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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024



William Hale competes in saddle bronc on Sunday at the Chinook Rodeo which was held at the Silver Sage. Hale was bucked off before the eight second mark. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Smith confronts citizen at town hall in Brooks

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Premier and Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Danielle Smith avoided a confrontation regarding a question during her town hall meeting on Friday in Brooks.

An unidentified man said that every Canadian politician is "avoiding like the plague" the issue of mass immigration because it coincides with crime rates and the tax burden.

"You know we're all avoiding the question. Let's tackle the question what are you doing about it?" he asked.

Smith said the federal government allowed 1.8 million people into Canada in 2023 which is four times higher than the normal absorption rate.

During the last premiers' meeting consensus was given to have the federal government return to more normal immigration levels.

"We just can't do it anymore," she said.

The unidentified man said that immigration should stop because Canada is overburdened but he would like to see the premier's plan to double the population include a policy to "encourage birth rates among white Canadians because they're at all time lows, right?"

To which the 100 or so attendees at the town hall

responded with a quiet gasp.

"This is a very diverse community," Smith responded without taking the bait before moving on to the next question.

Smith also discussed the housing situation in Brooks after being updated by mayor John Petrie.

"Brooks isn't just succeeding but thriving in its current climate," she said.

She was told that there is an increase in construction of rental units, new homes and other housing.

Smith also attended St. Joe's Catholic School where she heard loud and clear that it needs to be on the school construction priority list.

She said the school board has identified the new site (the old rodeo grounds park).

"They've got the support of council," she said.

"I don't want to prejudice where, how that zoning debate is going to go on Monday (Oct. 21) but I sure hope they manage to get to the finish line on approving it because what we have said is that if we can get the municipalities to agree to have all of the permits in place, all of the servicing the site, we want to prioritize those projects.

"I hope to be able to report some good news on that when we're back down again."

Smith was told that

there's 30 businesses in the area of park land "because it's more of an industrial area."

She said the development would allow for more students to be involved in the registered apprenticeship program while allow the school board to build a soccer field.

A teacher from Christ the King Academy encouraged Smith to build a new school.

One person said the problem with the site is that it's on a trucking route and "we're more worried about the kids, I think, on that road. It's causing congestion and big trucks."

John de Jong, a Catholic school board member said "safety is not going to be an issue."

"Hopefully, there's plenty of room for parking in the area," he said.

Smith said she doesn't have a placement on the priority list of new schools yet and it won't be there until the land decision is made.

"That's kind of that last piece about whether council will zone it," she said.

"If anyone feels strongly about it, just know that there there's likely to be a decision of council next week that will be the last hurdle I think in coming to us," she said.

Community members are not against a new school, just the location.

City to hold old rodeo grounds hearing on Oct. 21 in chambers

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City council last week agreed to set Oct. 21 as the hearing date for the second and third reading to redesignate the 23.35 acre old rodeo grounds from parks to quasi-public to allow for a new school.

City council approved the location during a meeting in

March, however, it has to go through a public hearing before the final approval.

The original date was Sept. 16 but it was rescheduled to allow for more time for planning, consultation and communication with stakeholders.

Depending on public input council is expected to give second and third

reading after the hearing.

If third reading is passed the recreation designation of the old rodeo grounds will no longer be applicable as it will become a home to a new school with a quasi-public service designation.

On Tuesday, after the Bulletin went to press, the city-county Intermunicipal Development Planning (IDP) committee was

scheduled to meet to discuss the development of the old rodeo grounds.

The IDP was formed to discuss development on lands that border municipalities. The last city-county IDP meeting was in 2021.

Following an in-camera discussion with the catholic school board earlier this year, city council made a

motion to redesignate the entire property for the new high school despite the fact that public surveys about the property have shown that the public wants to see the land as a recreational park. They city is saying that part of the land will be a park, however, the entire portion of the property will turn over to the Catholic School system.

The school wants to have the property in place so they can go to the province with a confirmed piece of land to receive funding. A municipality is responsible to provide land and because the old rodeo grounds property is owned by the city, council agreed rather than purchasing a more appropriate parcel, such as, near the French school.

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Over 400 high school students participate in skills trade show

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Last Wednesday over 400 students from the city and county took part in the inaugural skills trade fair at Brooks Composite High School.

The event, co-organized by the high school and the area's workforce development officer, was an opportunity for students to learn about the world of skilled trades.

It took months to plan the event with the idea to promote trades in the city and county.

The event was deemed to be very successful and will lead to future events.

Vendors from 21 organizations including millwright, hair stylist, electrician, baker and cook as well as post-secondary school representatives attended the event which



Chris Delisle, an instructor of the wind technician program at Lethbridge Polytechnic attended last week's skills trade show at BCHS. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

allowed students to network.

Julie O'Farrell, BCHS off-campus coordinator, said the event was very well-received by the vendors and the students.



Students gather at the skills trade show last week. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chinook Rodeo Association holds season finals in Brooks

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The Chinook Rodeo Association's season ended at the Silver Sage Agribition on the weekend with the final event.

This year competitors were from Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba and Australia.

2024 Champions
Steer Riding Cade Sanderson

Ladies Barrels Georgia Hale

Junior Barrels Rena McNiven

Lil Rascals Kenlee Crowe

Tie Down Tate Beierbach

Novice Riding Kacen Nowicki

Bareback Morgan Frail

Team Roping Caleb Mohl/Cody Allison

Saddle Bronc Jack Collins

Junior Team Roping Mier McNiven/Roper Webb

Steer Wrestling Tate Beierbach

Men's Ranch Broncs Garth Plett

Ladies Ranch Broncs Dana Hrys

Junior Breakaway Mier McNiven

Junior Bulls Sloan Walker

Ladies Breakaway Chrissy Kielstra

Bull Riding Nash Loewen.

The season will restart next month in Cardston and will return to Brooks on Nov. 30.

Artifacts tell a Story

Do you have a special artifact that belonged to a relative?

Do you know the story behind that artifact?

The B & D Genealogical Society would like to share this bit of your Family History. We are creating a display in the Brooks Public Library during Family History Week.

Family History Week
October 21-26
OPEN HOUSE
Wed. OCTOBER 23
1:30-3:30

We're looking for submissions that include:

- A picture of the artifact
- A short family story about the artifact
- A picture of the family member connected to the artifact (optional)

Email to BrooksAGS@gmail.com

Come visit the B & D Genealogical Society Branch Library. Members are available to answer your genealogy questions.

Located 2nd floor of Brooks Public Library - JBS Can. Centre 323 - 1st St. E

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The city proclaimed Family History Month during Oct. 21 to 26 during which time the Brooks Genealogical Society will host some activities. The annual proclamation draws attention to the study of family history. The society, which is located on the second floor of the Brooks Public Library, will host a two hour open house on Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m. and are looking for submissions of familial artifacts along with its story. The genealogical society's library is a treasure trove of family history materials to help you find your roots. Shown is city mayor John Petrie with members of the Brooks Genealogical Society Eileen French, Clara Iwaasa, Karyn Norden, David Clarke and Mary-Jo Arnold.

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Reading pens available at local libraries

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The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta had provided pen readers to the 14 member libraries of the Shortgrass Library System.

The scanning pens, C-Pen Reader2s, allow users to scan a line of text and then hear it read out loud.

The pens can be beneficial for people with print disabilities and those learning to read in English.

The pens read in four different languages and contain extensive dictionaries for help in defining words.

"Libraries support access to reading, both for recreation and education,"

said Petra Mauerhoff, CEO of Shortgrass Library System.

"Thanks to these pens, community members across the region will have easier access to materials that are only available in print."

The pens will be available at area libraries in Alcoma, Bassano, Brooks, Duchess, Gem, Rolling Hills, Rosemary and Tilley.

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What's Happening

Halloween Spook-Tacular

Get ready for a spooktacular time! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Halloween games, and don't forget to grab lots of candy! Dress in your favourite costume and bring the whole family for a hauntingly good time. Fun for all ages and free to attend—see you there for a ghoulish celebration!

Date: October 18

Time: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Location: JBS Canada Centre Mezzanine

Celebrating Women and Girls in Movement

In partnership with Girls Who Lead and sponsored by FCSS, join us for an afternoon of inspiring speakers, movement sessions, activities, and snacks! Meet Olympic hurdler Sage Watson and Paralympic volleyball player Jennifer Oakes, with photo ops included. Open to women and girls ages 6+, this event celebrates resilience, effort, and the importance of role models, while promoting the joy of movement and keeping girls active in sports.

Date: October 19

Time: 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Location: JBS Canada Center Flexhall

Register: longtermfitness.com/girls-who-lead

EcoBrooks Sustainability Award - 2024

Do you know a business in Brooks that has:

- Demonstrated environmental sustainability as a core business goal?
- Used products/materials (could be recyclable or second-hand) that reduces their environmental impact?
- Made upgrades or changes that reduced waste, energy, or water consumption?
- Implemented methods to become more environmentally sustainable?
- Created a product or service that is environmentally sustainable?
- Worked with other sustainable businesses or organizations?

If so, EcoBrooks wants to recognize them! Visit brooks.ca/890/Sustainability-Award to get started!

Nomination deadline is November 1, 2024!

Public Notices

Next Council Meeting

- Monday, October 21 at 4:30 PM.
- Brooks City Hall - Council Chambers (201 1 Ave W)
- Streaming live on the City of Brooks Facebook and YouTube.
- Find the agenda at brooks.ca/agendacentre

Final Day of Yard Waste Collection

The last week for yard waste collection is coming up. From October 28 to November 1, 2024, make sure to set out your yard waste bins for pickup. After this week, collection will stop for the season.

Fall Yard Waste Clean Up

Public Works will be conducting the final Fall Yard Waste Clean Up starting on Monday, November 4, and continuing through November 8. This cleanup will not take place on your normal yard waste pickup day.

Important:

- All residential yard waste must be out by 7:00 AM on Monday, November 4 for collection.
- Yard waste must be in compostable paper bags or clear recycle bags—not your compost bin.
- Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, garden debris, and small branches up to ¼" in diameter (small branches must be securely bundled).

Place your items in the same location as your scheduled yard waste pick up, within 5 feet of the front road or back lane. Please ensure your items do not block sidewalks or traffic.

New Utility Account Application Process

We're excited to announce that setting up a new utility account with the City of Brooks is now easier than ever!

No more downloading PDFs or making trips to City Hall. Our website now features an embedded online form, so you can complete your New Utility Account Application directly on our site and submit it electronically.

Visit brooks.ca/839/New-Utility-Account-Application.

Notice of Public Hearing - Proposed Bylaw 24/25 (Zoning Change)

Date: October 21

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Brooks City Hall - Council Chambers (201 1 Ave W)

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)".

How To Submit Comments: If you would like to submit comments or require further information on this proposed bylaw please email development@brooks.ca, call 403-362-3333, visit the City of Brooks office during normal business hours. Please forward written submissions on or before October 18 at 4:30 PM.

How To Attend or View the Public Hearing: The public is welcome to attend the hearing in person at Brooks City Hall - Council Chambers (201 1 Ave W). The public hearing will also be streamed live on the City of Brooks Facebook and YouTube pages.

This notice is supplementary to the requirements of Bylaw 18/08.

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COMMENT

PBO confirms carbon tax costs more than rebates

FRANCO TERRAZZANO
CANADIAN TAXPAYERS

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is calling on the federal government to scrap its carbon tax following today's Parliamentary Budget Officer report confirming the carbon tax costs average households more than they get back in rebates.

"Once again the PBO confirms the carbon tax costs average families hundreds of dollars more than they get back in rebates," said Franco Terrazzano, CTF Federal Director. "This PBO report proves that politicians' favourite talking point is incorrect and it proves the carbon tax is making life harder for Canadians."

The Trudeau government claims "families are going to be better off" with its carbon tax and rebates. However, today's PBO report shows the carbon tax costs average households more than they get back.

"The average household in each of the backstop provinces will see a net cost, paying more in the federal fuel charge and GST, as well as receiving

lower incomes (due to the fuel charge), compared to the Canada Carbon Rebate they receive," according to the PBO.

The carbon tax will cost the average household up to \$399 this year more than the rebates. The table below shows the net federal carbon tax costs for the average household in each province, according to the PBO.

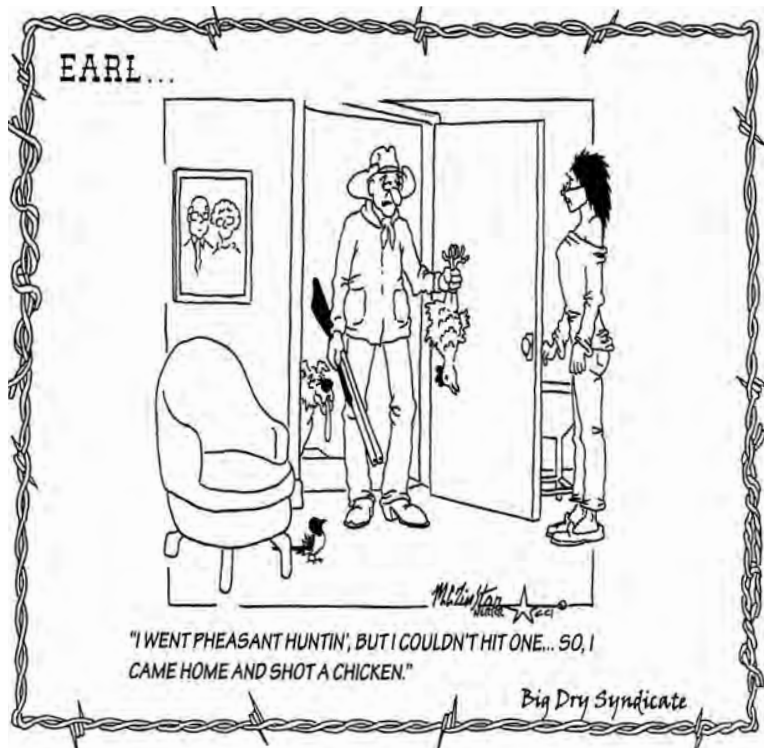
The PBO also noted that, "Canada's own emissions are not large enough to materially impact climate change."

The government also charges its GST on top of the carbon tax. The PBO report shows this carbon tax-on-tax will cost taxpayers \$400 million this year. That money isn't rebated back to Canadians.

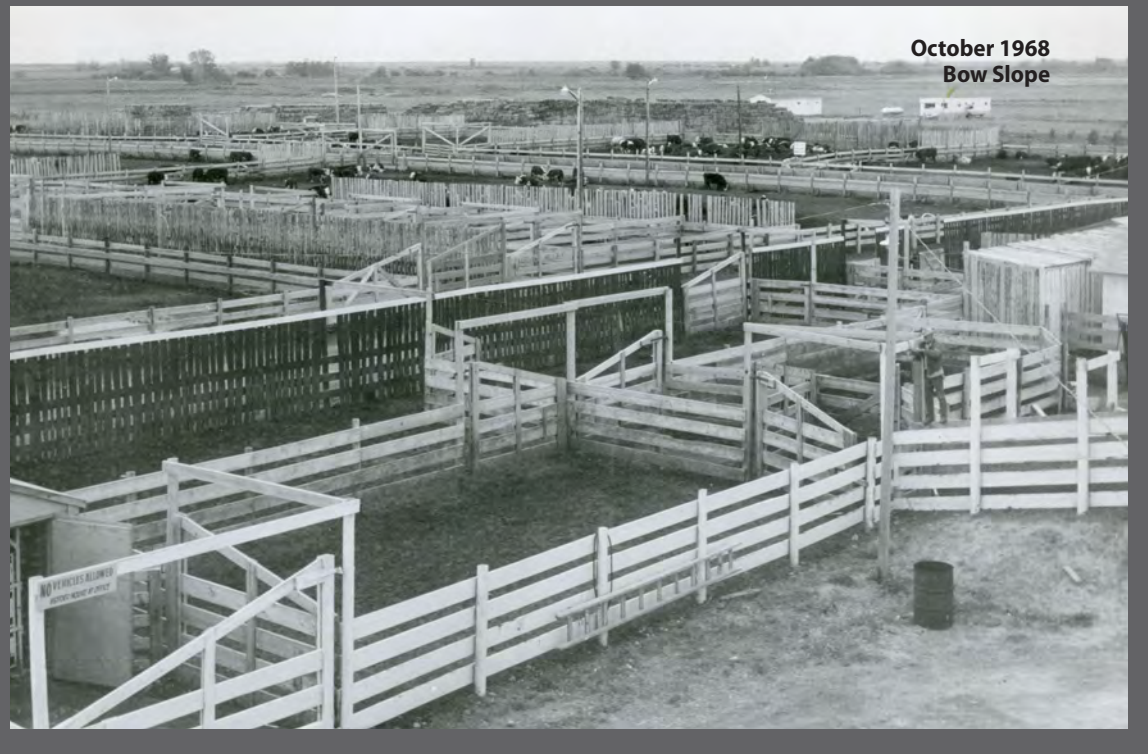
"It's simply not credible to believe the government can impose a carbon tax, skim some money off the top, charge its sales tax on top of the carbon tax and then make families better off," Terrazzano said. "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should take this PBO report as a wake-up call and scrap the carbon tax to make life more affordable."

Carbon tax cost, per PBO

Province	Net cost (total cost – rebates) for average household, 2024-25
Alberta	\$213
Saskatchewan	\$154
Manitoba	\$152
Ontario	\$399
New Brunswick	\$197
Nova Scotia	\$238
Prince Edward Island	\$240
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$170



TIME CAPSULE



Remigration

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



'Remigration': the word had a harmless origin, as a term academics used to describe the phenomenon of migrants who failed to thrive in their new home and decided to go back to their birth country.

Then about ten years ago French nationalists and racists started using it to mean forcible repatriation of legal immigrants. However, it didn't catch on beyond the narrow circle of conspiracy theorists who subscribed to the 'great replacement' myth (the paranoid belief that there is a systematic plot to replace white people with non-white immigrants).

This year the term achieved lift-off, especially in the German-speaking parts of Europe. First the far-right 'Alternative for Germany' party (AfD) openly debated the policy of 'remigration' at a conference in Potsdam last winter. And last month the Freedom Party, which bluntly calls for the expulsion of immigrants, won the Austrian election.

The AfD ranks second in popularity in German opinion polls, but if there were an election today none of the many other parties in the fragmented German political scene would make a coalition with it.

Moreover, its support comes mainly from former east Germans who effectively lived under Russian rule for 45 years after the Second World War and have no tradition of living with immigrants. Before that they voted for Adolf Hitler in the fateful 1933 election – but western Germany has more than three times as many

people, and very few of them vote AfD.

Austria has only a tenth of Germany's population, but it was Hitler's birthplace and what eventually became the Freedom Party was founded in 1956 by ex-Nazis including former SS officers. It is Austria's biggest party after this election, but with only 29% of the seats in Parliament it needs to find coalition partners.

That may not be easy, especially if the Freedom Party insists that its leader, Herbert Kickl, becomes the prime minister. (Party members call him 'Volkskanzler', Hitler's old title.)

Under Kickl, the Freedom Party wants to add a clause to the constitution saying that Austria must protect itself against the European Union, the World Health Organisation and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. (Like almost all extreme right-wing parties, the Freedom Party's members are ultra-nationalist, anti-vaxxer, and climate change deniers.)

Freedom's key offer is to withdraw citizenship from refugees who fail to integrate and simply to abolish the right to asylum. This may be extreme enough to force the other parties into a clumsy anti-Kickl coalition, but even if he becomes prime minister the heavens will not fall.

The Freedom Party has already served in two previous coalition governments, and no drastic changes ensued. Most Austrians still think EU membership is too valuable to give up, and EU rules forbid the anti-democratic measures Kickl seeks. For the moment, at least, Austria remains a law-abiding country.

Indeed, this equation still restrains all the hard-right parties in the EU. Even Viktor Orbán's explicitly anti-EU regime in post-democratic Hungary does not quit the EU, although it regularly condemns

it. The notion of enforced 'remigration' has become common currency in right-wing discourse in Europe, but it is still just talk.

The real threat to this status quo is global warming. The far right may not believe in climate change, but it may deliver them to power nevertheless. As the floods, landslides, heatwaves and droughts get more extreme in Africa and the Middle East, a human wave of climate refugees will start moving towards the EU's southern and eastern borders.

At least one billion people live within reach of those borders by road or by sea.

That's twice as many as live within the EU, and almost all of them will be experiencing more brutal weather than the relatively fortunate Europeans. If only one in a hundred of those people decide to seek refuge in the European Union, that's ten million people banging on the door.

But it's not a door. Even now, long tracts of the EU's external borders are fenced and guarded, while the sea frontiers are patrolled by ships whose unwritten task is to stop would-be migrants in boats even if some of them die as a result.

It is not widely understood that Europe's borders with North Africa and Western Asia are already policed much more ruthlessly than the southern borders of the United States or the even the northern sea frontiers of Australia. This will only get more severe as the climate gets more extreme.

'Remigration' is just a symptom. One day, probably within a decade or so, Herbert Kickl's loose talk about 'Festung Europa' (Fortress Europe) will become a reality.

The only way to avert that is by huge and rapid cuts in emissions plus geoengineering measures to hold the heat down. And how likely is that?



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Halloween may be days away but this home in Sunnylea is ready for the celebration.
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City terminates MPC member

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BROOKS BULLETIN

City council has officially terminated a member of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Jim Third, who was appointed as a citizen-at-large in February 2023, has not attended a meeting in eight months but the commission continued to excuse him.

On Oct. 7 city

council terminated his appointment effective immediately.

Roles of the MPC members include helping to plan and to make recommendations on land use and development.

Sacred Cows

DEVOTIONAL
THOUGHT OF
THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

NATHAM RAMER
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CHURCH

I once heard a speaker talk about how humans are prone to the trap of sacred cows. At first I was inclined to disagree. I have never worshiped a cow (though I do enjoy a good burnt offering every now and then – preferably medium rare), nor do I know anyone that suffers from this temptation.

But of course they meant something a little different. A sacred cow is something we create and attach more significance to than is appropriate. In churches we are all quite familiar with acceptable moral codes of living, usually specific to our own tradition. We are fairly clear on what the Bible clearly outlines as

sin. A sacred cow is the other side of the coin. It is a tradition, teaching, or idea that has been around long enough to be equated with Scripture. Many of these are culturally reinforced, giving them a little extra strength.

Here is an example: in some traditions, high priority is given to “an environment of reverence” in worship. Read between the lines: keep those children quiet! But when we look at the Psalms, we see a variety of kinds of Psalms, from joyful and celebratory (Ps 150 - Praise the Lord!) to sorrowful lament (Ps 51 - Have mercy on me, O God). The Psalms were the ancient hymnbook of the people of Israel, and they allow for a wide spectrum of worship. Appropriate for us as people who experience a wide spectrum of emotion and life circumstance.

Is it wrong to have

an environment of reverence? No. Is it wrong to have an environment of celebration and joy? No. Church services need to create space for both, as well as other realities of life. Especially if you want parents with small children to feel welcome.

It is certainly more difficult to do. It is easier to pick one way of doing things and then always do that. But just because something is difficult does not mean it should not be done.

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BCALC's finance manager earns provincial award

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Bassano's Sabine Nasse was presented with an Alberta Immigrant Impact in the Small Community Enhancement category by the provincial minister of immigration and multiculturalism.

Nasse, a former CAO with the Town of Bassano, was recognized as a dedicated community leader who's been instrumental in enhancing local services and volunteer efforts in her home community.

"With a rich background in finance and administration, she has been a vital part of recreation facility upgrades, support for local seniors, health care and businesses," states a release.

"I am truly honoured and humbled to be one of the



Sabine and Walter Nasse at the immigration awards ceremony.
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recipients of this award," said Nasse.

She said when she learned about her nomination a couple of months ago she

was delighted.

"But when I received an email that I was selected my heart did a back flip. Thank you from the bottom of my

heart."

She said the award is not only a recognition of her accomplishments but is also a reflection of her "incredible mentors and teammates who stood by over the years.

"A big thank you to them for being part of my journey. I could not do it without them."

The awards were presented Oct. 4 to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Albertans born abroad.

Nasse, who was born in Hornburg, Niedersachsen, Germany and grew up in Achim, a town with a population of 320, immigrated to Canada in 1993.

She started working at the finance manager for Brooks Community Adult Learning Council in 2018.



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Farm & Ranch

Potato museum is charmingly informative... multi-billion industry started humbly



A recent road trip saw your inquisitive columnist and his patient wife chance upon the Idaho Potato Museum in Blackfoot, Idaho. What a charming discovery; who would have suspected it contained the world's largest collection of potato mashers, french fry cutters, and potato peelers, including dangerous-looking electric ones. What was an eye-opener was learning about the development of a small local farming enterprise into the world's most concentrated potato-growing and processing mega industries. One notes that Idaho state license plates feature the slogan "Famous Potatoes," and they aren't kidding. The southern part of this state has 300,000

acres in production, producing an estimated 1 billion spuds annually. That's around 25% of US production; add in adjacent Washington state production, and those two states grow close to half of all American potatoes.

That's a lot of production compared to Canada - where national potato acreage is around 390,000, with 80,000 in Alberta. Alberta recently became the largest potato producer, surpassing Manitoba and PEI. The latter province markets its fresh potatoes as being better due to its red sandy soil. Idaho claims its spuds are better because they are grown in volcanic soils. Be that as it may, most spuds nowadays are processed into french fries and potato chips, where potato variety is more important than where they are grown. In the early days, most potatoes were marketed into the fresh market or freeze-

dried into flakes for instant mashed potatoes.

Some of the big processors have developed their own proprietary potato varieties to improve the products they produce. For instance potato chip processors have developed a rounder potato to improve chip size processing and with less sugar content to reduce dark chips. As expected, the Idaho potato growing area is home to the biggest potato processors in the world like McCain's, Lamb Weston, Lays and Simplot. The latter is a family operation that includes 82,000 acres of potato land. At one time, they shipped 10,000 railway boxcars of potatoes all over the USA. They are also famous for a deal they made with MacDonald's in 1973 to make them their largest supplier of french fries in the USA.

The french fry processing business is

based primarily on the Russet Burbank (also called netted gem) variety of potato. It's a long, elongated spud that is ideal for french fries. That potato and its variations are also the main variety used in Alberta potato production. At McDonald's insistence, and they are the big dog buyer, no GMO potatoes are grown. There is no basis in science for that demand; it's strictly a PR marketing strategy. The naïve consumer would be unaware that a perfectly safe GMO potato would reduce the use of millions of tons of pesticides and herbicides worldwide. But I digress. The Potato Museum precisely portrays the evolution of potato planting and harvesting over the past 100 years. In the early days, potato farming was a back-breaking business that was very labour-intensive. Machinery was rudimentary at best and saw potatoes being graded and bagged by

hand in the field and later being loaded by hand onto railway cars. That restricted any significant expansion of potato growing, but relief was on the way as clever inventors and engineers designed ever more efficient large-scale planting and harvesting machinery. Today, commercial potato growers in North America are high-tech leaders using computer-image grading, fully automated handling and drones for disease and pest detection.

One cute display in the museum featured the world's largest potato crisp (a pringle chip). As admirable as that was, it twists the unfortunate reality that the USA, from personal testing experience, cannot produce a superior, flavourful potato chip. That honour goes to Miss Vickie's original potato chips made right here in Taber, Alberta. It boggles the mind that as

sophisticated as the US is in food science and competitive product development, it cannot create the best potato chip in the world. To be fair, the potato chip world is dominated by the giant American Frito-Lay global snacks empire, which also produces the legendary Miss Vickie chips from Canada. I expect in time that superior chip will take over the world.

Finally, the Potato Museum had an attached potato restaurant which cooked up perhaps the finest french fries I had ever tasted outside of iconic MacDonald's fries. It was a good day at the Idaho Potato Museum, much better than the inferior french fry museum in pompous Bruges, Belgium. Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and enthusiastic french fry and potato chip consumer.

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Mayor discusses wastewater future with provincial minister

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Brooks mayor John Petrie told city councillors last week that the city is limited on how much it can grow based on wastewater limitations.

During last week's Alberta Municipalities convention Petrie had a preliminary meeting with Ric McIver, minister of municipal affairs to discuss where to go next.

"We are good for a while yet but a new wastewater facility will be needed and they certainly do not come cheap," Petrie told council. "That's certainly something council will have to look at."

Over the past few years presentations have been made to city council regarding wastewater upgrades with options including a mechanical system which would replace the current lagoons and an organic system which would require a new lagoon

to filter the water through plants and other organic vegetation.

Petrie told The Bulletin that the current system is good until the population reaches about 17,000. The city's population is hovering at 15,000 mark.

Petrie said the meeting with McIver was to discuss grant applications and a where-we-go-from-here scenario. The estimated \$29 million cost would be too much of a burden for municipal taxpayers.

Petrie said the idea would be to construct a new facility to accommodate the population 40-50 years into the future.

During the convention Petrie also attended a session on the importance of reducing the daily consumption of water.

He said the idea discussed is to drop the daily amount to 195 litres per day with a goal of 175 litres per day per person.

"Calgary had to go through this when they

went through some of their water problems in reducing their water consumptions," he said.

He said ways to reduce consumption include education and reducing leakage.

Councillor Ray Juska, who also attended the session added that another drought was expected this year but the idea of conservation went into the queue when the area started to receive rain.

"There's nothing saying that it's not going to get dry again," he said.

"It's something that we should always bear in mind and there's financial repercussions," he said.

Juska noted some dos and don'ts from other communities, such as reusing storm water, conservation rebates, outdoor watering schedules while ensuring that monitoring water doesn't cost money.

County OKs recreation agreements with Duchess council and ag society

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county has signed recreation agreements with the Village of Duchess and the Duchess Agricultural Society which will result in a significant funding increase.

The agreement with the village replaces the previous document that expired in 2023 while the agreement with the ag society is new.

The agreement with both organizations includes an automatic one year renewal, it gives the Duchess recreation, parks and culture board the authority to consider ag society capital budget requests and reporting requirements are to be aligned with those that are required under recently

approved agreements while adding a five-year capital plan.

The previous agreement that was signed in 2020 included capital funding of \$59,000 for indoor athletic field, outdoor playgrounds and walking trails, \$55,950 matched by the village for the ag society, a \$5,000 matched contribution as the base budget for rec, parks and culture board. It also included a two per cent increase each year.

The county and village had agreed to each pay 50 per cent of capital expenditures for recreation facilities and 50 per cent each for capital costs less any fundraising or grants by the ag society.

The updated agreement

will see the county pay \$80,000 for recreation in 2024 and \$5,415 to the recreation board which is to be matched by the village.

The ag society had been a part of the original recreation agreement but it was decided to separate the organization from the village.

The ag society must provide a five year capital plan as part of their reporting. The agreement includes an automatic one-year renewal, annual capital funding commitment of one-third from the county, village and the society up to a maximum of \$60,000 per group and it allows the society to consider capital requests from the recreation board.

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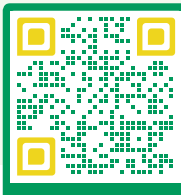
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Bassano Banner

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BASSANO - On October 9, 14 board members, volunteers and spouses with Bassano Area Resource Recovery Association gathered at Armando's to enjoy a farewell dinner as BARRA, as it is known, is closing its operation after well over 30 years of recycling in Bassano. There was much reminiscing among the volunteers as to many of the stages of growth from inception including searching for suitable accommodation to the official opening of their new building on April 29, 2000. Recycling will certainly continue on the same site through mobile sorting containers which will in turn be transported to Newell Recycling in Brooks. Essentially the two groups have amalgamated as market values and transportation costs have made it necessary to close the current facility in Bassano. Special tribute was made to the many volunteers who showed up faithfully in the early years to help with sorting paper and other materials that were collected or dropped off at the sites. Merchants and residents have been most supportive from the very beginning.

The Bassano Banner would like to send anniversary greetings to Darrel & Carrie Lassiter, Irv & Wanda Lepp, Clayton & Jennica Lassiter, Jim & Jean Bergen, Jace & Tanis Elliott, Rick & Anita Roen and Kim & Brittany Taing. Warm congratulations to all these couples from your family and friends.

The birthday guy sends best wishes to Kate Ludwig, Richard Galarneau, Wendy Reimer, Lon Trapp, Marilyn Walde, Stephanie George, Randi-Lynn MacDonald, Alanna Magnusson, Ashley Lepp, Alan Treiber, Aspen Schaffer, Crystal Schaffer, Steven Scott and Quinton Wirachowsky. I am sure there are many more names I have missed.

Bassano area residents have been thrilled with the spectacular evening displays of the aurora borealis or northern lights as we call

them. These light shows have been enjoyed by many communities over North America.

There is still time to get your Bassano Arts Council season tickets especially with Creedence Clearwater Remembered scheduled for October 22nd.

The fall suppers are approaching very soon, especially with Gem on October 19th and Hussar on October 24th. Reminders for others will be posted again next week in your Bassano Banner.

Playfair Lodge is busy as usual with cribbage, bingo and exercise groups. Thanksgiving Day is special for Allen Grimshaw who celebrates his birthday. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the Grade 2 and 3 classes last Wednesday.

Please submit your community news including upcoming events to 403-409-1101. Remember the Banner covers several areas, Gem, Rosemary and Bassano and touching into Wheatland County. Help us keep your community current.

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - The Northern Lights, sunrises and sunsets have been stellar this Fall. I think that autumn may just have the most interesting skies out of all the seasons.

I hope most of you were able to enjoy some a nice meal and hopefully some family time over the Thanksgiving weekend. The weather sure cooperated for all to enjoy the outdoors!

There will be a surprise 90th "Birthday party for Kayo Brodie on Saturday Oct 19th at the Patricia Hotel at 4pm. Kayo owned and ran the Duchess Auto Body shop for many years and resided there also. He has resided in B.C for a few years but he and Elaine recently moved to Medicine Hat. We hope many will join

in this celebration. Kayo will be so surprised and happy to see everyone. We hope to see you there.

Duchess Community Hall is hosting their annual Turkey dinner on Monday, October 21st from 4:30-6:30 pm. It's a fantastic home-cooked meal and some nice visiting and you don't have to cook or do the dishes. Please consider this your invitation!

Duchess Community Garden members were busy on the weekend with an upgrade to the garden. Thirty-six raised garden plots were built with grant monies from the Community Foundations of Southeastern Alberta. All plots were filled with new topsoil and peat. Garden members would like to thank Kent and the Village Office for their help in making this project happen. Members are already looking forward to the next growing season with the addition of these raised plots. Plots will be available next spring for a fee which then includes access to community produce.

Garden members would also like to thank everyone who contributed to making this growing season a success. Word on the street is that we have one of the best community gardens around!

We just observed Fire Safety Week and that is the perfect time of the year to check your smoke detectors. If you do it the same time of

year, it becomes a good habit.

Our community sends warm condolences to Jack, Jim and Janice Osadczuk for the loss of their beloved wife and mother, Joanne. If you met Joanne, you knew she was a loving person, hard worker and was always involved in her community. May you find comfort with your cherished memories and with each other.

Have a good week and please call or text your news to me at 403 793 1630 or email louie63_@hotmail.com

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28 Pre-Book Calf Sale 10:00 am	29	30 Pre-Book Calf Sale 10:00 am	31		

NOVEMBER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 Pre-Book Calf Sale 10:00 am	5	6 Pre-Book Calf Sale 10:00 am	7	8 Regular Sale 9:00 am	9
11 Pre-Book Calf Sale 10:00 am	12	13 Pre-Book Calf Sale 10:00 am	14	15 Regular Sale 9:00 am	16 Bred Sale 12:00 pm
18	19	20	21	22 Regular Sale 9:00 am	23 Bred Sale 12:00 pm
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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - The Rolling Hills Ag Society will host the annual Pumpkin Growers Ball on Saturday, October 19 at the Rolling Hills Community Hall. Weigh-in begins at 5:00 pm, dinner to follow at 6:00 and then the dance beginning at 9:00 pm. Tickets are available online or at the Rolling Hills Post Office.

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

Bethany Lutheran Church is hosting a Fall Supper on Saturday, October 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the church basement. Everyone is welcome. A free will offering will be collected. Come out for some roast beef and the fixings with coffee and desserts. Catch up with your neighbours!

The CATS group will have their Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 28 at the Tilley Friendship Centre/Tilley and District Public Library building at 7:00 pm. 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.

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will offer a worship service with Holy Communion at 10:00 am on

Sunday, November 3 with Reverend John Theiss. 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.

A group of professors were on an airplane. When the doors were sealed, they were informed that the airplane had been designed and constructed by their students. All but one of the instructors immediately rushed off the plane. The flight attendant asked the

remaining man why he had not followed his peers in their panic to the exit. He replied, "This aircraft was created by our students. I'm sure it will not fly!"

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also email at goombaw@eidnet.org with subject line Tilley Telegram.

Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the coming week Abram on Oct 15, Luke & Tyson Dahlman & Rick Baxter on Oct 16, Hanrico on Oct 18, Josephine on Oct 19, John & Bernice Kuefler anniversary on Oct 23.

Rainier Community Club are looking for any family & children board games in working order, along with any craft type things you would like to donate. Please reach out to a board member and they would be happy to take things off your hands or I should say cupboards. Kids Club @ Rainier Hall on Oct 18, 7pm to 8:30pm. Halloween movie night Oct 26 @ the Rainier community hall for 6pm. Entry by donation. Family friendly movie along with light snacks. Can't wait to see all the costumes for the costume contest.

Alcoma School News- A reminder to all drivers when going through Rainier to please be mindful it is a school

zone for a small stretch past the school area, hall & access road. Parents if you would like to book parent teacher interviews for Oct 22 & 23, call the school or book online @ <http://schoolinterviews.ca/code/wuj87>

Volleyball- JH Boys Alcoma Raiders @ CTK for a tournament all day Oct 18. JH girls Alcoma Raiders @ CTK all day Oct 19. JH Alcoma vs Jenner @ Alcoma Oct 22 for 4:30pm

We are heavily into harvest all around us, please be mindful of everyone's safety in this farming community. Best Wishes to all with Harvest & all agricultural tasks.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Rolling Hills Pumpkin Growers Ball Oct 19th. There will be a supper held along with the pumpkin contest weigh in, followed by a dance. Tickets available @ https://www.rollinghills.ca/store/c4/Event_Tickets.html

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. Borrow it like a book.

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Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - Well, as you all know, it's a long weekend so we have to get our newsletters in early.

I want to say a happy Thanksgiving weekend to all. Hope everybody is thankful for the time we get to spend with our family. Have a great one.

Today we had our crazy card ladies day at Helen's and we don't want to let you know who is the winner Vickie. Oh sorry I let that out of the bag. We have such a great day with us ladies. So much laughs and that's what it's all about. I'm thankful for these days that I get to spend playing cards with you all.

Carrie Palko and Dana Bridges made a trip to Medicine Hat on Wednesday

to do some shopping and had a great day.

Barb Dunning was in Regina Saskatchewan on the weekend for an Oil wives convention with a lot of women from Brooks. Said it was a great time. Barb and Brian's daughter Barbara D came down to visit with dad. Well Barb was gone. She had such a great visit with Dad.

So as I say, have a great long weekend too all. Enjoy all food that you can get as it is a turkey holiday. Travel safe love you and talk to you all later.

Please get a hold of me with happy news or news that we need to share with our community because we have such great one. Get a hold of me 403-363-7496. Have a great weekend.

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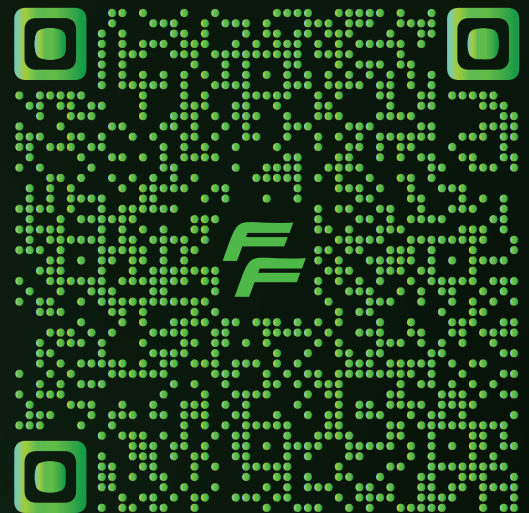
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obituaries



HEMSING - It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, David Stuart Hemsing. He passed away peacefully on October 7th, 2024 at the age of 65 years, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. David was born in Brooks on May 22nd, 1959, the twenty-second child of Mary and Sylvester Hemsing. He was raised with his large loving family on their farm in Rolling Hills. He grew up admiring his older siblings, playing sports, helping on the farm and eventually joining his older brothers in the oilfield industry. In grade twelve, he

met his future wife, Karen Rommens. They were married in 1981, and started their new lives in Brooks. Their son, Tyler, was born in 1984. Soon after, daughters Andrea and Laura were welcomed to make their family complete. Throughout the adventures of raising their children, they stayed and established roots in Brooks and the surrounding areas. Early on in his career, David joined forces with four of his brothers to establish Champion Drilling. After the sale of Champion Drilling, David ventured on his own to form Quintera Drilling. David and partners started Lasso Drilling in 2013, continuing to make many lasting relationships. David enjoyed his long-time involvement with the Brooks Kinsmen Club, working rodeos and on many other community service projects. He proudly supported his local hockey team and served in several capacities on the board of the Brooks Bandits Hockey Club. Travel destinations with friends and family included China, Mexico, Maui, California and numerous fishing trips. Dave's many interests included reading, gardening, restoring antiques and politics. David will be fondly remembered for his lighthearted, friendly nature and practical jokes. David often brought his extended family together for delicious meals and plentiful laughter. His true love was spending time and making memories with his grandkids including camping, off-roading, boating and fishing. David was predeceased by his beloved son Tyler, his parents, and his siblings, James and Barbara. He is survived by his loving wife Karen; daughters, Andrea Wionzek (Reece) and Laura Hartley (Aaron); grandchildren, Mackenzie, Sawyer, Lincoln and Cora. He is also survived by 19 brothers and sisters and their extended family as well as mother-in-law Cora Rommens and brothers and sisters-in-law. The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Brooks Hospital for their compassionate care. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, October 15th, at 10:30 am at St Mary's Parish Catholic Church. Rev. Marino Infante Celebrant. Interment followed at Brooks Cemetery. Luncheon followed at the Heritage Inn and Convention Centre, Brooks. In lieu of flowers, please feel welcome to share David's love of animals with a donation directly to Brooks Animal Protection Society (BAPS), Box 86, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B2.

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obituaries



BOHNET - Leonard Ralph Bohnet of Brooks, passed away in Brooks on Wednesday, September 18 at the age of 86 years. He was born on October 5, 1937 in Woolchester, Alberta to Walter and Emma Bohnet. Leonard was a man of many talents and will be sorely missed for his advice and his sense of humor. He loved working on his woodworking projects and helping his daughters with whatever projects they could dream up and was always a helping hand when needed. He loved getting back to his roots by going to the farm and helping during harvest. He enjoyed the weekends of fishing and camping with his family, playing cards,

socializing, and dancing at the Legion. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley Bohnet and his three daughters, Cheryl (Gordon) Huggard of Langdon, Tracey (Marty) Caseley of Veteran, and Deanna (Cameron) Armstrong of Brooks, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Dr. Coetzee and all the staff at Long Term Care. In memory of Leonard, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to Canadian Cancer Society for Research, 200, 325 Manning Road NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 2P5

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STURCH - Gary William Sturch sadly and unexpectedly was taken from us on June 10th, 2024, in Bassano Alberta at the age of 80 years old.

Born in Vancouver on November 11, 1943, he enjoyed an idyllic childhood of fishing, collecting coins and investing in houses.

While still in Vancouver, as a young ambitious man, he qualified as a Chartered Accountant and eventually found his way out to Brooks where he established his accounting practice. Although he will be remembered as a dedicated professional to his clients in their business affairs, he will equally be known as a prankster who was uniquely able to bring levity to any situation.

Gary retired to Bassano in 2002 and began a new chapter of his life. People will always remember Gary for his diverse interests and his ability to freely converse on a broad range of topics as well as his charity, integrity and his love for his children.

Gary is survived by his sister Dianne and her husband Bill and his other sister Sherri; his six children Rebecca, Derrick, Kenneth, Braden, Calen and Rhiannon; and his nine grandchildren Karl, Aiden, Olive, Elias, Kenneth, Jacklyn, Jayna, Anikka and Andrius.

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RAMSDALE - Cody (Kermit) Lawrence Ramsdale was born in Whitecourt, AB on August 23, 1968, and passed away peacefully in Calgary at the Peter Lougheed Hospital on October 3, 2024.

Cody is survived by his sister Lauren, brother Darcy (Brenda), brother Dusty, stepmother Lynda, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, Frank and Maureen, sister Shelly, niece Jodi, and brother-in-law Robert.

Donations may be made in Cody's name to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Cody Lawrence Ramsdale, please visit our Tree Store.

HOLAND - Priscilla Holand of Brooks, beloved wife of Marvin, passed away in Brooks on October 9, 2024 at the age of 85. A full obituary and funeral details will be made available once finalized. For further information or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomsonfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.



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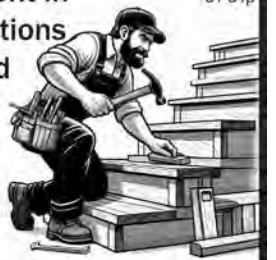
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- Growers - Weigh in your pumpkin starting at 5:00
- BBQ Supper with several types of meat and deep fried french fries complete with poutine toppings & salads starting at 6:00
- DJ & Dance starting at 9:00

WHERE: Rolling Hills Community Hall

TICKETS: Adults (ages 13 & up) - \$30

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- Auxiliary hydraulics plumbed for twist bucket
- Groeneveld auto greaser system
- ESPAR engine coolant heater
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Preference will be given to applicants possessing:

- Diploma or degree from a post-secondary institution in an agricultural-related field and/or a combination of experience and education.
- A pesticide applicator license or willingness to obtain.
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- Knowledge of weed control methods.
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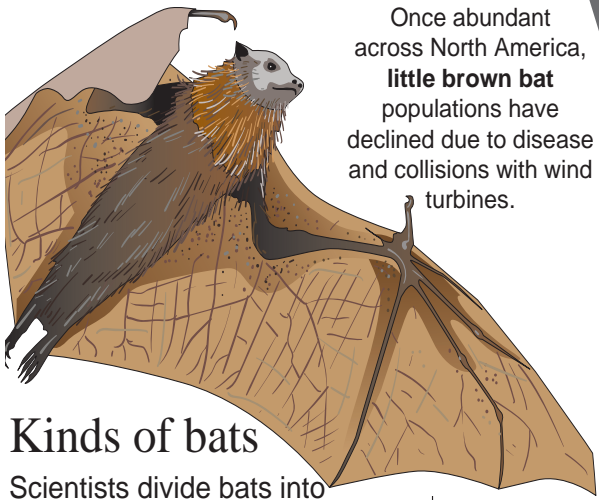
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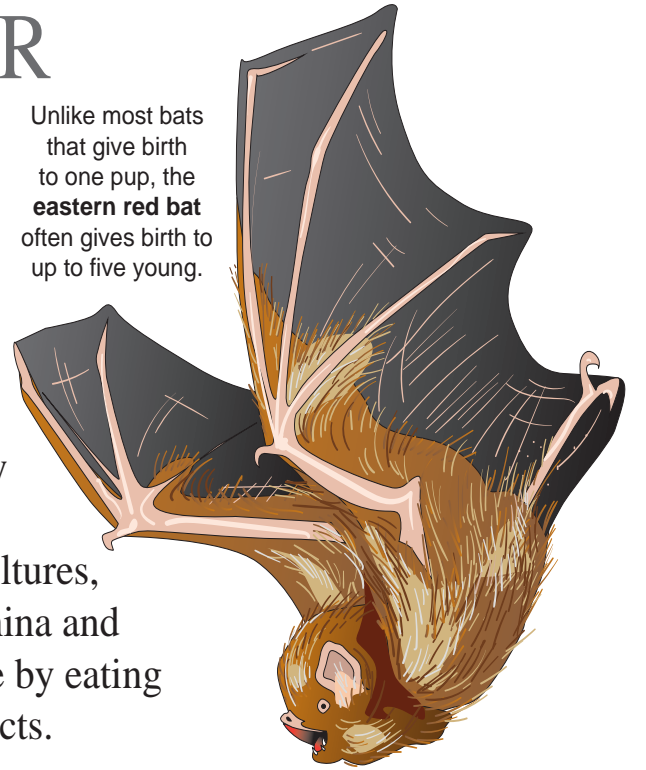
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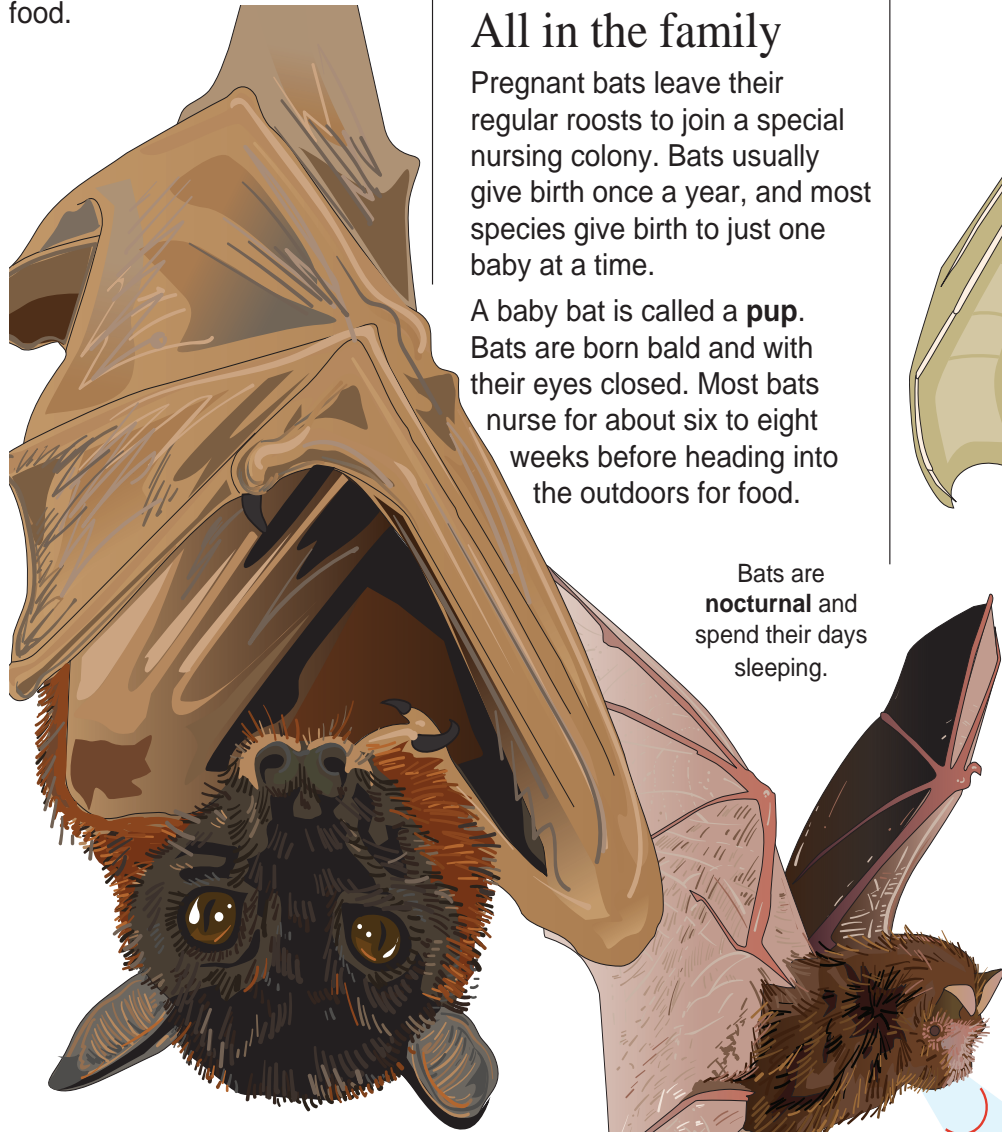
Once abundant across North America, **little brown bat** populations have declined due to disease and collisions with wind turbines.



Unlike most bats that give birth to one pup, the **eastern red bat** often gives birth to up to five young.

Kinds of bats

Scientists divide bats into two groups — **megabats** and **microbats**. Megabats are also known as **fruit bats** or **flying foxes**. Megabats generally have big eyes and excellent eyesight. Most do not rely on echolocation to find food; they eat fruit and nectar. Because megabats are not found in the Americas, they are sometimes called **Old World bats**. Microbats are smaller and eat mostly insects. They have big ears and small eyes, and they rely on echolocation to find food.



The **flying fox bat** is the world's largest bat. It has a wingspan of up to 5 ft. (1.5 m). There are about 65 of this bat species found on tropical islands from Madagascar to Australia and Indonesia, as well as mainland Asia.



The **spotted bat** is found throughout western North America from southern British Columbia to northern Mexico.

The world's smallest mammal, the **bumblebee bat** is found in western Thailand and southeastern Myanmar.

There are more than 1,000 species of bats, 40 of which live in North America. The only mammal that can fly, bats come in many shapes and sizes. Sometimes feared in Western cultures, the bat is a symbol of long life and happiness in China and Japan. Many bats provide a valuable service to people by eating large quantities of destructive or annoying insects.

Habitat

Most bats like to live in dark places, like caves, tree or rock crevices, and sometimes in buildings. They tend to live in large colonies. At dusk, they leave the roost and head for favorite feeding grounds.

All in the family

Pregnant bats leave their regular roosts to join a special nursing colony. Bats usually give birth once a year, and most species give birth to just one baby at a time.

A baby bat is called a **pup**. Bats are born bald and with their eyes closed. Most bats nurse for about six to eight weeks before heading into the outdoors for food.

Bats are **nocturnal** and spend their days sleeping.

Hardwicke's woolly bat is native to Asia and has been known to roost in pitcher plants.

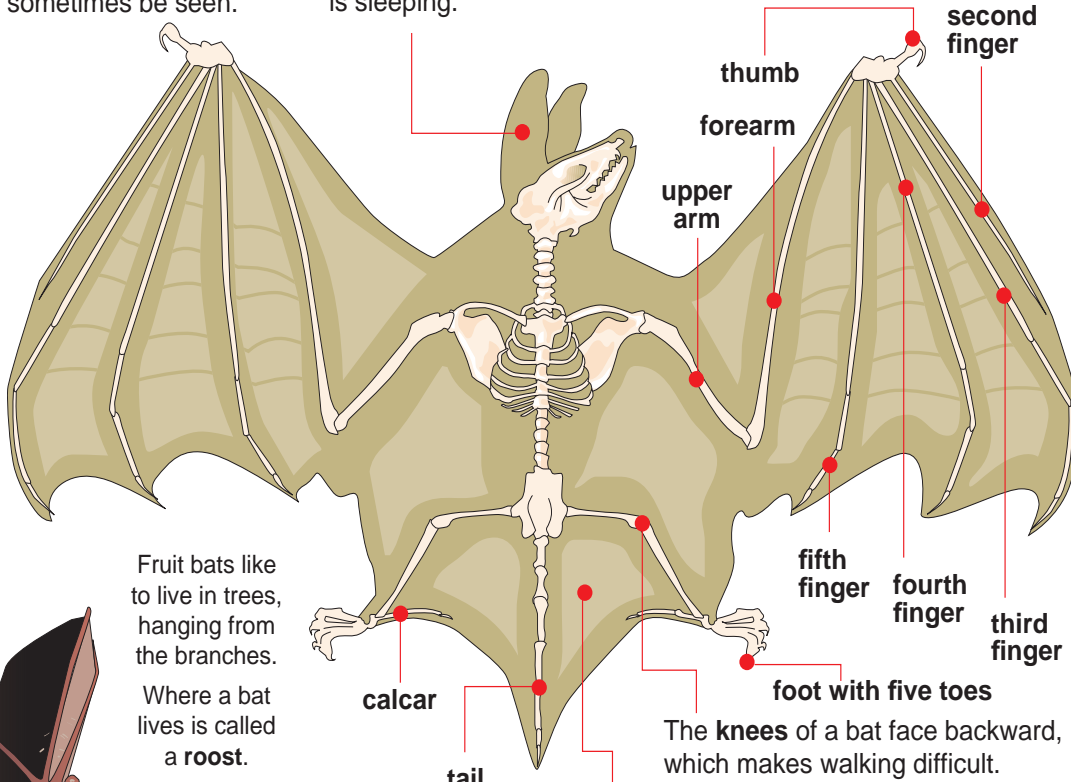
Anatomy

Most bats have fur or hair, and they come in a variety of colors. Some people think their bodies look very mouselike. Bats digest food more quickly than many animals. This helps them maintain an ideal flying weight.

Bat wings are so thin that blood flowing through the veins can sometimes be seen.

Bat ears twitch constantly, even when the bat is sleeping.

A bat's hands are also its wings. Long fingers support strong, elastic membranes. There is a claw on the thumb.



Fruit bats like to live in trees, hanging from the branches.

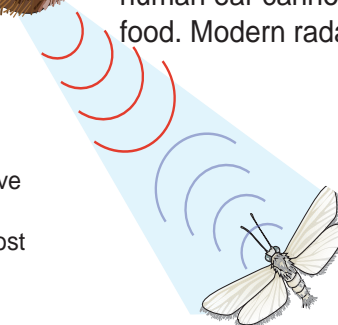
Where a bat lives is called a **roost**.

The **knees** of a bat face backward, which makes walking difficult.

Many bats use the **tail membrane** to help catch prey.

Echolocation

Most bats have excellent eyesight, and many (mostly insect-eaters) use sound to find food. The bat emits a high-pitched sound from its nose or mouth. As the sound bounces off objects, the bat is able to determine exactly where the object is, even when it is moving. This is called **echolocation**. Most of the sounds that bats make are so high that the human ear cannot hear them. Some dolphins also use echolocation to find food. Modern radar equipment is based on the same principle.



Did you know?

Bats are strong, skilled flyers and have been known to reach speeds of up to 60 mph (97 kph).

About 70% of bats eat insects and can eat half their weight in mosquitoes in one night.

There are three bat species that drink blood. The **common vampire bat** favors the blood of cattle and other domestic livestock, while the **hairy-legged** and **white-winged** vampires feed on bird blood.

Hawks and owls are the main predators of bats. Opossums, raccoons and skunks will eat bats that have fallen to the ground.

Almost 40% of North American bats are threatened or endangered. This is due to habitat loss and pesticides that find their way into the food chain. Some are killed as pests, and in some places, people eat fruit bats.