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CPKC says they are a federally regulated entity and therefore they do not require permits for their new garage that is being constructed at the south end of Second Street West beside Veteran's Park. | BULLETIN PHOTO

CPKC Railway 'unneighbourly,' says mayor

SANDRA M STANWAY
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The city is concerned by the lack of a neighbourly heads-up by the federally-regulated CPKC Railway regarding the large garage under construction at the south end of Second Street West near city hall.

When contacted by the city on Aug. 22 about the project that was about to begin, Lisa Tiffin, the city's community development manager was told municipalities have no jurisdiction over the federal government.

"However, fundamental constitutional issues are raised when a municipality attempts to enact or apply bylaws to control or regulate activities falling exclusively within the jurisdiction of the federal government.

"The fact remains that municipal bylaws are not applicable to activities which are integral to the operation of a federal undertaking," states an email from CPKC to Tiffin.

As of Friday Tiffin still hadn't heard from the company. She said she wants to know if there are plans for structure beautification to make it fit in with the downtown area and Veteran's Park.

"I'm hoping for a mural or some trees or a nice finish on the building. They've moved the power lines now, so they're in front of the building which will make it very hard to landscape," she said.

Tiffin also questioned the contractors and the requirement for business licences.

"As the construction is being performed on federal lands, we are not obligated to attain any permits and municipal bylaws are not applicable to activities which are integral to the operation of a federal undertaking. If the concern is the competency of the workers,

please note that the contractors are certified."

"What concerns me is that CPKC, being a federal entity, does not need to get a development permit for railway operations," she said and questioned if the garage is considered railway operations.

"The fact remains that municipal bylaws are not applicable to activities which are integral to the operation of a federal undertaking," she said.

"They're not a very good neighbour," said mayor John Petrie.

"I know they have certain jurisdiction over us but it would have been a nice courtesy call to even ask us. We're concerned about the beautification of downtown. We don't want what could be an eyesore at the end of our main street. It is concerning," he said.

"The best case scenario is they would have reached out to us as a heads-up," Tiffin said.

The city has been in contact with a lawyer.

Although railways are regulated by the federal government under the Canada Transportation Act and the Railway Safety Act, CP has the right to carry out construction and operations on its property although municipalities can influence construction.

They can enforce local safety and environmental regulations to be complied with during construction, they can express location concerns regarding construction and they can leverage public and political opinion and can escalate concerns to the Canadian Transportation Agency.

In an email to the Bulletin, one reader stated, the construction, "Will diminish the appearance of Veterans Park, Farmers Market, City Hall and the view of the coulee and walk(ing) path!"

Rodeo grounds hearing postponed for 'thoughtful planning and consultation'

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The city announced last Wednesday that it had postponed the Sept. 16 public hearing into the re-designation of the old rodeo grounds to an unknown date.

Following an in-camera meeting with members of Christ the Redeemer on July 2, the city moved out of camera to approve giving the school the 23.5-acre recreational property to build a new high school.

Before it can be constructed, the property has to be rezoned to public and quasi-public and discussed during a public

hearing.

"The decision to reschedule the hearing allows for ongoing discussions focused on ensuring the most efficient and collaborative use of this valuable space," states a city press release.

"The intended future use for the site includes not only the construction of a secondary school, but also the development of additional public amenities, such as field space and recreational facilities."

Residents have told the city through surveys they want the property to contain recreation and walking paths and the

soccer association has also said they want the site for a 14-pitch area and got the thumbs-up from the recreation board.

Mayor John Petrie said the additional planning time will allow the city, "To collaborate effectively, ensuring that we maximize the potential of this space to benefit the entire community.

"In order to better accommodate these opportunities and integrate both uses on the site, the city has chosen to take extra time for thoughtful planning, consultation and communication with stakeholders."

The city noted that rescheduling the hearing doesn't change council's intention to use this land as a school site and it doesn't disrupt the school's proposal to the province of Alberta to construct the school on the property.

"By investigating the opportunity for both educational facilities and community amenities, we aim to create a multi-use area that serves the needs of our growing population."

Continued feedback on the discussion is encouraged as the city wants to "build a space that reflects the community's needs and priorities."

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Paralympian home with country's first sitting volleyball medal

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Brooks resident Jennifer Oakes, who returned with a bronze Paralympic medal in sitting volleyball, is thrilled and honoured to have represented her home and country at the international event.

"Seeing the effect on the community is super heartwarming for me," she said during a family and friends get together on Sunday.

"I'm really happy to represent Brooks, Alberta and Canada."

She told The Bulletin, "We are so proud of our program and how we came out to compete in that game."

"It was so good to have everything come together and bring home Canada's first medal in sitting volleyball."

The cohesiveness of the team was obvious on the court which Oakes attributes to most of the team having been together for a long time.

"We have built a high performance environment together and within that we have high expectations and trust in each other. It truly helped us in this tournament especially in the bronze game," she said.

Team Canada did reach for a gold medal, however, bringing home any medal is



Brooks' Jennifer Oakes with her bronze 2024 Paralympian medal she earned as a member of Team Canada in Paris. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

a goal.

"I think as an athlete you always have gold on the mind, but really, to bring home any medal was our goal."

Canada moved into the bronze medal game after losing the semi-final to Team China, a well polished team.

"They have been one of the best teams since the beginning of sitting volleyball and they really showed up against us. I am just so grateful for the growth of our team and getting that medal in the

end."

On Oct. 19 Girls Who Lead and the city will host Celebrating Women and Girls in Movement.

The \$20 program is aimed for girls from six-years-of age and over. It will include Oakes and Olympic hurdler Sage Watson who will discuss their success.

Call the city for ticket information.

"Getting girls and women into sport is something that I'm pretty passionate about. I think it's really affected my life," said Oakes.



Team Canada's sitting volleyball team in Paris with their bronze medal. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Well that was quite a rainfall last week, we had just over 3" at the farm. Nice fall irrigation for us, not so favourable for those who are still trying to harvest. The Northern Lights were an impressive spectacular event Saturday night, such a remarkable sight to experience!

Ross Annett would like to thank his "Panel Angel"! He used a panel to replace a piece of fence that was left damaged by unknown persons last summer along the canal. Another "good" unknown person came along and painted it blue recently, so he says thank you!!

Bruce and I had a combined birthday/25th anniversary celebration at the farm this past weekend. Thanks to everyone who came and helped celebrate, it was a lot of fun! We also were happy to have Kate home from Toronto for the week and all three girls while Sarah was home from Edmonton for the weekend.

South Slope 4H Club is having their parent information meeting Wednesday, September 18th 7pm at the Rainier hall for the 2024-2025 year. They are a multi club that can register projects in all facets and they meet monthly in the Rainier area. If you and your children ages 6-21 are interested in joining 4H please come ask questions and see what we are all about. Co-op is covering all new membership fees, so come check it out! If you miss the meeting and want to have more information please contact Cindy Votier

403-501-4223.

Cassils Annual Oktoberfest fundraiser is just around the corner, watch for more information or contact Jodi or Heather, numbers below.

Cassilope Ladies Club will be meeting this Tuesday evening at 7:30pm at the hall. If you are live in the area come out for fellowship and help plan the few community events we help host. This edition will be late for this months meeting

but meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month, call Jodi if you'd like to know more; number below.

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.

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FCSS member-at-large remains an issue

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Members of the city-county joint services committee have agreed for now to leave the member-at-large position as is on Grasslands FCSS while other

portions of the agreement have been OK'd.

The issue of membership has been going on since last October when the member municipalities Rosemary, Duchess and Brooks appointed a councillor and a member at large while

the county appointed a second councillor as the member-at-large instead of appointing one of the two public members who had applied. One of the applicants was the previous chair and the other was a county resident who was

temporarily living in the city while his house was being constructed.

Victoria Muhlbeier, executive director of Grasslands FCSS, told joint services last week that some of the board members believe the at-large position should be a community member and not a second councillor.

"FCSS is meant to be a grassroots initiative where it is different in every community across the province. They feel that having those community members really provide a grassroots perspective," she said.

She admitted that it is often difficult to find community volunteers and if there is more than one councillor on the committee from any given municipality it can be viewed as an unfair balance of power.

"They have more of a council-driven perspective rather than a community perspective. My fear in saying it's left up to the municipalities to decide whether they want a councillor or a community member is we would have more municipalities leaning towards putting two councillors on," she said.

"Then we would completely lose that community perspective."

She said her priority is to ensure the committee remains a regional entity.

County councillor Greg Skriver said an elected member is elected by the community and has the

community in mind.

"I don't really see a lot of difference between a member-at-large and someone that's on a council. That council doesn't really have an agenda per se, as to how things go and it's still community representation," he said.

County councillor Neil Johnson said joint services is bringing up a problem that doesn't exist while Duchess mayor Tony Steidel responded that the issue should never have been raised.

"At that time there was a problem with a member on the board," city councillor Joel Goodnough said to county officials.

"The idea is to have citizen engagement. There are elected officials and there is a difference having

two elected officials on the same board versus an elected official and a county citizen. They're going to bring a different perspective."

Following the 30-minute discussion that has been part of municipal council meetings and joint services meetings, county councillor Kelly Christman said, "It's a mute point. We're at a stalemate."

Muhlbeier said she is pleased that the municipalities have agreed to attach a time limit to councillor appointees.

"We've had some really long standing members on our board who bring great value and we appreciate all their contributions but it's always good to have fresh, new ideas," she said.



It may have been a small group of Terry Fox supporters who attended the annual run on Sunday but close to \$4,000 was raised and that was not including online support. Much of the contribution, \$3,250, was raised by Lawrence Block, back row second from right, who during his seven years of event participation, has raised annually between \$2,500 and \$3,300. "Cancer affects everyone and I have family who have had or currently have cancer. It is a very important cause for me and that's why I do the Terry Fox Run," he said. In the local event participants can go any distance they choose; Block promises his supporters he will walk 10km.
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Save the planet with Canadian oil and gas

We shouldn't impoverish ourselves to meet increasingly onerous climate targets that barely make a difference

NATIONAL POST VIEW

NATIONAL POST

When it comes to emissions reduction, it's time for Canada to look elsewhere.

This country could be vaporized off the map tomorrow, and little would change worldwide as far as direct impact on the climate goes. Comprising 1.5 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, there's little we can do at home to change anything. Per capita, we're only second to Saudi Arabia, sure — but the atmosphere doesn't care about per capita.

This all means that Canada's current plan to achieve net zero by 2050 won't add up to much worldwide: about 30 per cent of our emissions "reductions" would just migrate, and even if they didn't, a success rate of 100 per cent wouldn't account for much. No, it's the others who matter. The big fish: China, the United States, India, the European Union, Russia — jurisdictions large enough that their energy choices make a difference.

It's true that the rest of the world, the small jurisdictions, account for a larger portion of the emissions pie than China's slice. Most countries are small and only contribute a fraction of the world's greenhouse gases. Many of these, however, burn dirty; far dirtier than Canada could today. Coal, for which capacity is growing in Asia, is responsible for the highest levels of CO2 emissions per unit as far as non-renewables go, and wood (generally considered renewable, even though this is not always the case) is often even worse. These are the problem fuels — not natural gas, or even crude oil.

Because of this, there's an environmental case, to bolster the obvious business case, for exporting Canadian oil and gas: sell it to those who burn far dirtier fuels, supplying their energy needs while reducing worldwide emissions and supplementing our own budgets. This is good for the developed world — see Europe, which was stuck switching some plants back to coal in 2022 as its main gas supplier became its main enemy — and in the developing world. India, for example, is headed towards doubling its coal production by 2030 to meet its energy needs; were Canadian natural gas used there instead, great volumes of emissions would be averted.

Indeed, one report by the National Bank of Canada suggests that if India's incoming coal power were to be replaced with natural gas, it would have "a more profound impact on the planet than a complete shutdown

of the Canadian economy."

We must allow the rest of the world to move on from their coal- and wood-burning ways, but we don't need to do it at the cost of our own financial well-being. Punishing ourselves with ever-rising carbon taxes and emissions caps on fuel and fertilizer won't convince the rest of the world to get with the program.

Canadians want clean air and a clean environment regardless of where they stand on the carbon tax. Littering is frowned upon, poaching wildlife is condemned, acid rain is something we all agree should be prevented, as are spills and soil contamination. Some environmental rules are welcome, but the push by authorities to impoverish ourselves by paying more and more for fuels that are currently necessary for modern life is an abuse of goodwill.

In fact, people are already beginning to tire: last year, a plurality of Canadians (around 40 per cent) wanted to see the carbon tax eliminated outright. The greatest virtue of the policy, the household rebate which has been the failed selling point of the Liberals, has done little to garner support for the pricing scheme — indeed, one study found that it may be detrimental to public support.

Canada would be best off spending its time not on self-flagellatory climate policy and regressive indulgences that accomplish little, but on aggressive research and technology development. If we were serious about leading the way into a utopian, high-energy, low-emissions-fuelled world, we'd make nuclear a priority — while continuing to extract fossil fuels as long as we need them.

We could export relatively clean-burning natural gas, as Germany, Greece, Poland, Japan and Korea have asked, and we could continue being an ethical source of uranium. We could contribute to the end of coal use worldwide — currently the source of 40 per cent of global electricity — which remains a major fuel in the developing world in particular. To make it happen in a workable timeframe, we could expedite the gruelling process it takes to get such ideas off the ground.

Canada's climate story should be one of hope and achievement, not one of shame and disdain. The way forward is up and out, not through economic kneecapping and nickel-and-diming. As long as humans need energy, we should take pride in providing it.

TIME CAPSULE



MAY - 1951
Eights cars from Alberta Auto Racing Assn. came to the Brooks Rodeo track. The souped up V8s top speed was 65 mph.

Uncharted Territory

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



No sirens are blaring, nobody even looks frightened, but they should be. Last week the world moved into uncharted territory. The 'aspirational' goal of never allowing the average global temperature to rise more than 1.5 degrees Celsius higher than the pre-industrial norm (+1.5°C) has been breached for a whole year — and probably for ever.

'Never' is a long time, so the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC), when it set that target in 2018, actually said that it should remain achievable until at least 2050. You may have noticed that the year is only 2024, and we are already there. Something has gone wrong, and there is a scramble to cover it up.

This takes two forms. One was to say that it's just a temporary effect related to the recent El Niño, a cyclical ocean event that occasionally raises the average global temperature a bit for nine to twelve months, then subsides again.

The trouble with that explanation was that the 'anomaly', as climate scientists were calling the unexpected warming, was twice as big as any El Niño event has ever been. It also began months before this El Niño got going — and it did not go away when the El Niño died out, in April. The 'anomaly' is still there.

So much for that attempt to explain the 'anomaly' away, but there's another. What if a whole year above +1.5°C doesn't count as 'breaching the limit'? It doesn't, according to the IPCC's counting rules.

Those rules say it won't be reached until the average global temperature has been +1.5°C for the past twenty years — so about ten years from now, in practice.

Calculating long-term averages for global temperature made sense when the climate was basically stable and just jiggled around a bit from year to year, but those days are long gone.

The trend in average global temperature has been relentlessly upwards for decades now. To insist on mixing in cooler temperatures from twenty years ago to come up with a number that understates the reality of the present would be self-deception at best.

What would it be at worst? I wouldn't use the words 'deliberate misrepresentation', but something complicated and largely invisible happens at the conclusion of each Assessment Report, the scientific document on which the IPCC's now-annual conferences are based.

The data and conclusions in the hundreds of pages of the reports are valid and unbiased, but the 'executive summary' (the only part most journalists will ever read) is a political document negotiated between the scientists and the governments that are paying for the whole IPCC enterprise.

The scientists are already hampered by their own professional reluctance to discuss their private and tentative conclusions in public. Alas, that handicaps them in their protracted arm-wrestle over the executive summary with governments that are deeply concerned about climate change, but always want to avoid large spending commitments right now. I'm relying on private information from some scientists who have been involved in the process, but the governments usually win. ("He who pays the piper

calls the tune.") This may explain the widening gap between what the IPCC says and what we can see with our own eyes: monster wildfires, unprecedented heatwaves, killer landslides and all the rest.

So what is causing all this heat and havoc? Nobody knows for certain yet why the planet's average surface temperature has jumped more than two-tenths of a degree C in just one year. However, the prime suspects are feedbacks that have been triggered by our own emissions-related heating and are also adding to the warming.

There are three leading candidates. Melting ice and snow are uncovering open water and dark rock that absorb more sunlight. Cleaning up the emissions from 60,000 giant merchant ships has eliminated the 'ship tracks' that used to reflect much incoming sunlight. The huge forest fires that are devastating the Americas may be a much bigger feedback than we thought.

What can we do about all this? The stock answer is 'cut your greenhouse gas emissions', and we should move as fast as we can on that front, but it is delusional to go on pretending that this is all we can and must do. After thirty years of trying, our emissions are still growing almost every year (although we may start to make a little progress soon).

We need to hold the heat down while the emissions work proceeds, or the growing chaos, damage and violence will make further progress on any front impossible. The various ways to do that are called 'geoengineering' or climate engineering, and for a long time it was taboo. That never made sense, and now the prejudice is fading fast.

Geoengineering is a very big subject, but if you're interested I recently wrote a book about it.



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One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well, it seemed we couldn't get any rain all summer and now it's harvest time, and yes now we get it. It sure has put a damper on all the harvest, as we got 2 1/2 inches and there seems to be more coming this week yet. I do hope the weatherman is wrong. It's going to take a lot of wind to dry out those wet swaths. Well, unfortunately we don't have any control over any of that, so we just have to grin and bare it..

Our deepest sympathies go to Harold Evans and his families and to his sister-in-laws on the passing of his dear wife Gloria on Tuesday September 10, 2024 in the Brooks Health Centre after suffering 2 strokes. Gloria will be missed by her dear families and the many people who she had worked with, many friends and our own Church families. We were all very shocked of her passing so suddenly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time.

The Brooks and District Museum Heritage Fall Fair

will be held on Saturday, September 28th from Noon to 4:00pm. Anyone wishing to put in an entry will have call the Museum for enquiries by calling phone #-403-362-5073.

***NOTE** The Brooks and District Social Club will be holding their "Autumn Equinox" dance on Saturday, September 21st from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Nikko Sushi Grill and Bar main hall (the Old Legion Hall) We will have our favourite Band "The Softones" of Tilley playing. So come on out and join the fun. Hope to see everyone there. **Keep in mind the October Dance will be held on Saturday, October 26th with the band "Sleepless Nights" from Redcliff. So, folks mark you calendars and come on out and join us..

Thomas and Barbara Mahrer went to Lethbridge on Saturday to the German Canadian Club for their 1st Fall dance there. They then stayed overnight at their daughter's place and returned home on Sunday.

***NOTE** The Brooks United Church will be

holding their Thrift Sale THIS Thursday, September 19th from 8:00am till 12:30pm. "PLEASE" *Note *that it is CASH ONLY!!!

Birthday greetings this coming week go out to Daryll Hasselberg of Two Hills and to Tim Sinclair, both on Sept. 20th; to young Gibson Best on Sept. 21st; to Jo Anne DeJong on Sept. 22nd; and to Sean Nichols on Sept. 25th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" and also to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday. We wish everyone all the best for the years ahead.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Caitlin (Gillen) and Francisco Ayala of Drumheller on Sept. 19th. We wish you both all the best for many happy years together.

If you have any news or announcements you'd like in my column, Please give me a call at 403-362-3023 or email me at the following -simerkl@eidnet.org by Sunday evening no later than 8pm. If I need more information I'll contact you.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

TERRY JACKSON Pastor at Duchess Mennonite Church

The word equality is surging in use. One camp bemoans the lack of opportunity given to elements of society and seeks for ways of improving the outcomes of the unfortunates. Another camp argues that equality should come in the way we treat one another, and the opportunities should be given to all not based on metrics.

Don't worry reader, I am not going to attempt to solve that conundrum. The equality I am concerned about is far more reaching and problematic than what politicians argue about. It is the area of equal footing. Where your bank account doesn't

Equally lost

matter, the initials behind your name are inconsequential, and all our endeavors to advance ourselves fall miles away from the target. We are all equally lost.

Someone is either lost or they are not. It is senseless to argue about who is more lost than someone else. Lostness is a state, and it is a state that all of humanity is born into. And if we are all lost who will save us? Who will rescue us? Who will find us?

Thanks be to the Triune God who gave unequally. Who gave of Himself and sent His Son to bear our punishment. The perfect Jesus the God/Man, was rejected, beaten, abused, and crucified. That was not just and that was not fair! He unequally bore our failings, our short comings, and our evil. Why? Why would He do this? Because of an unequal amount of love for His creation.

The God who is love, suffered upon Himself

all the sin of humanity in order that out of the deep ocean of His love, He could rescue the lost.

Today, don't seek to compare yourself to others, don't seek to justify yourself by measuring your life against someone else's. Instead, recognize your lostness and then look to Jesus, see His immense love for you and receive from Him what you could never attain on your own; an unequal amount of love, forgiveness, and mercy.

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Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Police catch driver going over 70 km over the limit
RCMP in Brooks report that they stopped a vehicle that was travelling 153/km/hr in an 80km/hour zone on 7th Street East south of Railway Avenue on Aug. 29.

The driver, who received a mandatory court appearance for speeding at more than 51 km/hour, is due in court on Oct. 18.

He also faces a charges of careless driving.

Flatbed detaches

A flatbed trailer detached from a truck after the attached pinhead sheared off and the chain broke five kilometres east of the Tilley intersection on Hwy 1.

The Aug. 30 incident caused the trailer to go through a barbed wire fence and veer off the road into a ditch. There were no injuries.

Dangerous Driving

Two occupants of a vehicle were transported to Brooks Health Centre with non-life threatening injuries following a single-vehicle collision on Hwy. 875 just past Rolling Hills on Aug. 31.

The investigation is continuing.

Cop finds vehicle on fire

A rapidly spreading vehicle fire under the hood of a car that was parked at Tim Hortons was discovered by an officer on Sept. 2.

The fire was extinguished

by the Brooks department. It is believed to have started in the engine.

No injuries in in-town collision

On Sept. 6 a vehicle attempted to pull out of Tim Hortons when it struck a northbound vehicle. No major injuries were reported.

Phone activated after collision

On Sept. 6 RCMP received a crash notification from an iPhone following a collision on Hwy 544, 10km east of Patricia.

The lone driver, who has a Class 7 licence and was driving without supervision, lost control of the vehicle on a curve and rolled into a ditch.

He was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver was issued a ticket.

Possession and warrant

Following an arrest of a man who was wanted on an outstanding warrant, Brooks RCMP found three grams of a white powder on him.

The Sept. 6 incident has led to an unidentified 25-year-old man who was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

He is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 2.

Laptop stolen from vehicle returned

A laptop that had been stolen during a vehicle



break-in has been returned to its owner.

Sometime overnight on Sept. 6 a vehicle was broken into and a laptop, wallet and cash were stolen.

Police say the laptop was returned by an anonymous person, however, neither the wallet or cash were returned.

Gold F250 stolen

A pick-up truck was stolen from a Duchess residence while the owner had been away for a couple of days.

An investigation is underway into the theft of a gold 2011 F250 pick-up which had been reported stolen on Sept. 7.

Squatter charged with B&E

A man who was living inside a vacant home that was for sale has been charged with break and enter.

On Sept. 8 the homeowners returned to the home with their relator when they found an unknown person squatting in the basement.

The man is scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 6.

If you have any information on these or any other crime contact Brooks RCMP at 403-362-5535 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Evergreen Activities Centre

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PRAIRIE PIONEERS - The "Prairie Pioneers Club" is celebrating 50

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LETTERS

Rodeo grounds too valuable to give away for school

Editor, The Bulletin;
I am writing to express my concern as a taxpayer regarding city council's proposal to donate the former rodeo grounds. With my property tax increasing by over seven per cent annually, I strongly believe it is crucial to consider the alternatives that can prevent further tax hikes.

According to the Brooks 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, the primary focus area

is economic growth and future development. This includes alternatives such as brownfield and lot development. The 23-acre land, situated next to the golf course, holds significant potential and could be an attractive asset for many taxpayers in Brooks.

For instance, with each acre accommodating eight lots of 5,000 square feet, the potential value of 184 lots at \$120,000 each amounts to

\$20,080,000.

Considering the city's strategic objectives and the valuable potential of this land, I urge the city council to reconsider the proposal to donate the rodeo grounds and explore alternative strategies that can benefit the community while addressing the fiscal concerns of taxpayers like myself.

PETE DYCK,
Brooks, Alta.

Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL

TILLEY - The Brooks Social Club is hosting an Autumn Equinox Dance at Nikko Sushi Bar and Grill, Main Hall, 235 - 3 Street West in Brooks on Saturday, September 21 from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. The band will be "The Softones." Everyone is welcome.

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 offer a worship service with Holy Communion at 10:00 am on Sunday, October 6 with Reverend John Theiss. All are welcome.

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 the difference between black-eyed peas and chick peas? Black-Eyed Peas can sing you a song, but chick peas can only hummus one.

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259.

County pays half for Duchess rec floor

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county granted \$53,468 to Duchess for the floor resurfacing at the recreation centre which cost a total of \$106,937 using recreation funds.

The 4,400 square foot surface which had suffered from stress fractures was completed in June.

"This was an emerging issue. This would normally have been planned," Duchess deputy mayor Deborah Reid-Mickler told county council.

"It was simply wear and tear," she said.

She said regular inspections have taken place since the original flooring was put in nine years ago.

"A couple of times in the past we've had crack repairs. They came to do the regular inspection in the spring and discovered we

had significant crack events. Some of them were leading to health and safety risks," she said.

"We now have the flooring replacement as a capital infrastructure replacement on an eight-year cycle."

Some councillors expressed concern that there was only one quote instead of the preferable three quotes provided and there was no communication with the county.

"The communication or the timeline between making the decision, just a phone call or an email we could have been on top of it and got this partnership working much sooner," said county councillor Kelly Christman.

County CAO Matt Fenske had been in the loop with Duchess CAO Yvonne Cosh and there was a plan to attend the county meeting.

Fenske said, "Earlier is always better for a planning cycle in the county."

"I think we'd like to see that a little more judiciously, if possible. This is not an insignificant amount of money," said reeve Arno Doerksen.

"We do own that decision," said Reid-Mickler.

She said the original company replaced the floor because another company would have change the entire system.

Updated recreation agreements with the village and the ag society are expected to be presented to council in October.

"No cash has flown to date, including to the ag society," said Fenske.

The original agreement with the village includes a 50-50 cost share which was supported by county council.

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Vets, BAPS in the spotlight at city-county joint services

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city-county joint services committee, which provides funding to new physicians, has decided not to extend that same courtesy to new veterinarians.

Last Tuesday committee

members said that veterinarian businesses set their own prices.

"Veterinarian is a business. Where do you draw the line? The next thing is it will be an accountant we need or an electrician. You just never know.

"I'm against going for

the veterinarians. That's a business," said county councillor Neil Johnson.

"I think we should focus on medical. Our focus has always been doctor recruitment," said county councillor Kelly Christman.

While the two county councillors agreed that the

funding should be geared to physicians city councillor Joel Goodnough disagreed.

"I think I would push back on that. Veterinarian retention is important for a community," he said.

Goodnough added that BAPS transports animals out-of-town to vets so not having vets in the community is a concern.

"It is a major concern to pet owners in our city. The stress level they have to go down to either Taber or out to Dunmore is very concerning.

"I think the fact that we've

got one (new permanent vet), I would recommend that we do give her the money. I think we need to set a precedent. This is an important area for families and mental health," he said.

Following the meeting Sue Hawkins, BAPS chair, told The Bulletin the decision to take animals to out-of-town vets is based on cost.

"The vet pricing within the city is extremely high and we, as a non-profit society, cannot afford to pay those prices," she said.

Joint services also discussed providing additional funding for BAPS.

City CAO Chris Parker said the organization would like \$13,000, mostly for staffing, to get them to the end of the year.

County CAO Matt Fenske said the service is very much appreciated with many of the staff members

volunteers who love what they do.

"But when they start drowning (in debt) and start losing sleep, I think it's on the committee to revisit and try to figure out something that is equitable among communities and keep the lights on," he said.

"When I look at the financials for BAPS the city is paying a lot of money compared to anybody else. The county, we pay them a retainer about \$1,000 every three months.

"When we bring Fido in they charge us \$25 a night for up to seven days. I just think the whole fee schedule needs to be updated to reflect the current reality of the costs," said Fenske.

The county will have another discussion about BAPS, including their audited financial statements, during Thursday's council meeting.

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - The Brooks Social Club is hosting an Autumn Equinox Dance at Nikko Grill and Bar, Main Hall 235 3rd St W Brooks. Saturday Sept 21st 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Live Band The Softones. Everyone welcome.

This will be an exciting week for John and me, we decided way back

around Christmas that we would attend my ladies club's triennial Federal Conference this year being held in Truro, Nova Scotia and Monday is the day we finally take off. We will be down east for one week. We decided that this would be a great way to celebrate our 55th anniversary. We had originally thought that we

would drive but it seemed that we spent a whole lot of this past summer on the road. We are good travellers but decided we could fly down for less than gas and hotels not to mention the extra time.

The Brooks and District Museum is having its 2nd Annual Heritage Fall fair on Saturday, September 28th. From Noon to 4 pm. For all you Crafty People and Gardeners it the area you can get details from the Museum and get your entry's to the Museum before or on Friday morning 9am to 11am at the latest on September 27th. So much fun, Gardening, Crafts, Photography and school and youth Categories check it out an old fashioned fall fair. Plus entry's are free.

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



DUCHESS - I missed a week or so as I was under the weather. Back to myself now and ever so grateful for good health to return.

School is back at it and volleyball at Duchess School is off and running. Congratulations to our senior high girl's team for a solid weekend, resulting in the gold medals! They went undefeated in tournament action. Team members include: Sydney Thompson, Shelby Radford, Ellie Petkus, Izzy Freimark, Lily McLaughlin, Judy Wieler, Jesse Third, Brooke Rasmuson, Emma Kearley, Charissa Kearley. Coaches: Gwen Thompson, Madison Janzen & Haven Berg.

Thanks to the Village workers for a summer of well-maintained flowers, well trimmed grass and for keeping our Village looking great for the whole summer! If you haven't noticed the huge lots of flowers on Center St and also back by the water treatment park, please take a minute to appreciate their beauty!

Have a great week and please call or text your news to me at 403 793 1630.

Quote: "Do not set aside your happiness. Do not wait to be happy in the future. The best time to be happy is always now."

RETIREMENT
Thank You!
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TRANSIT MIX

Finally, I am no longer one step ahead of the shoe shine and two steps away from the county line, so I have retired from the "concrete game". To the people in and around the communities of Bassano, Gem, Rosemary, Duchess, Countess, Brooks, Patricia, Cluny and Wardlow. I cannot THANK YOU ENOUGH for your support and patience.

I have worked for and with so many good people. It has been an interesting trip. The productive part of our journey goes by so quickly. It is so short and unfortunately we take it far too serious.

Also, thank you to the E.I.D.; their personnel have been especially good to me all these years.

Hope to see you October when the Mallards get fat!!

Enjoy the journey,
Stay well,
Ed Marquardt

Calling all foodies!

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Foodies who enjoy sampling food from all around the world will love the annual Taste of Nations at the JBS Canada Centre on Sept. 21 at 11 p.m.

The event is being hosted in connection with Alberta Culture Days and will include fashion and cultural dance shows.

"It's a perfect example of inter-cultural community building as residents from Canada and around the world come together to learn and appreciate one another through the sights, sounds and flavours of other cultures," states a city press release.

Newell Regional Expo created the Taste of Nations and ran it from 2012-2017 before it was handed over to the city.

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Old-time creameries victims of change... new editions serve consumer whims



PART TWO

As noted in a previous column, the historic Markerville Creamery stopped production in 1972, not a long time ago from a historical perspective. Creamery history shows a letter that the manager was retiring due to a prolonged illness and was closing the business. There appeared to be no one to take up the task of continuing the butter-making operation, plus the dairy market was changing. I suspect there may have been more involved in the creamery's demise. Butter-making (curiously also known as butter printing) seems to be a science and an art, both of which the Markerville Creamery butter makers were traditionally good at. That explains the longevity of the

creamery, being that it produced high butterfat butter with a desirable texture, which saw it achieve a high-quality status amongst knowledgeable butter users. That status saw the Markerville butter brand sold in the US and even Japan, which is not bad for a modest creamery in an out-of-the-way small village. Back in the 1920s and 30s, transportation to faraway markets must have been challenging as no railway came close to Markerville – the nearest train station was at Innisfail - 25 tough miles away over primitive dirt roads.

The Markerville butter quality may have had something to do with the first butter maker who was trained in Denmark. Today, high-end imported European butter sells at a considerable premium. I understand its high butterfat content and texture help improve recipes. Another hazard the creamery's butter makers faced

was tainted off-tasting cream from local farmers. It comes from milk produced by cows who consume stinkweed and other malodorous plants occasionally found in pastures. That reality required butter makers to taste test every batch of cream that a producer delivered to the creamery. Any found to be tainted was refused, much to the financial distress of the producer. The taste and butter fat testing and skill in making high-end butter all attested to the success of the Markerville brand. I expect other creameries in western Canada could produce similar high-end butter, but few survived as long as the Markerville Creamery.

From about the 1920s, creameries in Alberta led a precarious existence; some went out of business, and many more merged or were taken over by other dairy enterprises and producer cooperatives like the Central Alberta

Dairy Pool (CADP). Some creameries were involved in cheesemaking and focused more on that activity. However, the end of the independent creamery was fading by the 1950s as modernization, amalgamation, and marketing changes took their toll. By the 1970s, consumer milk preferences had impacted old-time creameries so much that their future was perilous. A growing consumer preference for 2% and skim milk required city dairies to skim off the cream for which they needed a new home. Originally, city dairies bought raw fluid milk from local farmers, pasteurized, homogenized, bottled and marketed it as whole milk directly to consumers and retailers. They bought butter, cream, cheese, etc., from country creameries either ready to sell or just packaged it under their own label. However, with

the increase in low-fat milk demand, city dairies had surplus skim-off cream from which they could make their own butter, cream cheese and ice cream. The demand for those cream products from country creameries dropped drastically, resulting in closures and consolidation. Big dairy pools like CADP continued with a large centralized creamery, utilizing skim-off milk from its various fluid milk plants.

Some old-time independent creameries managed to survive thanks to their iconic high-quality butter and cheese products. Markerville was one of those survivors, but it, too, gave up in 1972. Apparently, there was one small creamery survivor that toughed it out till 2007. Readers might have noticed that many retailers stock high-end butter, ice cream and cheeses from independent creameries. True, they obtain the cream

and butter oils from which they make those dairy products. However, they are not creameries like the old-time operations, which received the cream in milk-type cans directly from milk producers in the countryside. Their cream and milk supply comes indirectly from producers either through skim-off cream from big fluid milk plants or by direct milk tanker trucks. In either case, the transaction is done or facilitated by the Alberta Milk Producers Marketing Board. The latter is a legally mandated supply management entity with absolute control over Alberta's milk production. It controls production through mandatory quotas and dictates the price processors must pay for raw fluid milk. More next time.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.

Region's hydrogen program gaining attention

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The area's hydrogen hub has been getting some attention from stakeholders.

The program initiative is to establish a hydrogen production, storage and fueling facility in the area with testing and demonstrating the use of the product in various conditions through the use of heavy-duty county vehicles that will be converted to accept hydrogen.

If the test is successful, permanent hydrogen production, storage, and fueling stations will be developed and consideration will be given to also distributing hydrogen.

The first phase of

the project is looking at developing market demand and the second is market supply in the area.

Funding applications are being submitted, in part, to help pay for the installation of hydrogen conversion kits for some county-owned diesel powered trucks and equipment.

The full cost of the project is estimated at \$10 million, with between 70 and 80 per cent funded locally through municipal and private investment.

"We have submitted an EOI to Emissions Reduction Alberta for funding through their Industrial Transformation Challenge," Mitch Iwaasa, the region's economic development officer told the joint services committee on Tuesday.

"It can provide up to \$10

million per project towards technology scale-up, pilot demonstration and first-of-kind projects that present transformative solutions for Alberta's industrial sectors and contribute to reducing emissions and catalyzing economic opportunities."

He said there has been interest from stakeholders and some from the province.

"They see a need for it to help drive the hydrogen industry forward. Everybody is coming behind us and it's so interesting to see everybody from Alberta Innovates, Alberta Motor

Transport Association, NAIT," he said.

"They see a need to help drive the hydrogen industry forward."

Last week the province stated that hydrogen is expected to be up to an \$11-trillion industry worldwide by 2050.

"Alberta is already emerging as a clear leader in this market. As the largest hydrogen producer in Canada, Alberta has the resources, business-friendly environment and expertise needed for a competitive advantage," states a

provincial press release.

"There is already enormous interest in Alberta's hydrogen sector, with announcements from major international companies looking to establish hydrogen production projects in the province.

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Special Areas fire services assist base with fire reduction

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Earlier this month Special Areas fire services and local fire departments assisted CFB Suffield fire services with fire reduction efforts at CFB Suffield.

The program was identified as a key measure to help reduce fire hazards on the base and to help prevent large-scale grassfires.

To reduce the potential fire load in the base, CFB fire services is expected to complete prescribed burns throughout the fall and winter. Local departments will be on hand to help suppress fire lines from the roads to help reduce the possibility of fires leaving the base and entering surrounding areas.

"Mitigating fire hazards by reducing potential fire load is one of the most important things any of us can do to prevent grassfires," said Rob Palmer,

Special Areas fire chief.

The first of the prescribed burns took place during the first week of September and they will only proceed if conditions

allow and specific go-no-go parameters have been met.

Local fire departments will be notified in advance of a prescribed burn.

Prescribed fires are

the knowledgeable and controlled applications of fires on a specific area to

remove fine fuels in open areas. Prescribed fires help reduce the size and

intensity of future wildfires by reducing fuel loads and fire hazards.



A prescribed burn is ignited and extinguished at CFB Suffield. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rainier author to launch book Sept. 25 in home town

SUBMITTED

In 2023, retired Lethbridge lawyer and local author Scott Paul travelled six thousand kilometres across Canada for the sake of his recently released novel, *The Sunbeam Room*.

"I'd written my first draft but wanted to retrace the route that the book's main character Digger drove in the dead of winter, from Milk River to Ottawa," Paul said. "But while he drove an old Chevy truck, we travelled in a vintage Westfalia van."

Digger, a 61-year-old unemployed heavy equipment operator, drives to Ottawa to honour his dying mother's wish, to hand deliver a letter to Sarah, the daughter she gave up for adoption.

"Sarah and Digger couldn't be more different in life experience, politics and geography," Paul said. "But now, they are suddenly siblings and the novel poses the question of how they can ever find common ground. The book explores loss, grief and hope in a post-pandemic world."

The book's title refers to

the children's ward in the Lethbridge Galt Hospital, now Museum.

"Sarah is born at the Galt and for one day only Digger's mother Carolyn held her newborn child in the Sunbeam Room."

Paul was raised on a family farm in Rainier and this upbringing influences the book.

"Digger laments the passing of an era, turkey shoots in the community hall, grain elevators, stolen kisses at chaperoned dances, and farm machinery auctions—all things I grew up with too."

He credits his daughter Julilla for inspiring him to write the book

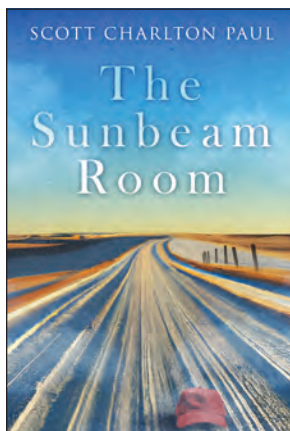
"Best Christmas present ever. The online creative writing course led to more courses and building a local and online writing community."

Paul launches his book at the Rainier Hall on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

"I'm very excited to share the novel with a wider audience and returning to my Rainier roots just felt right to launch the novel."

This is the first stop on

The Sunbeam Room



SCOTT PAUL

his Sunbeam Book Tour, with author readings in Lethbridge, Calgary and Nanton next month.

What's next for the lawyer-turned-paperback writer?

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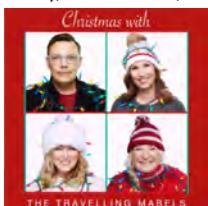
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Brooks Bandits players, left to right, defenceman Keith McInnis of Red Deer, goalie Griffin Wright of Edmonton and rookie forward Mathis Dufour of Briançon, France walked Lake Stafford handing out bottles of water to Terry Fox Run participants on Sunday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Brooks Buffs defeat Vikings for first win of season

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Buffalos of the Southern Alberta League are 1-1 after defeating Crescent Heights Vikings 10-7.

“Overall a win is a win and I will take that any day of the week,” said head coach Dylan Hartley.

He said the first quarter opened with neither team able to capitalize on their drives.

“Going into the second quarter the Buffalos offence was able to gain some momentum and get into Vikings territory but they had to punt. Jaxx Porfoun punted the ball into the end zone and Abdi Hasson was able to tackle the ball carrier in the end zone. The rouge put the Buffalos up 1-0.”

He said after a good string of defensive series, the Buffalos defence backed the Vikings up against their own goal line and forced the Med Hat team to concede a safety putting the Buffalos up 3-0 going into the half.

“The Vikings started the second half strong,

returning the opening kick for a touchdown which gave them the 7-3 lead. After a series of strong runs by Jaxx Porfoun and a 30-yard catch and run from Johnny Gilborn to Brody Weatherhead, Porfoun was able to capitalize on the ground from five yards out. The Buffalos regained the lead 10-7 going into the fourth quarter.”

In the final quarter the Vikings offense tested the Buffalos defence as they consistently won the field position battle.

“The Buffalos defense was able to bend and not break forcing the Vikings to turn the ball over on

downs or coming up with a crucial turnover. Kobe Porfoun intercepted the ball in Buffalos territory and Kasey Martin had another interception to seal the victory.

“Overall, a win is a win and I will take that any day of the week. We had some great moments on both offense and defense but we need to clean up the penalties. Kobe Porfoun and Jaxx Porfoun both had a good day running the ball and Coen Waldie was a force on the defensive side,” said Hartley.

The Buffalos travel to Taber to host the Cardston Cougars on Sept.19 at 7 p.m.

Roadrunners undefeated after two games

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Roadrunners bantam football team remains undefeated in the Rangeland Football League after their second consecutive decisive win.

The Roadrunners defeated Medicine Hat Vikings, 41-8 thanks to three touchdowns from Jamal Yuye and one TD each by Muaz Abdurhaman, Jacob Kito and Tor Maxwell-Lyster. “We are playing quite well right now,” said head

coach Mark Freeman.

“They are the defending league champs. They’re the ones that beat us in the finals last year so we were expecting a tough game. We practiced very intently for it,” he said.

He said every player did what they were supposed to but the falling rain made gripping and catching the ball a little challenging.

“We couldn’t do a lot of things we wanted to do. We had very little passing but our run game was very strong.”

Despite two consecutive wins, Freeman said there is much work to do.

“Things are not where I want them to be but it’s all about progress not perfection. We keep progressing in the right direction and that’s pleasing me and it’s working well if you look at the scores in our games.”

This week the Roadrunners return to Medicine Hat where they will face the Hawks. Kick-off is at 5 p.m.

Thank You!

THANK YOU - THANK YOU Buffalo Ag Society would like to thank JIM JOHNSON of ALBERTA PRAIRIE MEATS for the use of his refer trailer for the rodeo. We really appreciated it.



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NO 61%

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Tickets:
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City declares Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6-12....

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

It's time to check your smoke detectors as we approach annual fire prevention week, Oct. 6-12. The nationally observed week is held in the United States and Canada during the first week of October to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire that started on Oct. 8, 1871 and which killed 250 people, left 100,000 homeless after it destroyed 17,400 structures and burned 2,000 acres. The week was proclaimed

in Canada in 1923 and in the United States in 1925. During Fire Prevention Week in Brooks, fire officials remind everyone to check their smoke detectors. "This year's theme is, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" Brooks fire chief Kevin Swanson told city council last week. During the week the local department will strive to make everyone aware of the importance of having working smoke alarms in homes. The department will "Emphasize the campaign's key call to action install test, replace smoke alarms, install smoke alarms, in

every bedroom outside of each separate sleeping area like a hallway and on each level including the basement of the home." Swanson reminded everyone to test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button and to replace all smoke alarms that are at least 10 years old or if they stop responding when tested. The city's new regional fire safety simulator is due to arrive in Brooks late October so, while prevention week will take place in October, this year's Brooks fire department open house will be held on Nov. 2 at 9 a.m.



Laniey Hayes, 5, and Ella Mason, 5, were just two of the many children who had their face painted during the Family Fun Fair at the Brooks and District Museum on Saturday. The event included a farmers market, booths, live music, kids shows and games and dog games. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



Fire trucks on display in front of the Brooks Fire Hall. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the coming week to Russell Coyne on September 23; Quinton Antill on September 25; Ed Piper, Rob Graham on September 28; Carol Rosen on September 29.

Another 4-H year is starting soon! The Parent organizing meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at 7.00pm at the Rainier Hall. Come and learn about returning projects including market beef, heifer and judging, as well as new projects including bees. New members are welcome and are eligible to have their first year fees covered!

Rainier Community Club is looking for a few more volunteers to work the Lethbridge Casino on Tuesday, |October 8th. Two people are required for the 1-8pm shift, and two people are required for the 8pm-4am shift. For more information or to sign up please contact rainiercommunityclub@gmail.com or 780-837-1819.

Rainier Community Club is thrilled to invite you to a special evening with Alcoma Alumni 1976, Scott Paul, as he celebrates the release of his debut novel, *The Sunbeam Room!* Join us on Wednesday, September 25th at 7.00pm at the Rainier Hall for a lively book launch and reading. Come and meet or visit with Scott, hear excerpts from his captivating new book, and discover the inspiration behind *The Sunbeam Room*. Set in the fictional farming town of Iverson, the story features a buried family secret, a TransCanada road trip, and a newfound family. Whether you're a book lover, Alcoma alumnae, or simply looking for a delightful evening out, this event promises to be full of great stories and a chance to connect with fellow readers. Don't miss this chance to support one of our own and be among the first to dive into Scott's literary journey! Mark your calendars and see you there!

Alcoma School News- School resumed on

September 3. Kindergarten start date was 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.

The FUN continues... SPEC is once again returning to Alcoma School for some Friday Fun! Bring your little ones - all are welcome. Let's play together! SPEC Playgroup is back in session on Friday, September 27, from 9.30am to 11.00am.

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.

Stay in the loop with the Rainier Community Facebook Page

Bassano Banner

THOMAS MacPHAIL



BASSANO - -The Suchla family would like to invite friends to a celebration of life for Jim Suchla, who passed away on August 28th in Calgary at the age of 63. This will be held on September 21st at the Bassano Golf Course.

Jolene and Shifa entertained several aspiring cooks at the Bassano Community Hall on Friday. Maybe you learned from Jolene how to make festive Apple Strudel, a definite European classic, or perhaps Shifa as she shared her recipes from Pakistan for Chicken Meat Patties and Samosas. See more below on other Culture Day events.

I see where Bradley and Shannon Biette are celebrating an anniversary this week and also Walter and Sabine Nasse. Didn't Sabine just have a birthday recently? I am sure Walter has spoiled her again!

Among 20 or more birthdays this week are Maureen Clyne and everyone's favourite Calgary Herald delivery guy, our own Rob Miller.

My apologies for not being able to match the humour in the Tilley Telegram. I will try harder.

It comes as no surprise

that much of the news recently pertains to the weather. Various reports are showing a wide range of rainfall amounts. The earlier reports included 0.5 from Ronn in Gem to 1.0 from Dan in Bassano, 1.0 from Bruce at Lake Newell, 1.1 from Carrie in Countess to a very believable 2.2 inches from Linda near Strathmore. There were others who sent in their gauge numbers. However, by the time this was prepared on Saturday, those numbers were dwarfed by official figures. I thank Alice Slomp for supplying the following numbers: Alberta Storm Watch reported 2.75 inches for Bassano and 3.25 inches for Rosemary.

Upon checking with local building suppliers on Friday, their stock of Gopher Wood was already depleted. It was the same with IKEA.

The current BARRA board wishes to thank the entire district for supporting recycling here in town for upwards of 30 years. You will notice the two large green containers by the building where you can continue to deposit your recyclables. It should be mentioned here that the Bassano Memorial Library

had been collecting large trailer loads of newspapers for a period of time prior to BARRA assuming the collections. Please watch for further updates on Bassano Banner as the system evolves.

September 13th and 14th were busy days as the Bassano Memorial Library and Community Hall hosted Bassano DamFest (yes...one word, Diane) and Culture Days. Those attending were treated to Cultural Demonstrations and Celebrations, Cooking Classes, Canadiana Storytime, Dancing, Children's Activities and Crafts and plenty of Great Music. Their website contains numerous photos taken by volunteers at both venues. Our little town has so many very committed groups and volunteers.

Crystal Schaffer and Ginger Wood attended the 2024 Canadian Country Music Awards on Saturday in Edmonton. What a great event!!!

My contact information remains the same, tom1942@hotmail.com OR 403-409-1101. I am so pleased with your news items this week.



BASSANO RCMP DETACHMENT Monthly MOUNTIE MEMO for August

SGT. JOE SCHMIDT
DETACHMENT COMMANDER
BASSANO RCMP DETACHMENT

In August 2024, Bassano RCMP responded to nearly 100 events/calls for service, including various levels of criminal, traffic and public assistance related files.

Anti-Fraud Centre fraud
On Aug. 14 Bassano RCMP received a report of a fraud.

The victim was contacted by phone from someone alleging to be from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

The victim was informed they were a victim of a fraud and instructed to download

the AnyDesk app to their phone.

Once downloaded, \$9,000 was withdrawn from their account.

While the investigation is ongoing people are reminded that victims can get calls, emails, or texts telling you your bank account is compromised or your device is infected.

At that point you are instructed to install AnyDesk so you can get technical support or to confirm your identity.

You're told to give them an access code on your screen which gives them full access to your information.

Once you confirm the number, fraudster have full access to your information.

Hang up on anyone claiming to be representing a government organization, such as Canada Revenue and the anti-fraud centre.

If you believe it is an attempted fraud contact the RCMP and/or you bank.

If you believe it may be legitimate, contact the organization from a number from within your own files or on the back of a credit card.

Do not open text messages purporting to be from the CRA or any organization.

Police & Public Education: Help us – Help you!

Aggressive Dog Calls:
Bassano RCMP have observed more calls for service involving aggressive dogs.

These can be extremely fearful and dangerous events when an aggressive dog presents itself to a person or their pet.

Behaviours of dogs, for a litany of reasons, can change in an instant, either through them feeling fear or being confronted.

Regardless of your pet's behaviour, safety precautions should always remain in place i.e.; leash, choke collar or a muzzle if your dog has shown aggression in the past. Serious and significant

injury can and has occurred to both people and their pets.

As we are in the return to school season and more children and parents are walking to school, Bassano RCMP highly encourage pet owners to be responsible and ensure their pets are secured either in a secured enclosure or on a leash, etc.

The Town of Bassano's Dog Control Bylaw can be viewed online or at the office.

In notes that a dangerous dog is any dog which has previously and without provocation chased, injured or bitten any other domestic animal or human or has threatened

or created the reasonable apprehension of a threat to other domestic animals or humans.

The bylaw also includes the definition of a secure enclosure such as an escape-proof building, cage or fenced area.

Owners should responsibly restrain their dog to ensure the safety of all citizens.

If your dog has been deemed dangerous to keep them in a secure enclosure when not on a leash or restraint.

Should you be a victim of an aggressive dog, a dog bite or observe dangerous dog behaviors contact the town at 403-641-3788.

Classifieds

Deadline for Classifieds word ads is Monday - 3 PM
Call 403-362-5571

obituaries



EVANS - With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Gloria Evans on September 10, 2024. Gloria was born April 2, 1942, to Mills and Ruby Caverly in North Battleford, SK. She was raised in Meadow Lake, along with her younger brother, Larry. When Gloria was a teenager, the family moved to a farm to live the simple life. Following her formal education, she went to Teacher School for one year. That began her lifelong passion for teaching. Her first job brought her to Rainier, Alberta, where she met Harold. They married in 1963. She taught in Rainier for 5 years from 1961 to 1966. In 1966, when expecting their first child, Blaine, they moved to Meadow Lake and tried the farming lifestyle for one year. The prairies called them back to

Alberta. They purchased their first home in Bassano, where their second son, Jeff was born and Gloria continued to teach school. In 1973, they moved into their brand-new home in Brooks, where substitute teaching and their growing boys kept her busy. During the next 20 plus years, while raising their family, Gloria continued her education and traveled back and forth to Lethbridge and proudly obtained her Bachelor of Education degree. Gloria began her final teaching position at the Medicine Hat College, when it started in the old hospital in Brooks. She taught English there for many years. Retirement brought a whole new lifestyle where she rekindled her love of sewing and learned how to quilt. She created many beautiful works of art with her sewing machine. Her talents will be cherished by many for years to come. Volunteering was also a big part of Gloria's life, so much so that she was the Citizen of the Year in 1998. She will be missed by everyone who knew her! Left to cherish her memories are her husband of sixty one years, Harold; her son, Blaine; his children, Mitch (Lindsay) and Staci and Jeff's daughter, Noel (Peter); her sisters-in-law, Ada and Carol; her brother-in-law, Vic; numerous nieces and nephews along with all of her many, many friends. Gloria was predeceased by her parents, Mills and Ruby; her brother, Larry; her in-laws, Sybil and Jack; her son, Jeff and her granddaughter, Jennifer. In memory of Gloria donations can be made directly to either: The Brooks United Church 507 3rd Ave W, Brooks, AB T1R 0B2 or Cystic Fibrosis Canada @ cysticfibrosis.ca Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 PM from the Brooks United Church. Rev. Esther Crews and rev. George Edmonds officiating. Interment followed at Brooks Cemetery. The Brooks United Church will have a recording of Gloria's service available on their Facebook page.

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



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THERESA GAUTHIER-HOLDEN

Passed away peacefully in her home on Thursday, September 12, 2024. There will be no service by request.



NEIL JAMES LIZOTTE
 1973-2024

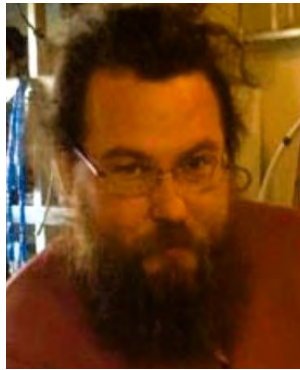
Neil James Lizotte was born July 9, 1973, in Edmonton Alberta. In 2000 he married Nicole Pompetti. They welcomed their first child Samuel in 2001 and in 2002 their second son Randy was born. Neil had the ability to entertain almost any crowd or warm any heart. Neil leaves behind his wife Nicole, son Randy, son Sam (Morgan), his sisters: Melanie (Grady) of Brooks and Andrea (Doug) of Edmonton. As well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles who he truly loved. Neil was predeceased by his father Hector, mother Helen, and his sister Christine.

A celebration of life "come and go" will take place at the Hanna Legion in Hanna, Alberta on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 4-7p.m.

If desired, donations in memory of Neil can be made to the Hanna Community Youth Fund, Box 430, Hanna, AB, T0J 1P0.

Hanna Funeral Services has been entrusted with the care and arrangements, www.hannafuneral.ca.

obituaries



DIETRICH - Wilfred Michael Dietrich of Brooks, beloved husband of Violet Dietrich, passed away in Brooks on Thursday, September 12th, 2024 at the age of 90 years. He was born on October 4th, 1933 to Matt and Annie Dietrich on the family farm near Mendham, Saskatchewan. Wilf's younger years were spent in Southern Saskatchewan and Alberta working on the railroad, while playing baseball and hockey in his free time. It took Wilf a while to settle down, but he finally got married at 31 years of age to the love of his life, Violet Funk, on May 22nd, 1965. Shortly thereafter they started their family. Wilf worked various jobs over the years, which



included a moving and storage company, owning a grocery store in Bassano, doing accounting services in Brooks, to finally managing AnRic Reclaimers until his retirement. Giving back was important to Wilf. He was very active in the community through hockey, the Knights of Columbus, the Diabetes Association, the Foodbank and others. As a young family we visited many campgrounds with a small tent trailer. The trailers expanded over the years and Wilf and Vi traveled North America with a 5th wheel trailer during their retirement. Wilf coached all his sons at hockey (one year all together) and baseball. The love of sport continued from coaching to managing, including the Brooks Spurs and Southern Alberta Jr B league. In later years Wilf could always be found at the Bandits games. Wilf spent many a day in his yard and garden, as a way to unwind from his busy life. Later in life he made sure flowers were planted outside Vi's room at Sunrise Gardens and he was always happy to share what he grew with others. The most important things to Wilf were his faith and his family. He dedicated his life to both. Serving in many ways at St. Mary's Catholic church and spending every day possible at his wife's side. With both, he was an amazing example to his family and those around him. He was known for the kindness he showed to those he came across in his daily life. Always happy to give a hug and a word of encouragement. Wilf is survived by his beloved wife Violet, 5 children; Shawn (Tara) and their 3 children Matthew, Paige and Tai; Gregory and his son Nicholas; Stephen; Rodney and Cathleen (Darryl) and their 2 children Emerson and Kirstin (Mack); brother, Richard (Lillian); sister, Audrey (Donald); sister in-law, Lovina; brother in-law, George and many nieces and nephews. Wilf was preceded in death by his sister in-law Jolene and brother in-law Louis. The family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Newbrook Lodge and Sunrise Gardens for their love and care. A special thanks to Thea and Dr. Thomsen for their amazing care and going above and beyond always. Know that he loved you all. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on September 23rd at 11:00 am from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rev. Eli Canete celebrant. Rev. Eligio Canete celebrant. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. In memory of Wilf, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to Alberta Diabetes Foundation, 8602 112 St NW, Edmonton, AB T6G 2E1.

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 There will be a Book Launch & Author Reading with Scott Paul-We are thrilled to invite you to a special evening with Alcoma Alumni 1976, Scott Paul, as he celebrates the release of his debut novel, The Sunbeam Room! Join us Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00pm at the Rainier Hall for a lively book launch and reading. Come and meet or visit with Scott, hear excerpts from his captivating new book, and discover the inspiration behind The Sunbeam Room. Set in the fictional farming community of Iverson, the story features a buried family secret, a TransCanada road trip, and a newfound family. Whether you're a book lover, an Alcoma alum, or simply looking for a delightful evening out, this event promises to be full of great stories and a chance to connect with fellow readers. Don't miss this chance to support one of our own and be among the first to dive into Scott's literary journey!
 Another 4-H year is starting soon! The Parent organizing meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept 18 at 7 pm at the Rainier Hall. Come and learn about returning projects including market beef, heifer and judging, as well as new projects including bees. New members are welcome and eligible to have their first year fees covered!
 Alcoma School News-School is officially back in session! The buses will be back on the roads and the kids will be back on the playground. Please remember to slow down.
 Junior High Volleyball (Gr. 6-9) starts this week. Our first game is in Rolling Hills on Tuesday, Sept. 17 @ 4:15pm.
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