transparent - that perception tends to be from urban and non-agricultural sectors of Canadian society. I would suggest that the latter sector's perception tends to be based on fear of the unknown, is non-science-based, ideologically driven political correctness and just plain ignorance. As one might expect, the fear-mongering, donation-hungry green lobby exploits that perception at every opportunity.

The mandarins that run the PMRA are politically

astute and understand that their decisions need to reflect the perceptions of the majority of the population, no matter how misguided and naïve they might be. Add into that their personal biases and agendas, and the result is an attitude that is not favourable towards the commercial agriculture industry. Your humble writer has written about several instances of PMRA flights of fancy and obstructionism. However, issues with the PMRA have reached new heights of absurdity.

Some time ago, Federal/Territorial/Provincial Ministers of Agriculture formed a joint committee whose sole purpose seems to cajole, advise and beg the PMRA bureaucratic lords to take action on several time-sensitive pesticide/antibiotic etc applications. Now, there is something amiss here, especially with the federal government's involvement with the federal ag minister

having to act through a joint agency to get the attention of an agency that his government has authority over. To most reasonable folks, it would seem that the federal government in charge should have the legislative ability to force one of their own agencies to carry out their duties in an expedited manner.

But no, it appears the PMRA answers to a higher authority and not their political masters - the federal government. One is baffled by this curious arrangement - surely the government in power can amend or repeal the legislation that created the PMRA and introduce new legislation that could modernize their mandate, make it more accountable, and if nothing else, force it through legislation to make decisions on science-based applications, use research and evidence from first world countries like the US, Australia, the EU, and force them to render those decisions within six

months of receiving an application. I understand this is common practice in modern western countries.

One wonders if a new government with a different ideology would take the initiative to bring some common sense to this agency - but, alas, that appears unlikely as the PMRA has survived various federal governments of different political stripes unscathed and become even more overbearing and arrogant. To be fair, I understand attempts have been made to poke at the edges of the PMRA, but even modest efforts are repulsed with bureaucratic intransigence aided by the usual coterie of green lobby groups.

It's the green lobby groups that make it particularly difficult for Liberal/NDP governments to make changes to PMRA in any way. Those groups tend to pervert the original intent of the PMRA mandate by implying that past

approvals of pesticides and herbicides need to be reexamined as there may be new evidence that they are dangerous to human health. Then, by fomenting naïve urban voters with tales of chemical soup in the food they buy - well, you know the result. It makes progressive parties nervous about their voter base, and they telegraph that worry to PMRA management to delay and derail applications.

The real worry is that the PMRA will respond to progressive government political concerns and establish an even more arduous application and reexamination process that will make the present situation appear positively cooperative. Thanks to climate change zealots in the present government, this could happen sooner than we think.

*Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.*



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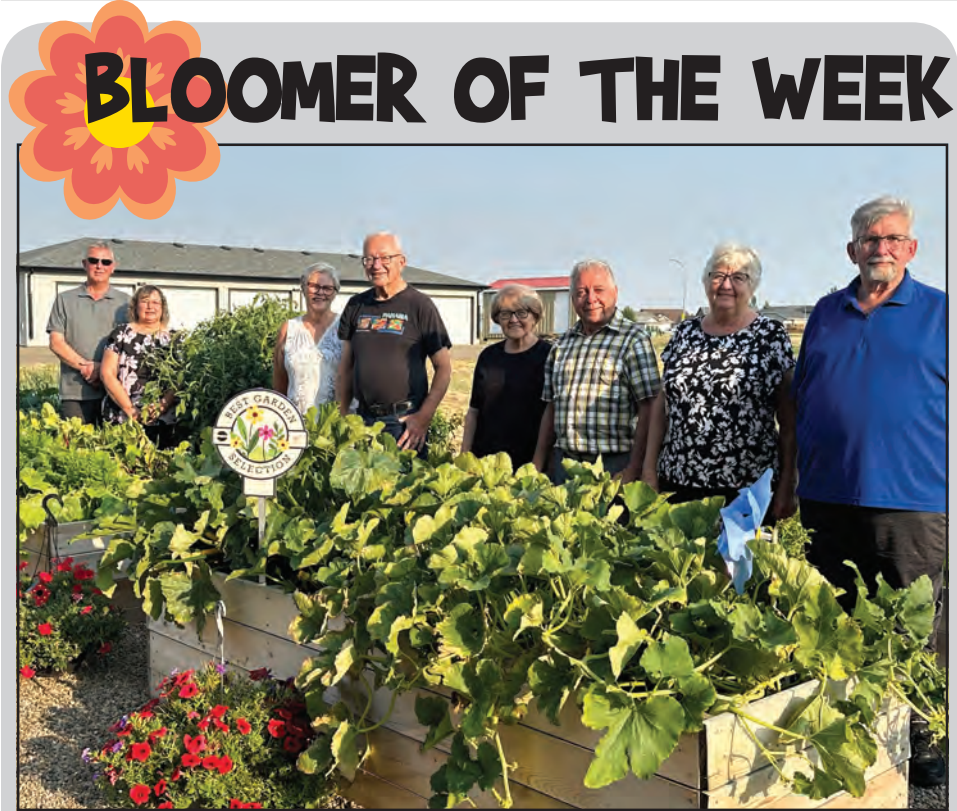
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## BLOOMER OF THE WEEK

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Despite some obvious changes with the football program, including the fact there will be no home games this season, Jaret Hofer, the Roadrunners defensive coordinator, is confident it will be a strong team.

"I fully expect we'll be back in the league finals. I feel good. I felt good the last two years but we lost in the league finals but this year

this has got to be the year," he said.

The Roadrunners were undefeated in the last two seasons but lost in the finals.

The travel may be a benefit.

Hofer said the good and bad thing is that the kids will not be playing in front of friends at home.

"Kids will get distracted. They will want to try to impress people. Sometimes that one hour drive down the highway gives the kids

a chance to really focus in mentally. That mental aspect is just as important as the physical aspect," he said.

He said one thing that has hurt the team mentally in the last two years is going undefeated and then finding they're behind for the first time.

"That's hard for kids to understand."

One of the team's strengths going into the season, he said, will be quarterback Rhett Prins.

The grade 9 student was a back-up QB last year as well as a defensive back.

"He's going to be an outstanding player. I expect Rhett to be a real leader on the team and the best quarterback in the league."

The first team game will be in Medicine Hat on Sept. 5 against the Med Hat Colts.

## Roadrunners, Buffalos will play all games out of town

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Football practice is well underway on the junior high school field for bantam and high school players but all games will be out of town.

The Brooks Roadrunners held practice on their soon-to-be dismantled field behind the junior high on Thursday.

The games are out of town to allow construction of the new school on the football field, however, construction isn't set to begin until the end of November.

Jaret Hofer, junior high school principal and

defensive coordinator for the Roadrunners, said when Grasslands found out the construction date, they began to fill in the drill holes that were made in the field, filled them in and began to water.

He said that has allowed the teams to practice on their own field with the possibility of hosting exhibition games.

The Roadrunners first game is on Sept. 5 against the Medicine Hat Colts in Medicine Hat at 5 p.m.

The Buffalos will play an exhibition game on Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. in Medicine Hat against the McCoy Colts.

Their season opener is Sept. 5 against Willow Creek in Claresholm at 7 p.m.

The new school will likely open the doors in the fall of 2026 and a football field possibly by 2027 or 2028.

Schedules for the Badgers, pee wee and atom teams were not available, however, the teams tend to hold practices two or three times a week beginning Aug. 27.

Pewees tend to play one league game per week while the Atoms only play exhibition matches throughout the season.

Games may begin at the start of the school year.



During Roadrunners football practice players such as Kingston Smith-Hoffman learn from coach Brent Prediger some of the fundamentals of the game including the three-point stance. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

**Scandia Sketch**  
KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Alcoma school News-

1 week to go-It's just about that time of the year again!

School start date is September 3rd, Kindergarten start date is Sept. 10th. This is a friendly reminder that you do not need to buy school supplies as the parent council buys them. All you need to bring is a backpack, indoor shoes, water bottle, and pencil case. Staff will be back in the school this week if you have any questions, 4033623741

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.

E.I.D. Historical Park is open for another season! Hours of operation are 9:00am - 5:00pm. Come to the station for ice cream!! 4 flavours to choose from, chips, pop and candy treats! Have a great summer.

It's always great to hear about our neighbors and the exciting things happening in the community. If you have any news or interesting

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The Meyer brothers, Brent and Richard, took second in the Medicine Hat Open men's doubles tennis tournament on the weekend. They were defeated by Craig Weich and Niall Weich, 6-4 and 6-3. Brent Meyer also competed in the men's singles event where he lost in the semi finals. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - The buzz has begun for the start of another school year. Parents can be seen shopping for clothes, shoes, notebooks, etc. The other thing people are talking about is the governments decision to prohibit cell phones in class throughout the province. This is in effect as of September 3rd, while school divisions work on the finer details of policies regarding this development. These policies will be in place by January 2025, I believe. So parents, please reinforce to your kids that no cell phones will be allowed when they return on September 3rd.

We attended the Metallica rock concert in Edmonton this past weekend and really enjoyed it and the Commonwealth Stadium was a great venue for a concert. Stage show and acoustics were equally good!

I also attended the "Indian Relay Races" in Medicine Hat. The excitement of fast horses, athletic ability and skilled riding as well as the dancers and drums, made for an entertaining evening. I would recommend that you attend these races whenever the opportunity comes around again.

The Duchess 50 plus club will be having our first dinner after the summer break. Mark September 5th on your calendar for lunch at 12:00 pm. We will be having roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad and catered by the Duchess Rec Center. Dessert will be two bite brownies and ice cream. See you then.

Patricia Rodeo is on for a fun weekend of entertainment! The action begins on Friday night. There will be a lot of information on the rodeo and times by looking on the Patricia Rodeo Facebook page. Stay safe and that

wish is for the animals, the participants and the attendees. Long weekends bring a lot more people out on the roads as well so safe travels for our camping friends!

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# BCHL to change name, says Bandits president

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The British Columbia Junior Hockey Association (BCHL) is expected to change their name to better reflect their hockey team membership.

"It won't be called the BCHL, I don't believe, for much longer," Bandits president Paul Seaton told the approximately 15 attendees at last week's annual general meeting.

In January 2024, a leak from the BCHL jolted the junior hockey world when it was revealed that five Alberta Junior Hockey League teams - Brooks Bandits, Blackfalds Bulldogs, Okotoks Oilers, Sherwood Park Crusaders and Spruce Grove Saints - deserted their provincial league for the BCHL. The move was not to be announced until later in the season.

Seaton noted that the "leak with the BCHL overrode a multitude of non-disclosure agreements creating temporary chaos and uncertainty within our and four other Alberta communities."

He said there were a small number of Bandits members who were subject to the non-disclosure document but once it was public board members were notified of the pros and cons of the proposal.

"All unanimously agreed to the change," he said.

"Our board does not go back to the community to make decisions."

The decision did meet with some resentment but most people were positive.

The decision to change leagues ranged from dwindling support due to lack of excitement, foregone conclusion games, bitterness, financials and a league strategic plan.

"Some of us at the last nationals were subjected to bitterness being told that we didn't belong there; to leave with the Cup and let them have a decent competition," he said.

Seaton said the organization was spiralling downward in its finances to the point that the future was insecure so the conclusion was that joining a superior league had to be the strategy.

The introduction of the Alberta teams halfway through the 2023-24 season resulted in an Alberta division. It wasn't until the Rocky Mountain Challenge that a B.C. team made its way to Alberta ice. The Bandits swept the best-of-three series defeating the number one BCHL Surrey Eagles.

This year's schedule looks much different than last year.

Not only has the BCHL revamped its league with new divisions - the Coastal West Division will feature Alberni Valley, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Powell River and Victoria. The Coastal East Division includes Chilliwack, Coquitlam, Langley, Surrey and Prince George. The Interior West will be

comprised of Penticton, Salmon Arm, Trail, Vernon and West Kelowna and the Interior East Division will feature Cranbrook, and the five Alberta teams - but there will be travel to B.C. and B.C. teams in Alberta.

The Bandits will host teams in their division and will travel to BC, including for two games in September, four games in October, one in November, two in December, two in January, three in February and four in March.

Bandits exhibition games begin on Sept. 6 in Sherwood Park and the first home exhibition match will be on Sept. 7 against Spruce Grove.

Highlighting the first month of the regular season, the Bandits first regular game is in Okotoks on Sept. 20, with Okotoks travelling to Brooks on Sept. 21 for the home opener. On Sept. 27 the Penticton Vees will travel to Brooks and on Sept. 29 Trail will make the trek.

Seaton hopes the change will win back team support.

"We hope to win back those spectators we lost. It is also imperative that we further increase attendance in order to survive."

# The Bandits enter their 25th year with optimism

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

There was a lot of excitement mid-year when the Brooks Bandits left the Alberta Junior Hockey League to take up residence in the British Columbia Hockey League, however, there appears to be a lot more optimism as they move into their 25th season.

In January junior hockey learned through a leaked announcement that five teams were leaving the Alberta league and while some people continue to question that decision the board seems positive.

"There were changes to which league we played in this year but there was no change in the support we received from fans," Nathan Crosby, the Bandits' marketing and community relations representative, told a small group of the public at last week's annual general meeting.

"As we look ahead to our first full season in the BCHL, I'm excited to continue building our strong relationship with our supporters whether they're returning or new and I'm confident the 25th season of Brooks Bandits hockey will be a memorable

one."

Even the team's financial report appeared to be more positive.

"We've had an eventful year," echoed April Fleury, who presented the year's financial statement.

The year started with a balanced schedule which increased expenses, then moved to a condensed schedule that saw the five AJHL teams which moved to BCHL face each other and then to an altered playoff.

"We had to adapt many times. We started the season early and finished the season late."

The changes did result in an increase in revenue to \$1,687,207 from the 2022-23 amount of \$1,514,545 while the expenses increased from \$1,471,716 to last season's amount of \$1,658,917.

"The staff and directors have worked diligently to increase the revenue and limit spending," she said.

The team raised funds by assisting with community events including Smoker Wars and the Brett Kissel show.

The team made a change in their investment strategy by moving money more frequently in smaller amounts to leverage higher investment rates which

has resulted in the interest revenue.

The team paid its COVID loan and because it was paid on time they also had a \$20,000 loan forgiveness and there was an increase in ticket sales which also helped with the bottom line.

Looking at the balance sheet, Fleury said the team is in a better position.

The team has \$1,188,453 in net assets which is an increase from \$864,926 last year.

The change in league and the extension of the season created a conflict with the city's approval to rent the ice for a bullriding event.

While the city was able to accommodate both events which included ensuring the ice pad, boards and glass were dirt free prior to restarting the ice plant, they did charge the Bandits \$10,280 to restart the plant, supplies for ice making, ice installation, ice removal and additional electrical costs because the ice plant would not have had to be restarted in a normal season.

Team president Paul Seaton was on the Aug. 27 council committee agenda to discuss the invoice.



## BASSANO RCMP DETACHMENT Mountie Memo

### SGT. JOE SCHMIDT

#### Edmonton man arrested in Bassano

Bassano RCMP arrested a 52-year-old Edmonton man who was reported to have a weapon while in a motel.

Police responded to the call on Aug. 21 at 10:45 p.m.

Police reported they located the victim who had been in a physical altercation with his roommate regarding the sharing of groceries.

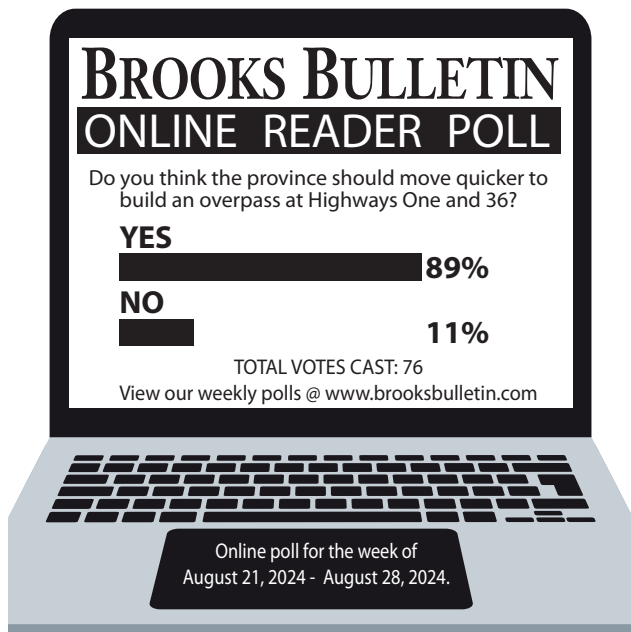
During the altercation,

the victim suffered a cut to his hand from a knife and was hit in the arm with a hammer.

Police charged Richard Adams who was held for a bail hearing for the new offence and two outstanding warrants.

Adams is charged with two counts of assault with a weapon, uttering threats and mischief under \$5,000 as well as his 2 outstanding TSA warrants.

There was no risk to the public, as this was an isolated incident.



**BROOKS BULLETIN ONLINE READER POLL**

Do you think the province should move quicker to build an overpass at Highways One and 36?

**YES** 89%

**NO** 11%

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 76  
View our weekly polls @ www.brooksbulletin.com

Online poll for the week of August 21, 2024 - August 28, 2024.

## NOTICE

# PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED BYLAW 2076-24

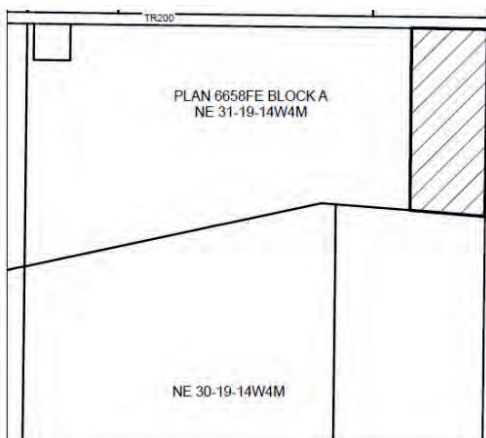
PURSUANT to sections 230, 606, and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, the Council of the County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw 2076-24 being an amendment to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw 2016-21.

The land that is the subject of the proposed land use bylaw amendment is legally described as **THAT PORTION OF PARCEL A LYING WITHIN MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 14 TOWNSHIP 19 SECTION 31 QUARTER NORTH EAST CONTAINING 28.312 HECTARES (70.03 ACRES) MORE OR LESS**

The purpose of this application is to re-designate a ± 4-hectare (± 10 acre) parcel known as Plan 6658FE, Block A from "Agriculture, General District to Agriculture, Small Lot" as shown in the map to allow for a future subdivision.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing to contemplate the proposed Bylaw No. 2076-24 will be held in the County of Newell Council Chambers at 11:30 a.m. on the 5th day of September 2024.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the County of Newell office during normal business hours



 Change From: Agriculture - General District  
Change To: Agriculture - Small Lot District

Anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw, either written or verbal, should contact the CAO no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 28, 2024.



COUNTY OF NEWELL

Council Chambers or our YouTube live stream

# Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - This summer has sped by just too quickly, we started out the summer on the run and haven't stopped yet. We prepared and went to the Calgary Stampede, we especially wanted it to go smoothly this year as we have decided that this will be our last year that we will be there as Wheelwrights, after 15 years we have decided we are getting to old to deal with all that it involves. It is bittersweet as we have met so many incredible people, and taught and learned so much about the art of

making a wheel.

We also spent an extra weekend at Pioneer Acres this year for the big truck show, we had the shop there open and did some wheelwright things, we talked to quite a few people and sung the praises of the big show which we also attended.

Then we attended our AGM for the Wheelwright Association. This year it was in Pinedale, Wyoming at the Museum of The Mountain Man, if you ever get a chance to go there it comes highly recommended by

John and me.

This past weekend we went to Calgary to pick up an old wheel and stopped at Alberta carriage to attend an old fashioned thrashing an celebrate summer with

volunteer friends.

Out here we are back to school next week, that summer went just too fast.

Next weekend we are heading north to Girouxville for the internment of Johns

brother who passed away last March.

We are so lucky to have great neighbours in Wardlow, everyone has kept an eye on our place and a great young fellow Henry

has watered and kept the yard in good shape for us.

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



Keylan Vossler on Rex at White Barn Fun Farm during the weekend's 12th annual Alberta Open Farm Days. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## NOTICE

### PUBLIC HEARING

**SEPT 5, 2024**  
11:30 am

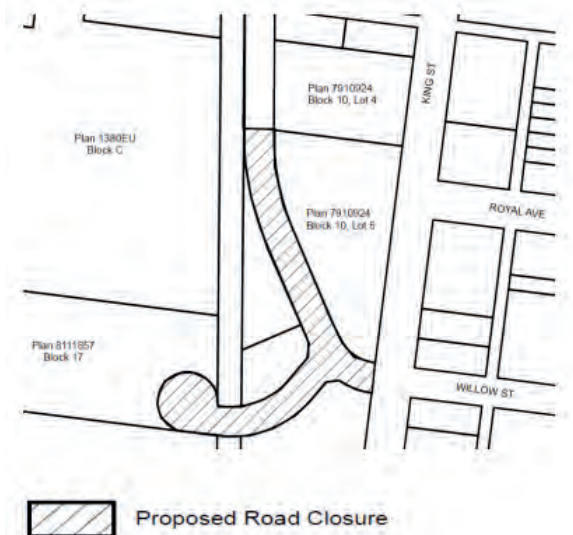
#### PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW 2079-24

The County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to close the following portion of roads:

PORTIONS OF WILLOW STREET AND WILLOW CRESCENT IN THE HAMLET OF PATRICIA

Anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw, either written or verbal, should contact the CAO no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 28, 2024.

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Proposed Road Closure

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## NOTICE OF VOTE



Otipemisiwak  
Métis Government

**This Fall, the Métis Nation of Alberta will be holding the following District Captain and District Council Elections for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.**

District Captain elections will be held for Foothills Métis District, Jasper House Métis District, Fort Edmonton Métis District, and Lac La Biche Métis District.

District Council elections will be held for Rockyview Métis District, Calgary Elbow Métis District, St. Paul - Cold Lake Métis District, Athabasca Landing Métis District and Wabasca-Desmarais Métis District.

From **October 29 to November 5, 2024**, eligible Métis Citizens will have the opportunity to vote by one of the following methods:

**IN-PERSON VOTING**

Polling stations will operate throughout Alberta from 8am to 8pm during the voting period. Exact dates and addresses of polling locations are yet to be confirmed, and will be posted at [MetisElectionsAB.com](http://MetisElectionsAB.com)

**MAIL-IN VOTING**

A mail-in ballot will be sent to each Citizen who is eligible to vote. If you don't receive a mail-in ballot, or need a replacement, visit [MetisElectionsAB.com](http://MetisElectionsAB.com) to request one.

**ELECTRONIC VOTING**

You can vote online at any time during the vote period. More details will follow about where and how to vote electronically.

To learn more about the vote, including the process for nominations or how to request voting assistance, visit [MetisElectionsAB.com](http://MetisElectionsAB.com)

Del Graff, Chief Electoral Officer, Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Notice issued on August 15, 2024





This huge tree was upended last week, possibly during the high winds. The tree is one of three that had been standing near the Griffin Park tennis courts. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Summer's over, school's back

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Students in schools across the province will not be allowed to use cellphones and other electronics this academic year.

The use of personal mobile devices, personal electronic devices and social media are not permitted during instructional periods as a result of a provincial mandate.

"Personal electronic devices are any device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet or cellular network such as cell phones, smartwatches, Bluetooth ear buds, tablets, etc," states Grasslands.

Personal devices will need to be kept on silent mode or powered off and stored out of sight.

Christ the Redeemer schools will make the ruling effective on Sept. 1 while at Grasslands Schools, it will go into effect on Sept. 3.

The timeline will ensure that action is taken as soon as possible to help reduce distractions in the classroom, maximize learning time, support student mental health, and reduce opportunities for cyberbullying, according to the province.

Under the ministerial order, a school authority must have policies and/or procedures in place no later than Jan. 1, 2025.

CTR is drafting its policy and will engage with parents, staff and students prior to implementation.

In the fall the Grasslands board will develop an administrative procedure providing clear guidelines on the use of electronics in

school. The details will be shared.

In other school news Grasslands students can be registered to ride the bus, however, not all students may qualify based on distance from home to school.

Registration is not necessary for rural students if they are registered with a Grasslands school.

If you prefer your child to walk to school enroll them

in the walking school bus program. It's designed for young students who live in the neighbourhoods around Uplands Elementary, Eastbrook Elementary and Griffin Park schools.

The walking bus is a good way to begin the day and it is guided by an adult who will walk students to and from school.

Sign up is available at your child's school.



The 22nd stop on the 2024 McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Golf Tour stopped in Medicine Hat on Aug. 20 with three Brooks Golf Club juniors on the fairway at Desert Blume.

Kaden Friesen, left, Bennett Olson and Justin Mrazek, right, competed in the U15 boys division on the par-72 course. Mrazek finished in a three way tie for first but lost in a three way playoff to finish in third with a six-over par. Friesen, who has participated in four of the series tournaments, finished fourth overall with a 12-over par and Olson finished fifth with 13-over par.

In his other tournaments, Friesen finished seventh in Strathmore, sixth in Nanton and fifth at the Henderson Lake Golf Club. Olson and Mrazek played in one tour. The finals will be played on Aug. 29 at the River Bend Golf and Rec Centre in Red Deer. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well we've had some pretty hot days last week, and now we have the strong wind here Saturday hopefully no swaths will move.

The time and days are just flying by and some harvest has started. Soon the kids will be heading back to school, as here next week it's September.

Our week starts off with many sad notes-

Our deepest sympathies go to the families of Georgette Swenson and families on the passing of their mother, grandmother. Georgette passed away on August 10, 2024. Georgette was a wonderful gardener, both with vegetables and flowers. She loved her flowers and had a yard that was always beautiful. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families at this sad time. She's another one of our Rainierites that have left us, as she was a Rainier resident for many years.

On August the 14th Linda Slomp drove to Abbotsford, BC to visit with her son Joel and Rachel and family till the Sunday and then brought her grandsons Justin and Eli back with her for the past week. Joel and Rachel and Twecy came on Sunday to stay for a few days before going back and taking the boys home.

Our sympathies go to the siblings of Shirley Heyler and families and extended families. Shirley Heyler passed away on August 17, 2024 at the age of 92 years. Shirley and her husband were members of our Pheasant Promenaders Square Dance Club many years ago, which many of us really enjoyed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Funeral service for Shirley was held on Monday August

26, 2024 at 1:00pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church. I don't think there are many of us left of that club.

One of our own that was a former resident of the One Tree Area passed away. Our deepest sympathies go to the families of Henry Dyck, of Calgary, who passed away peacefully on August 21, 2024 at the age of 94 years. Our sincere sympathies go to his sons: Richard, Heinz and Willy and to their spouses, partners and families and extended families. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 2:00pm at McInnis and Holloway at Fish Creek Park. 14441 Bannister Rd. S.E. Calgary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend as I have a broken leg, so sorry I'd have liked to be present.

\*\*\*NOTE\*\* The Brooks and District Social Club will be holding their dance on Saturday, September 21st from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Old Legion Hall next to the Nikko Sushi Restaurant. We will have our favourite Band "The Softones" of Tilley playing. So come on out and join the fun. Hope to see everyone there.

Craig and Agnes Merkl and Stephanie of Kelowna, BC arrived at my home on Saturday evening to help me celebrate my birthday this weekend. They are spending a few days here before they will be returning to BC. It's sure great to have them come.

On Sunday my niece Lori Johnson and daughter Hannah of Medicine Hat came for a visit and to help me celebrate my birthday. We all had dinner together then as the afternoon progressed, later guests arrived, including Dean and

Laurie Verbicky of Fairview. Then Frank and Judy came over and later we all had a meal together again. Then after supper Joe Hajash and his sister Dianna came along with Brent Rehm. They all got in the cake and goodies. We ended up having a very busy day. Thanks everybody for a great day.

Thanks to everyone who called me to wish me a Happy Birthday, and for those that brought some goodies. A very special "Thank You" to Diana Goff for all the help she has done for me this past week. As I rolled my ankle on Monday the 19th and broke a bone in the side of leg, so I'm not getting around very well at all.

Birthday greetings for the next two weeks go out to Purnell Buhler and to Stuart Nichols, both on Aug. 30th; to Colin Huggons of Sundre on Sept. 2nd; to Wayne Schoneck and to Patrick Stenger, both on Sept. 6th; to Vern Haakonson on Sept. 8th; to Linda Senecal on Sept. 9th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday. We wish everyone all the very best in the coming years.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Lorne and Mimi Bunney of Brooks on Sept. 1st; to Earl and Joy Christman on Sept. 5th and to Harley and Buffy Best on Sept. 9th. We wish each couple all the very best for many great years together.

Hope everyone has a great Labour Day weekend, and here we are going into September already.

I found this in my autograph- May you sail on the sea of ambition, and land on the shores of success.

## Man who shot gophers from inside vehicle gets fine, keeps weapon

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Weifeng Jiang, 60, was fined \$500 and ordered to pay a victim fine surcharge after he pleaded guilty to careless use of a firearm.

The court was told Jiang was found on June 10, 2024 shooting gophers

from the back seat inside his vehicle.

Jiang told the court he owns weapons and has all his documents has no criminal record.

The court did consider seizing the gun, scope and ammunition, however, only the ammunition was seized. The weapon

can be returned to Jiang by showing the proper documents.

The Justice told Jiang that he needs to refresh himself on the safe handling and storing of a gun.

"Don't handle weapons from a car," Jiang was told by the Justice.

## Court fines woman who had four types of drugs in system

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Just prior to her sentence, a 24-year-old woman told the court that she is six months clean and will never appear before a judge again.

At 2:30 p.m. in January 2023, Chelsea Marie Treen and a passenger were found inside a vehicle that was parked sideways obstructing traffic. The

court was told that the pair appeared to be unconscious and the driver was slumped over the wheel.

Inside the vehicle police saw tinfoil and a crack pipe and empty Baggies with white powder residue inside the driver's door.

The driver slowly woke up and the pair were transported to hospital.

The blood was analyzed and it came back with a report that it contained four

types of drugs including meth and fentanyl.

Her lawyer said that Treen remembers very little of the event, however, she told the court, "I'm grateful to get the least penalty possible. I'm sober six months and I don't plan on seeing you again."

Treen pleaded guilty to impaired driving and was given a \$1,000 fine and a 12-month driving prohibition.

# Classifieds

**Deadline for Classifieds  
word ads is Monday - 3 PM  
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**obituaries**



**KIRCHNER** - Teresa Melinda Kirchner (Holden) of Medicine Hat, Alberta, passed away in Medicine Hat on Wednesday, August 14th, 2024 at the age of 61 years, surrounded by family. Teresa was born in Brooks on September 30th, 1962 to Nephi and Jean Holden. She attended school in the Brooks area. Teresa tried her hand at multiple careers, working at JBS, previously Lakeside Packers, Brooks Horticultural Centre and cleaned houses. She was a great cook and made the best fudge. Teresa had a crafty side to her, she was not one to shy away from using a little paint and glue to build

something unique. She had a huge part in the fund raising for a Dialysis Treatment Facility in Brooks, raising thousands of dollars for the fund. Teresa had firsthand knowledge of the struggles dialysis patients experience as she was a dialysis patient for the last 14 years for her life. She took part in the kidney walk in Medicine Hat the last 3 years after moving to Medicine Hat. Teresa will be lovingly remembered for her heart of gold and her generosity, always giving thoughtful gifts to the people she cared about. Little man was her whole world and always looked forward to her visits with him. Teresa was predeceased by her fiancé Al Van Duzen; father, Nip Holden; stepfather, Harvey Boyd; nephew, Joey Wocknitz and grandparents Jim and Vera Perry and Bert and Ebba Meggit. She is survived by her children, Ken Jubenville, Brandie (Bernie) House and Ricky (Nicole) Jubenville; grandson, Kenneth, mother Jean Holden; sisters, Melody (Lyle) Wocknitz and Wendy (Merl) Fitzpatrick; nieces and nephews, Chris (Cara) Wocknitz, Travis Wocknitz, Desiree Wocknitz, Jesse (Lori) Fitzpatrick and Ariel (Tyler) Wikdahl; special friends Jon Pellerin, Sharon Black, Fern Skuban and Leo Dunne and many other extended family members. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, September 5th at 1:00 PM from Cassils Community Centre. The family would like to thank the nurses and Doctors at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital, the staff in the Dialysis Unit, Homecare nurses and Doctors and the staff of Country Haven East for the exceptional care that Teresa received. A special thank you to the volunteers who stopped by to visit and brightened Teresa's day. In memory of Teresa, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to a Go Fund Me page set up to help the family with costs.

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**obituaries**



**FESER** - Elmer Ralph Feser  
Sadly, Elmer passed away in Red Deer Hospital surrounded by his family on August 10, 2024 at the young age of 63.

He was predeceased by his Parents, John and Mary, Edwin (Brother), Ron (Brother), Marg Tjeerdema (Sister), Don (Brother), and Clarence (Brother). They were all waiting for him with open arms.

He is lovingly missed by his heartbroken wife, Melody (of 46 years together), sons Travis (Alison) and Mark. Grandchildren: Austin, Avlyn, Nevaeh and Bexley. Many, many kids considered him 'dad'. Too many to mention, but none forgotten.

From a family of 9, sadly now only 3 sisters are left: Pat (Friday), Bernie (John), and Betty (Brent), along with many nieces and nephews. His Nephew Byron and Niece Natasha had him as their godfather (which he was honored to be). His in-laws (that he Always considered family) - Shearon (Ed), Wanda, Linda (Kelly) and John (Patti), and daughter-in-law, Ashley, are all left to mourn.

Elmer loved his family, more than they knew sometimes. His grandchildren made him laugh, and challenged him to board games like Qwirkl and even an occasional game of chess. He always had a piece of gum for anyone that wanted.

A Memorial Service will be held on August 23, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Red Deer. His Interment will be held privately with his wife and children at a future date in Blackfalds Cemetery.

The family is sincerely grateful to the staff at Red Deer Hospital, specifically Unit 32 for their care and kindness.

Memorial donations may be made at the Red Deer Hospice, or to a charity of one's choice.

**feed & seed**

**HAY FOR SALE** - Round bales, mesh wrap - 1st cut grass (\$100 to \$130 bale) and 1st cut Alfalfa (\$150 a bale or best offer). No rain. Tom Adams 403-633-0445, Duchess, Alberta 33-51p

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**coming events**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

**Mon & Sat**  
8:00 pm Brooks United Church, 507 - 3rd Ave. W., Brooks  
**Tues. & Thurs.**  
8:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church  
**Wednesday**  
8:00 pm Bassano Health Centre  
608 - 5th Ave. Bassano

811 Cassils Rd. W., Brooks  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 403-793-4796**



**ZUKOWSKI** - Pat Zukowski  
February 12, 1963 - August 4, 2024

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the passing of this awesome fisherman. He was a warrior, battling Cholangiocarcinoma, and he quadrupled the life expectancy that the doctors had predicted. He fought with strength, stubbornness, gratitude, hopefulness, and of course, his incomparable sense of humour. Even in his final weeks, he was building meaningful connections with the hospital staff and was

entertaining everyone with his quick wit. Pat was born to John and Ann Zukowski, and the family lived in Lodgepole where John and Ann started JoAnn Trucking. The family relocated to Brooks when Pat was about 6, and his parents started Ideal Oilfield Construction and later set up DaPaJo Construction for the three boys, Dave, Pat and John. When their dad died tragically in an oilfield accident, Dave and Pat took the reins of DaPaJo and built a 45-year-old business and legacy of which Pat was extremely proud. DaPaJo was built on hard work, as well as the old school values of loyalty and integrity. Pat and Melanie Reed-Zukowski married in 1992 and they built a wonderful life together. They worked hard and played hard, traveling the world and collecting friends and "family" wherever they went. When Pat got sick in the fall of 2021, they became a tight-knit team that rose to the challenge of battling this rare form of cancer. Their chocolate lab, Lola, was an amazing companion, snuggling with Pat on his tougher days. Pat loved his brothers, Dave and John, and he did his best to impart his fishing expertise to them, but alas, they were never able to out-fish this founding member of Team Awesome. Pat also had a wealth of friends who supported him these past years, and the old saying, "He never met a stranger" described him perfectly. Pat loved people, and he loved helping people just as much. He joined the Brooks Kinsmen Club in 1993 and spent the better part of 3 decades serving the community through that club. In his early years, he wanted his Kinsmen legacy to be replacing the decades old stands at the rodeo grounds, so when you look at the outdoor arena at the new rodeo grounds, all of the metalwork is due to Pat and DaPaJo. He would run security for the rodeo dances and he loved pushing stock at the Brooks Rodeo. He was one of two Kinsmen who instigated the Brooks Christmas Parade. And of course, he thrived on the connections he made through the Kinsmen club. He volunteered with Ducks Unlimited and for pretty much anyone who asked for a helping hand. No one will ever know the full extent of what Pat did to help others as he did not seek accolades but found joy in lending a helping hand. A Celebration of Life for Pat will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 8th, 2024, at the Silver Sage Community Corral in Brooks, Alberta. Please feel free to dress colourfully, casually and know that you might get a little dirt on your shoes. In memory of Pat, if desired, memorial tributes may be made directly to the charity of your choice, or to the Reed Family Library at the Camrose Association for Community Living ([cafcf.ca](http://cafcf.ca)), 4604 57th Street, Camrose, Alberta T4V 2E7, the Brooks & District Health Foundation, Bag 300, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3, or the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation ([cholangiocarcinoma.org](http://cholangiocarcinoma.org)), 5526 West 13400 South, #510, Herriman, Utah 84096, USA.

Cremation is entrusted to and conducted at  
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**39 UPLAND DRIVE GARAGE SALE**  
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2 pm to 7 pm  
Saturday, August 31  
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35p

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obituaries



**HEYLER** - Shirley Winnifred Heyler, beloved wife of the late Lewis Heyler, passed away on Saturday, August 17th, 2024, at the age of 92 years. Shirley was born in Bentley, Alberta, on March 6, 1932, to Fred and Audrey Ponto, and grew up on a farm in the Eckville area. She was always very independent, working at the Eckville Hospital and then for AGT until she married Lewis Heyler in 1972 and moved to his farm in the Sunnynook area. After 20 years on the prairie, they retired to Brooks in 1992. Shirley and Lewis spent 41 happy years together, working, playing, square dancing and travelling in their 5th wheel trailer, before Lewis passed away in 2013. Shirley leaves to mourn her passing, sisters Mavis

Bush of Calgary and Carol Bigam of Edmonton; sister-in-law Marie (Mike) Beck of Rocky Mountain House; brothers, Ray (Barb) Ponto of Fairview, and Dennis (Ingrid) Ponto of Sylvan Lake and will also be fondly remembered by cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral Services were held on Monday August 26th at 1:00 PM from Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor Maggie Theiss officiated. Interment followed in Brooks Cemetery. In memory of Shirley, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to either Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 811 Cassils Road West, Brooks, Alberta T1R 0E4 or Alzheimer Society - Alberta and Northwest Territories 10430 - 61st Avenue NW Edmonton, Alberta T6H 2J3.

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# Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



**TILLEY** - Welcome back to school, staff and students! The annual Parade of Garage Sales is on in Tilley on Saturday, September 7 - watch for signs while you are out and about over the next week!

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

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.

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.

What is a cat's favourite instrument in the band? Purr-cussion. What subject do cats enjoy the most at school? Hiss-tory. (these

were so short I felt I needed two!)

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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When one we loved was called away,  
God took her home, it was His will,  
But in our hearts she liveth still.

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

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

**Husband or Son**  
Nothing can ever take away  
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**Child**  
He has gone to be an angel,  
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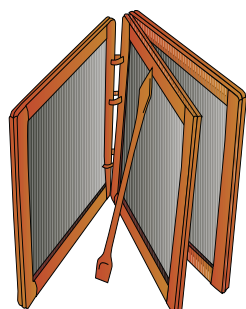


Sumerian tablet

## Ancient history

The ancient Sumerians are thought to have invented the first written language 5,000 years ago. Using symbols drawn into clay tablets, they developed a wedge-shaped form of writing called **cuneiform**. These clay tablets were not books as we know them today, but they served a similar purpose — to record information.

The ancient Egyptians were probably the first to write books. They used a picture alphabet called **hieroglyphics**, and their books were written on **papyrus**, a form of paper made from the papyrus plant. The word **paper** is derived from the word “papyrus.”



Wax tablet



Egyptian papyrus

The ancient Romans adopted the use of Egyptian scrolls; they also used Greek tablets of wax.

Around the 2nd or 3rd century, the Romans began to create the first books. A **codex** was an ancient type of book in which sheets of papyrus, parchment or paper were folded in half and sewn together at the fold.

Before the Chinese invented paper, they made books by binding strips of wood or bamboo together. The Chinese were making paper as early as 200 B.C. Not long after that, they began to use carved blocks of wood for printing.



Chinese bamboo book

In Europe, before printing was invented, books were handwritten by a **scribe**, someone trained (usually by a religious order) to read and write. An artist called an **illuminator** would decorate the pages with beautiful borders and pictures. It could take years to make one book. This made books quite rare and valuable.



Most books today are mass-produced, but making books the old-fashioned way (by hand) is not a lost art.

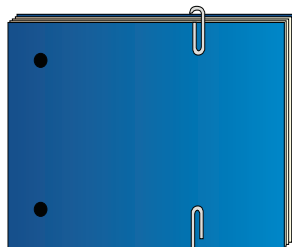
There are many kinds of books to make and even more ways to make them. Handmade books are often treasured as an art form. While it is great fun to read a book, it is just as fun to make, write and illustrate one.

## Make it yourself: Side binding

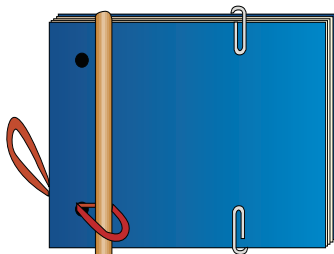
Follow the directions below to make your own book.

**Supplies needed:** several sheets of 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper, scissors, 1 sheet of construction paper (or thick handmade paper), paper punch, paper clips, a stick, a rubber band.

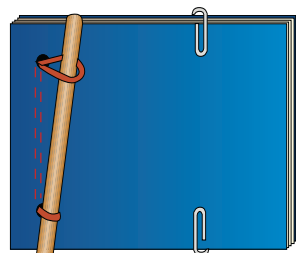
**Step one:** Cut the sheets paper in half and then in half again. Cut 2 sheets of heavier paper to the same size (4 1/4 by 5 1/2 inches). Place the paper between the heavier cover paper. To make sure the pages are tidy and even, paper clip them together.



**Step two:** Use the paper punch to make two holes on each of the books. Punch the holes about 1 inch from the side and 1 inch from the top and bottom.



**Step three:** Take a rubber band and pull it through one hole. Take a stick and put it through the loop of the rubber band. Pull the band tight, bring it up through the other hole and slip it over the end of the stick. Remove paper clips when finished.



**Things to do:** Your book can be used for a variety of purposes. You can use it as a personal diary, a journal for creative writing or a sketchbook for drawing. It could also be used for school projects or as a scrapbook to hold memories and photos.

## The modern world

Today, most modern printing presses use a process called **lithography**. Until the relatively recent invention of electronic books (e-books), almost all books were printed and bound mechanically with machine-made paper. Because of the popularity of electronic readers, book publishing is undergoing rapid change.

Many books are available as digital editions and pass quickly from prepress stage directly to digital form, saving time, resources and manufacturing costs.



“Sheep shearing” from the illuminated manuscript **Luttrell Psalter**, c.1340. In early medieval times, monks were the sole makers of illuminated manuscripts.

## Block printing

Around 751 A.D. the Chinese invented a printing method called **block printing**. Each page was carved out of blocks of wood. The words and images stood out in relief. (Rubber stamps are a form of block printing.) Block printing arrived in Europe in the late 14th century and was used to make books, playing cards and religious pictures. Block printing on fabric is still popular in India.



Wooden printing block

## Movable type

The Chinese invented movable type using clay around A.D. 1000. In the 1300s, the Koreans invented movable metal type. In Europe, during the mid-1400s, a German named **Johannes Gutenberg** invented a press that was operated by hand and used metal type. The idea spread rapidly, and for the next 300 years the mechanical printing press underwent few changes.

The old saying of “mind your p’s and q’s” is from the days of metal type, when the p and the q could be easily confused by a typesetter.

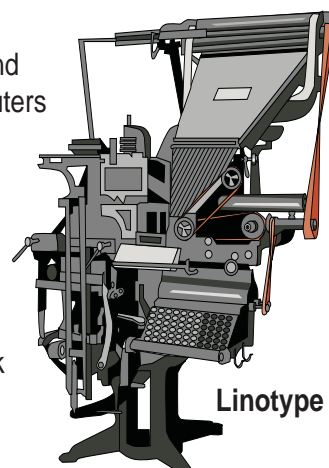


Metal type

## Progress

Monotype and linotype presses were introduced in the late 19th century. They could set more than 6,000 letters per hour and an entire line of type at once.

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**SAVE OVER \$5**

BERINGER FOUNDERS ESTATE WINES - ASSORTED



750ML

**\$13<sup>99</sup>**

**SAVE OVER \$5**

CASILLERO DEL DIABLO - ASSORTED



750ML

**\$11<sup>99</sup>**

**BODACIOUS WINES - ASSORTED**

4L

**\$34<sup>99</sup>** **SAVE OVER \$6**

**SAVE \$8**

ROAD 13 HONEST JOHN'S RED



750ML

**\$18<sup>99</sup>**

**SAVE OVER \$5**

LITTLE GEM WINERY - ASSORTED



750ML

**\$17<sup>99</sup>**

**BLACK CELLAR WINES - ASSORTED**

4L

**\$34<sup>99</sup>** **SAVE OVER \$6**

**SAVE OVER \$7**

COTES DES ROSES - ASSORTED



750ML

**\$18<sup>99</sup>**

**SAVE \$5**

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750ML

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