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Brothers Amir, left, and Youseff Ezzeddine participate in Griffin Park School's Terry Fox School Run that was held on Friday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## New grove named in memory of first Brooks CIB member

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The newest grove in the Communities in Bloom Commemorative Forest was named in memory of Jackie Murray, a co-founder of Brooks Communities in Bloom.

Jackie Murray passed away on April 4, 2024 at the age of 97.

"It's wonderful. She worked so hard for so many years. I think it's great. She would have been very happy," said Jane Murray, Jackie's daughter.

Murray said her mother loved to volunteer and was consumed by Communities in Bloom as evidenced by the reams of paper she has been going through since her mother's death.

"She was consumed by it from every waking minute - planning. She loved it. I think it was very flattering. I think it was a real honour. I'm very pleased they chose to name that for her," she said.

A letter from Bow River MP Martin Shields was read on his behalf during last week's Commemorative Forest celebration.

He noted that the forest is more than a collection of trees but is a tribute and sanctuary with each tree representing a story, a memory and a life well lived.

He wrote that Jackie Murray helped to foster Communities in Bloom to the program it is today.

Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA and premier Danielle Smith noted, in her letter, that projects like the Commemorative Forest help to build communities.

Heather Pigott, Smith's constituency assistant recalled the time last year when she and Smith met Jackie at her home to award her the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal to honour her for her community work.

"We are thrilled to see that there is a grove in the Commemorative Forest that further honours Jackie's

legacy," said Pigott.

County councillor Amanda Skanderup said a tree can be a reminder of the resilience required to weather life's storms of loss and grief.

This year's honourees engraved on the plaque that stands in front of the forest are:

John Andrejcin, Addy Bonora, Jimmy Bonora, Sheila Cochran, Dr. Gavin Ellefson, John Frances, Carol Gil, Mia Gunter, Allen T. Jeffrey, Soren Jorgensen, Pam Lawson, Dianne MacKinnon, Jackie Murray, Jenny Niznik, Asher Fane Paton, Jac Peeters, Elvin Robinson, Gerald Robinson, Grace Robinson, Gertie Smith, Laurielee Svoboda, Struan and Jean Vaughan, Vicky I. Williams, Roy Walter Wilson and Barbara Wutzke.

In 2012 the first trees were planted in the Commemorative Forest's inaugural grove. The forest is located at Lake Stafford.

## SPEC holds AGM

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Representatives from federal and provincial agencies attended the annual SPEC Association annual general meeting.

The association, with its 26 languages spoken by its staff, is a hub of programs providing information, family supports and community connection.

Over half its funding, 57 per cent, is from the federal government while 26 per cent is from the province,

11 per cent is municipal grants, while the balance is fundraising and interest.

The 2024 budget was about \$1.85 million with \$1.79 in expenses.

The budget year ended with an \$11,000 deficit, however, there was funding that was included that crossed fiscal years.

SPEC is home to a multitude of programs including services for newcomers such as settlement worker in school and home instruction for parents

of preschool kids, Makerspace and FASD programs.

Grasslands superintendent Scott Brandt said he is grateful to SPEC for the settlement worker program.

"Our schools rely so heavily on our SWIS workers. The impact they provide every single day to our students and families is really special," said Brandt.

"On behalf of all the schools in Grasslands it's a benefit for your support and we're very grateful."



The Murray family stands at the plaque before it is unveiled. Shown are Hunter Price, great grandson, Jane Murray, daughter, Jackie Murray, daughter-in-law. Back Neil Murray, son and his wife Darlaine. Centre, Ross Murray, son and Brandi Perry, family friend. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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# Bandits enjoying a four game BCHL win streak

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The Brooks Bandits defeated the Penticton Vees 4-1 on Friday and the Trail Smoke Eaters 5-4 in overtime on Sunday in the Alberta-based team's first two true BCHL matches at the Centennial Regional Arena.

The Bandits have hosted BC teams since they entered the British Columbia League in February, but the weekend marked the first two matches for Brooks as full-fledged members of the BCHL.

The Vees started their September road trip in Alberta where they defeated Spruce Grove and Sherwood Park, lost to Brooks on Friday and then put another W in their column on Saturday after defeating Blackfalds Bulldogs 4-1.

Trail Smoke Eaters began their Alberta tour on Friday and defeated Spruce Grove 7-2, lost 6-3 to the Sherwood Park Crusaders and then lost in overtime to

Brooks on Sunday.

Attendance at the weekend games was just over 1,500 on Saturday and just over 1,700 on Sunday afternoon.

On Friday the first two periods saw a lot of defensive hockey with both sides trying to capitalize on the other team's minor errors as the Bandits managed to do in the first period. With one Vee-man in the box for a minor penalty, Bandits Liam Fitzpatrick scored a shorthanded goal, his first of the season.

No goals were scored in the second period but five minutes into the final period it was Nick Peluso who found the back of the net, followed by Quinn McCall less than four minutes later which was followed by the Vees lone goal.

Parker Lalonde who last was named a BCHL Star of the Week for his six points in two games finished Saturday's match with the empty netter to defeat the Vees 4-1.

Against Trail on Sunday,

Lalonde once again stood out with a goal in the third and the unassisted overtime goal.

Davide Patella, with a shorthanded goal and Nathan Free had the only goals in the first period to give the Bandits a 2-0 lead but by the end of the second period the score was tied at three a side thanks to a trio of Trail goals and one Nick Peluso powerplay goal and in the final period Lalonde scored his first goal of the game but Trail found their way to the back of the net to move the game into OT.

In the overtime, rookie goalie Mikus Vecvanags stopped a Trail two-on-one opportunity giving the Bandits their own opportunity.

Lalonde stole the puck in his zone, broke out and buried the puck at the three minute mark to give the Bandits their fourth win.

Lalonde with his pair of goals and Nathan Free with a pair of assists, earned both players two of the game's three stars.



Penticton Vees goalie Will Ingemann allows Brooks Bandits Liam Fitzpatrick get an unassisted shorthanded goal in the first period of their match on Friday. The Bandits went on to defeat the Vees 4-1. Ingemann was replaced in the third period by Andrew Ness. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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## Notice of application Salt Flats Solar Farm

**PACE Canada Development LP has filed an application for a 25.9-megawatt solar power plant within the city of Brooks**

**Proceeding 29272**  
**Application 29272-A001**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be considering the power plant development application in Proceeding 29272. If you feel you may be affected by this application you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

**Written submissions are due November 4, 2024.**

PACE Canada Development LP has applied to construct and operate a 25.9-megawatt solar power plant and to connect the power plant to the FortisAlberta Inc. distribution system. The power plant would be sited on 175 acres of grazed land. The power plant would be located within the municipal boundary of the city of Brooks, in the west half of Section 5, Township 19, Range 14, west of the Fourth Meridian. The application has been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

**Additional information about the application**

The application and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca). Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, please contact:

PACE Canada Development LP  
 Rhonda Barron  
 Phone: 587-869-0772  
 Email: [rhonda.barron@pathfinderce.com](mailto:rhonda.barron@pathfinderce.com)

**Participant information**

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under "Get involved."

**Submissions**

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 29272, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit [www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling](http://www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling). Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for more information or assistance with filing your submission. The lead application officer, Fatiha Rezwan, can also be contacted at [fatiha.rezwan@auc.ab.ca](mailto:fatiha.rezwan@auc.ab.ca) or 403-592-4383.

The AUC may make its decision without further notice or process if no written submissions are received.

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It's been four years since it was initially proposed but the work has finally started on construction of the 43-unit apartment and its 43 above ground parking stalls beside the post office. A second lot has been purchased behind the former Oxford Hotel that will be used for parking. The complex was approved in June 2020 and the permit was issued in September of that year. Extensions were granted by the Municipal Planning Commission in March and September 2022, in May 2023 until May 2024 and in May 2024 until May 2025 while funding and construction costs were finalized as well as government approvals. The city issued the building permit within the last week. With the construction now underway the builders are hoping to get it ready for winter construction. "We have renewed this development permit several times over the years. A number of people in the community have noticed that some survey stakes have gone in on the lot. The developer has met just about every condition on their notice of decision and are gearing up to begin construction this fall," said Lisa Tiffin, the city's director of planning and community development. "We're excited to see that one coming forward." | BULLETIN PHOTO

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## COMMENT

## Robbing farmers to pay for battery-worker jobs

Ottawa is hammering farmers with carbon taxes while flooding the battery industry with subsidies. Yet again the West gets screwed

GWYN MORGAN  
FINANCIAL POST

Last month, echoing a U.S. announcement three months earlier, the federal Liberals announced a 100 per cent tariff on the import of Chinese electric vehicles (EVs). China wasted no time striking back where it would hurt most, launching an anti-dumping investigation into Canadian canola exports. While there's no evidence of dumping, there's a very high likelihood the move is a procedural pretext to halting canola imports. China has long been the biggest canola buyer and was expected to purchase 70 per cent of this year's bumper crop.

China's move was predictable, given that it blocked canola imports following the arrest of Huawei Chief Financial Officer Meng Wanzhou in 2019. Canola producers in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba lost some \$2 billion as a result of that boycott.

The Trudeau government's press release described Chinese EVs as an "extraordinary threat" to Canada's auto workers. But the reality is that Canada produces zero EVs, and there are no projects on the table to do so. What is on the table are subsidies — \$50-billion worth — to Honda, Swedish automaker Northvolt, Ford, Stellantis, Volkswagen and General Motors to build EV battery plants in Ontario and Quebec.

The American situation is entirely different from Canada's. The U.S. does manufacture EVs, but the U.S./China trading relationship involves multiple industries with no obvious target for China to strike back at. This makes Trudeau's mimicking of the American move profoundly irresponsible. That the Liberal government would put canola farmers at risk in order to protect jobs in Ontario and Quebec is despicable but hardly out of character. The Trudeau Liberals have a long record of making decisions that harm the West — and western farmers, in particular.

Data from the Agricultural Carbon Alliance show that during just one month in 2023, livestock farmers paid an average \$726 in carbon taxes, field crop farmers \$2,024 and greenhouse operators \$17,173. A sampling of 50 farms showed

total payments of \$329,644 in just that one month. And there are 190,000 farms in Canada.

This harmful policy comes at a time when the future of the entire Canadian farming sector is at risk. A study sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada predicts that by 2033, 40 per cent of Canadian farm operators will retire. Over that same period, a shortfall of 24,000 general farm, nursery and greenhouse workers is expected. The study states: "These gaps loom at a time when Canada's agricultural workforce needs to evolve to include skills like data analytics. To meet our long-term goals, we'll need to build a new pipeline of domestic operators and workers."

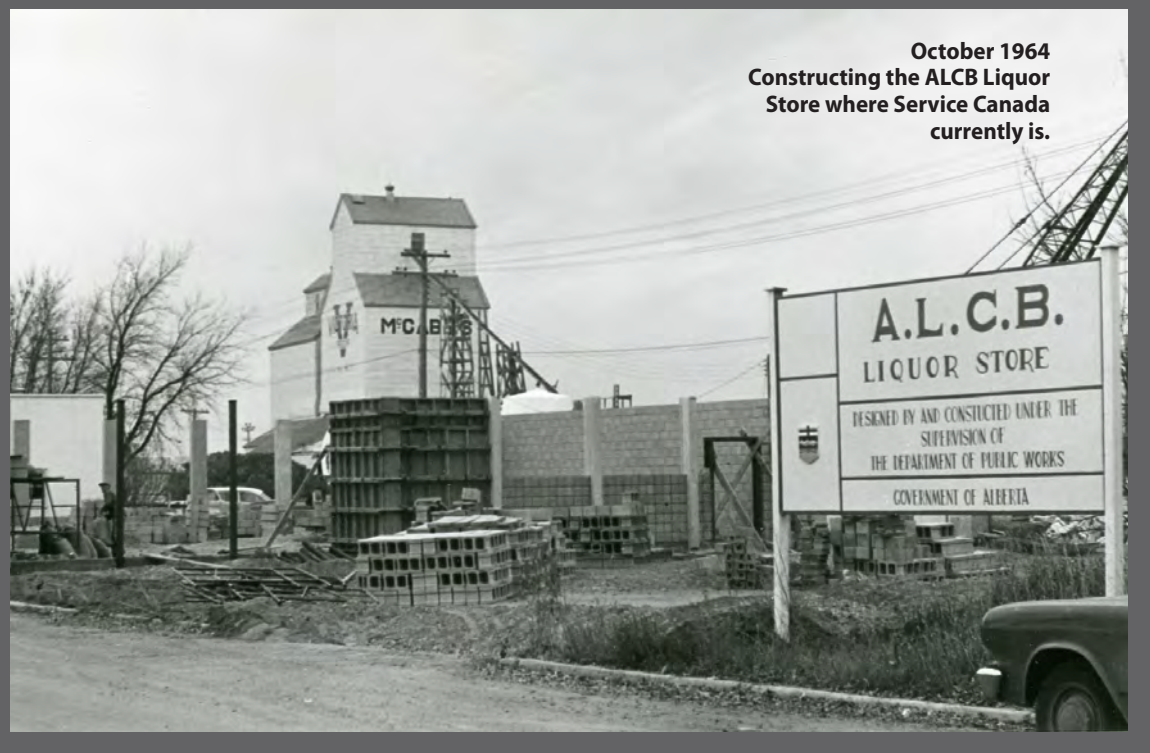
Even worse, the future of those battery plants the Liberals have handed \$50 billion in subsidies to is in serious jeopardy. As Forbes reports, "Fully-electric passenger vehicle demand is softening. Unsold inventories have been clogging dealer's lots. Manufacturers — from the biggest brands to the smallest startups — are cutting back production and investment plans."

How does the future of Canadian EV manufacturing relate to the future of farming? The answer is that the first cannot exist without gigantic taxpayer subsidies, while what farmers need is to be relieved of debilitating carbon taxes. We should not be robbing farmers to pay subsidies to battery-makers.

What we should be doing is encouraging young people to enter farming and provide them with the skills needed to "build that new pipeline" of agricultural workers. A country that can't fuel and feed itself is a vulnerable country. We Canadians are fortunate to have the resources to do both and also to create wealth by exporting those resources. But we have every reason to be outraged by a government that spends billions of dollars subsidizing an industry where our country has no economic advantage while imposing heavy taxes on an industry that is absolutely vital to thousands of rural communities and to the food security of all of us.

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

## TIME CAPSULE



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Constructing the ALCB Liquor Store where Service Canada currently is.

## Who Ruined Sri Lanka?

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



It's hard to know who ruined Sri Lanka, because are so many plausible candidates.

You could blame the Buddhist extremists of the majority Sinhalese population who led the first pogroms against the Tamil minority in 1958, or the Marxist insurrection that broke out in 1971 (30,000 dead) and resumed in 1987-89 (60,000 dead), or the government-backed attacks on Tamils that started the 26-year-long civil war in 1983 (100,000 dead).

Or you could choose the massacres of Tamils that ended that war in 2009 and brought the Rajapaksa clan to power, or the deluded Sinhalese Buddhists who went on voting for the Rajapaksas even as they looted the economy, or the 2019-2022 economic collapse that made even food and medicines unavailable to much of the population.

That ended with a non-violent revolution that ousted the Rajapaksas, and then a brief interval in 2022-2024 when a more or less non-political government negotiated loans from the International Monetary Fund and made deals with its biggest creditors. But the outbreak of tranquility may not last.

The austerity weighed heavily on an impoverished and disillusioned population, and in last Sunday's election they voted a Marxist party into power. It's the same Marxist party that launched the terrorist insurgencies of 1971 and 1987, although the current leader and new president of Sri Lanka, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, swears it will be different this time.

He's certainly not going to start another insurrection, because he's already in power via the ballot box. Besides, that particular form of 'struggle' was an artefact of the 1960s and 70s and is now very much out of fashion. What worries Sri Lanka's many creditors are the promises that got him elected.

Dissanayake's party, Janatha Vimukthi Peremuna (People's Liberation Front), is what you would expect from a long-established Marxist-Leninist party that has outgrown its early enthusiasm for armed revolution but still holds fast to its core 'socialist' values.

That usually means low taxes, subsidies for the poor (practically everybody in Sri Lanka at the moment) and strong state intervention in the market. Dissanayake's manifesto calls for slashing taxes and renegotiating terms for \$25 billion of debt, and it understandably alarms the creditors.

Nobody knows the future, but here's how this is likely to play out over the next couple of years. Dissanayake will not get better terms on Sri Lanka's debt while he is simultaneously cutting taxes and raising welfare payments. He will probably have to start printing money again (inflation is currently under control) to cover even half his promises.

The only way he won power this time is because a despairing and disillusioned electorate was willing to bet on any party that had not already failed. (The JVP got only 3% of the votes in the previous election in 2019, but 46% this time.) If Dissanayake cannot keep his promises, which is all too likely, the anger and the violence may return.

But why is Sri Lanka's post-colonial history so angry and violent? None of the five major successor states to the British empire in South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka) has an

entirely peaceful past, but none compares with Sri Lanka for sustained, large-scale violence across five decades.

It's fashionable to blame the British empire, because British colonial administrators preferred to hire and promote members of the Tamil-speaking Hindu minority (15% of the population) rather than members of the fiercely nationalistic Sinhala-speaking Buddhist majority. This led to resentment in the majority, which led to anti-Tamil violence, etc., etc.

But this is really an inadequate explanation for the mass murders of Tamils by Sinhalese mobs, police or soldiers are a recurrent feature of post-independence Sri Lankan history.

The likelier answer is that Buddhist communities in south and southeast Asia feel besieged even when they are in the majority, and lash out against communities of other faiths that really pose no threat to them.

It's not just Sri Lanka. Consider the brutal behaviour of Burma's Buddhist majority towards the country's 4% Muslim minority, the Rohingyas. Most of the survivors now live in refugee camps in Bangladesh.

When some pattern of behaviour seems inexplicable, the real reason is often history. Buddhism rose to dominate India and most of south and southeast Asia in 500 BC-500 AD, but was then reduced to a tiny minority of believers in the next thousand years by a revival of the old religion of Hinduism and the arrival of the new religion of Islam.

Such a huge defeat can leave lasting scars. It may have left a conviction deeper than words in the few remaining Buddhist countries that they are forever at risk of being somehow replaced by the 'enemy' in their midst. Get the minority before they become the majority.

I don't like this hypothesis, but I suspect it may be true.



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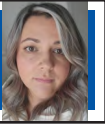
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# Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



**RAINIER - A BIG** Thank you to Jane Bellward for keeping us updated with the community news for as long as she has. Best Wishes with your retirement.

Happy Birthday greetings for the coming week to Melissa Graham on October 7th, Kloee & Harlow Van den Hoek on October 10th.

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.

Rainier Community Club is looking for one more volunteer to work the Lethbridge Casino on Tuesday, October 8th. Required for the 8pm-4am shift. For more information or to sign up please contact rainiercommunityclub@gmail.com or 780-837-1819.

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. A shout out to Alcoma School on raising \$1300 for the Terry Fox Foundation. The kiddos were rewarded with "cooling" their super cool principal Mr.Irwin with some water balloon's.

Congratulations to Rolling Hills & Alcoma Junior High joining forces in the BJHS tournament placing 2nd. Super proud of them! They had a very close game against CTK.

Alcoma Junior High Volleyball will be @ Alcoma Oct 1st for a 4:15pm game VS CTK, Oct 8th for 4:15pm game @ Alcoma, VS Newell Christian

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 starting at 5pm. 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](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.

Stay in the loop with the Rainier Community Facebook Page for more Alcoma & Community Events! Have an upcoming event in the County? We are happy to include it in our emails and promote it in our community! Send us an email @ rainiercommunityclub@gmail.com with your information.

As you see we have a change of hands for sharing our community news. I welcome any emails of information you would like included in this column. Please contact Colleen by Sunday @ colleenvandehoek@gmail.com

## Leviticus

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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### NATHAN RAMER DUCHESS MENNONITE CHURCH

Before the book of Leviticus, at the end of the book of Exodus, Moses finishes assembling the Tabernacle (the tent where the most Holy place would be located). A cloud of God's glory fills the Tabernacle and Moses is unable to enter. After the book of Leviticus, at the beginning of the book of Numbers, we read that God speaks to Moses in the Tabernacle. Leviticus is the difference between Moses being unable to enter and now being able to enter.

When God spoke creation into being, He said it is good. After the Fall of Adam and Eve, we see the evidence of brokenness and corruption throughout

creation. God's most Holy place represents His presence on earth in a specific location, and the high priest would only enter once a year, after sacrificing an animal to atone for the sin of the people, and another for his own sin. Sin cannot survive in the presence of the perfect holiness of God. Leviticus lays out a way for the people of God to do something about the sin problem so they can dwell in the same camp with God's holy presence.

The story of Scripture demonstrates that this sacrificial system does not fully solve the problem of sin because it is a problem of the human heart. In Jeremiah and Ezekiel God promised that in the future He would give people a new heart and put His Spirit in them. Christians believe that these things happened through the death and resurrection of Jesus and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at

Pentecost.

We are prone today to not pay much attention to Leviticus because we don't see how it applies to our lives. Yet it is an important part of understanding the gravity of sin. When we fail to appreciate the gravity of sin, the gift of God's grace and forgiveness is diminished. May we grow deeper in our understanding, so that we may grow deeper in our love for our King and His goodness to us.

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# Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - Birthdays for October are Jerry Calvert on the first, Rob Bridges, October 2, Brian Dunning on October 9, Brian Bell October 29.

Anniversaries for October are Duane and Sue Dennis on October 10, Brian and Barb Dunning October 11 and Rick and Robin the bear on the 15th

Enjoy your birthdays and anniversaries.

I would also like to say happy birthday to my dad's twin siblings Dennis and Diane, which all also share his birthday on October 1 Tammy Koenig on October 4 and Dolly Link on October 10.

Fay and Glenda participated in the Golden Age and Equestrian Horse Show in Claresholm Sept 21-22nd. Fay was excited to bring home a first place ribbon. Both Glenda and Fay had such an enjoyable time.

Fay attended the book signing ceremony in Rainier on Sept 26th for a prior Bow City resident, Scott Paul. His book, The Sunbeam Room sounds like it will be an interesting read. Lots of familiar faces attended. It was great to see such support for Scott.

Well, after three weeks and a double

bypass, I'm glad to see my husband, Dan is home and recuperating. It's been a long few weeks that's for sure but it's nice to see that he is getting stronger every day. I want to say thank you to all that visited and the caring. Thank you, Carrie so much for being there for us driver all you've done for us thank you so much words can't say enough. My sister from Lac Labiche, my son from Grande Prairie and my son and daughter-in-law from Calgary and our daughter Alecia. What you did for me has helped me tremendously thank you for being there for us. It's amazing how family comes together after something like this. Thank you all.

Speedy recovery also goes to Brian Bell as he was up in the Foothills also having his pacemaker replaced. June did go down and see us, but I wasn't able to make it up to see Brian but I've seen him since we've been home and he's looking good way to go, Brian, love to Bell Family. Also to son Bud that was there with June and Brian through it all.

Our crazy lady card party we had at Joyce Calvert's on Thursday after a while apart. It was sure good to get together. We

sure missed Helen and June. Maybe next week on Thursday we can all be together what a great afternoon we have. I hope our card lady sure don't mind me calling them crazy but we do have laughs. That's why I call it that.

Girlfriend Tracy was camped in the Bow City Campground for the weekend so I went and had a visit with her and Brad and Carrie, Dana and Rob also joined in.

Joyce and Jerry Calvert went to Taber to celebrate grandson Grady Calvert birthday on Saturday and Sunday. They said they had a great visit. Sure wish I could've been there.

Joyce and Jerry also had good friends, Barry and Carol Pearson from Bassano pay them an afternoon visit on Sunday. It's always nice to have those visits with old friends.

Duane and Sue,

Dennis, Tracy Fyfe, and Robin and Dana Bridges stopped in on Sunday to have a quick visit with Dan. Was great to see you all thank you Dan says.

Haven't got any more news from anybody in Bow City area. Please feel free to give me a text or a call to share with our news. Can you get a hold of me at 403-363-7496. Thank you have a great week to you all.



PRAIRIE PIONEERS - The Club's Appreciation Supper was a great success. PIE DAY starting Thursday, October 3, 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Pie and coffee/tea.

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## Christ The Redeemer CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### TO THE BROOKS COMMUNITY,

I would like to take the opportunity to provide further explanation and clarification to our Brooks community regarding the designation of the former rodeo grounds to Christ The Redeemer (CTR) Catholic School division.

The four local Catholic schools, Holy Family Academy (HFA), Christ The King Academy (CTK), St. Joseph's Collegiate (SJC) and St. Luke's Outreach School serving approximately 1,500 students, are at their capacity or beyond with anticipated growth each year. HFA, CTK and SJC are struggling to accommodate this growth. Our high school (SJC) shares a facility with our middle school (CTK) and is leasing additional classroom space at the Brooks Arts and Cultural Centre.

To address this growth, CTR has submitted its top capital plan to the Provincial government... a new multi-use Catholic high school. A new high school would not only immediately alleviate student space issues, but also largely benefit our community by offering amenities like pre-kindergarten programming, preschool daycare, fine arts programs, partnerships with Medicine Hat College, expanding the Registered Apprenticeship Program and more. The 23-acres of land at the former rodeo grounds will also adequately meet outdoor recreation requirements such as soccer pitches.

Municipal governments are required to provide serviced municipal reserve lands for the construction of public infrastructure such as schools and hospitals. The former rodeo grounds is currently the only fully serviced municipal reserve land available in Brooks. Serviced municipal reserve land is a major criteria in attaining government approval for a new school. Acquiring and servicing new municipal reserve lands would be costly for taxpayers and is unnecessary at this time.

In July, Brooks City Council passed a motion to designate the former rodeo grounds to CTR for the new high school construction. Senior CTR administration have submitted its number one capital plan to the Provincial government for construction of a new multi-use Catholic high school in Brooks with the commitment from the City of Brooks of the former rodeo grounds.

The recent announcement of an additional \$8.6 billion increase in capital school construction amplifies the need for our community to work together and in harmony. CTR and the Brooks Catholic school community is committed to working with all stakeholders to building a first-class education facility and outdoor recreation area that will provide many wonderful opportunities for the entire Brooks community.

Respectively, John de Jong  
Trustee, Brooks Ward,  
Christ The Redeemer (CTR) Catholic Schools





The city has constructed and paved an eight foot wide path from Cassils Road to the new dog park north of Harwood Ford. BULLETIN PHOTO



**CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK** - Deepest sympathies to the family of Joan Frank who passed away on September 15th at the age of 89 years. Joan moved into and raised her family in the Cassils neighbourhood in 1966. Community condolences to all of Joan's extended family.

Many gathered down on the pathway of Lake Stafford Wednesday afternoon for the Communities in Bloom tree dedication ceremony. It's a beautiful tribute to mark significant occasions or to remember those who have passed on. We celebrated a tree in Grandma Jenny's honor and were moved that she was being celebrated in this year's "Jackie Murray Grove".

There are many events happening in the local communities over the next month. Cassils Oktoberfest is this Friday. On October 19th you can head out to Gem for a Community Dinner and Dance with Larry and the Son In Laws. If that doesn't interest you you

could head to the Bombers Comedy Night Fundraiser in Brooks at Nikkos Sushi. That's not your style then head south to Rolling Hills to check out their Pumpkin Ball dinner and dance. Growers can start their pumpkin weigh in at 5:00 in front of the hall, good luck!

The Newell Food Grains Harvest Supper and Concert is also coming up on October 26th. Watch for more details to come!

Eva and I headed to Edmonton this weekend to grad dress shop. It was a successful weekend and can't believe I'm on the cusp of the last of my grads. We spent much of the weekend with Sarah as well as my cousin Terry and her family. Brooks Composite High Graduation Ceremonies are set to take place on June 21st if anyone needs to put that on their calendar!

Anyone with news or information to share please call Jodi at 403-501-1583. All hall rentals and inquiries can be directed to Heather at 403-793-3890. Have a great week!!



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### APPLICATIONS CLOSE OCTOBER 18, 2024

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- Drop off at the County of Newell Office (183037 RR 145, Brooks, AB)

If you require further information, please phone 403-794-2319



Pheasant Motors and Hansen's Lumber (right) occupied the lots that are now east of the post office and slated for a 43-unit apartment building. Excavators were busy last week unearthing large chunks of concrete that were part of the foundations for the two buildings. This photo is from the 1940s; Pheasant Motors moved north on Second Street in later years and the building was then the site of Tunney's Auto Body. Hanson's Lumber became Crown Lumber. The post office was constructed in 1951.



## Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



**TILLEY** - 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 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.

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.

Three rough-looking bikers stomped into a truck stop where a grizzled old-timer was having his breakfast. One biker extinguished his cigarette

into the old man's pancakes. The second one spat a wad of chewing tobacco into the guy's coffee. The third one dumped the man's plate of food onto the floor. Without a word, the old man paid his bill and left. "Not much of a man, is he?" said one of the bikers. "Not much of a driver, either," replied the waitress, "He just backed his truck over three motorcycles!"

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also email at goombaw@eidnet.org with subject line Tilley Telegram. Please contact me by or before 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings to have your news included for the week. On long weekends, news is due Thursday morning before the holiday.

# Pace holds virtual meeting for Bassano solar project

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Pace Canada presented an online virtual update to the Bassano Solar Project last week to a handful of people.

The plan is to construct the 15 megawatt farm on 115 acres of land with 33,672 bi-facial single axis tracker panels, inverters and batteries.

The property will include agrivoltaics, which is farming around and under the panels giving them the opportunity to grow something on the land with planned irrigation.

One person asked if the company would consider building on 60 acres but it was explained that the project was increased to achieve agrivoltaics.

"You have a lower solar megawatt per acre in order to achieve an improved agrivoltaics plan," said Jon Poulin, director of development and engineering at Pace.

While a meeting in the spring saw 34 attendees, last week there were just five.

Rhonda Barron, communications director with Pace, said two stakeholders remain concerned about the view from their properties.

"They are accustomed to looking out on an agricultural field and you know they're upset that they'll have to be looking at

a solar farm," she said.

To mitigate the view Barron said the company is committed to bioscreening or landscaping in the northeast corner of the project. They are also in the early days of opening a conversation with the Eastern Irrigation District to potentially extend the waterline to maintain the bioscreen and potentially share water with nearby acreages.

"This is very much just an idea. We've reached out to set up a meeting," Barron stressed.

"Currently, what's available is not adequate based what we're seeing, so that's why we're working with MPE Engineering to actually look at a feasible solution to ensure that the bioscreen remains in place over the long term," said Poulin.

Barron said the company is also open to planting trees on the landowner's property, however, irrigation is a challenge.

"I know one of the landowners that's across the street from the property has had challenges keeping his own trees alive. Just in terms of the aridity of the area. So that is obviously an issue."

Barron was asked why panels are not placed on rooftops or in parking lots.

"That's not our business model," she responded.

A change that was made from earlier meetings has

resulted in moving the battery from the north end of town to the east which will ensure the company meets the noise regulation while bringing them closer to the interconnection point.

Noise and glare impacts which are mandatory reports as part of the AUC process are being completed by a third party and will be available when they are finished, however, some early information includes that there are 48 wildlife species on the land and while there were no active bird nests they did see nests and recorded that there are temporary water bodies.

Alberta Environment has noted in Pace's Brooks project because the farm is located within an urban area the siting of the development limits impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat.

"It's much better from an environmental perspective to site the solar farm in an urban location because it does minimize impact to wildlife and wildlife habitat," Barron said quoting Alberta Environment and Protection.

Other concerns that were expressed include depreciation or devaluation of property, noise from the battery and the transformers, solar glare, loss of agricultural land and gopher management.

"Those are the main concerns that we've heard."



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## Dawgs and shamrocks... different sports but same audience - well almost



Recent sojourns by your writer saw attendance at two quite different sports events in different parts of the country. What was striking was the overall similarity of the audiences, which gave the perception that regular folks are the same in most parts of Canada. One sport was lacrosse, a uniquely Indigenous/Canadian field game. Its origins lie in the eastern parts of the continent, although versions were played by Indigenous peoples elsewhere in North America. The Indigenous version involved 100 to 1,000 players and had spiritual and cultural aspects. The arrival of Europeans saw them adopt the game, adding rules and structure. Interestingly, colonial Canada established

lacrosse as the country's national game in 1859. That was later changed in 1994 to Canada's national summer sport, with hockey declared Canada's winter sport. Its heyday was between 1880 and 1920, with hundreds of teams across the country. By the 1920s, ice hockey began its climb to national prominence.

Until the 1920s, lacrosse was played outdoors and known as field lacrosse. By the 30s, it had almost completely changed into an indoor game called box lacrosse, which is the situation today. Being a long-established game in Canada and the USA, it has undergone numerous changes. There has also been a bewildering flow of changing governing bodies that have seen competing leagues come and go. At its peak, vigorous disagreements surrounded amateur and professional player issues. Today, there are competitions for

the Mann And Minto Cups, the national championships for some semi-professional teams. However, a parallel professional league exists called the National Lacrosse League, in which Calgary has a team. Lacrosse might have been a more prominent game if it had been organized like our national hockey league structure. But I digress.

I attended a game between the Victoria Shamrocks and New Westminster Salmonbellies lacrosse clubs the latter was established in 1888. I suspect the name Salmonbellies had some fearsome relevance back when it was established; if nothing else, it is truly unique. Both clubs play in a BC league and play eastern teams for the Mann Cup, which is historically the symbol of the national champion. The game venue appeared to have a capacity attendance of

2,000 very enthusiastic fans. The game is very fast and allows what seems like unrestricted cross-checking between the shoulder and thighs. Referees occasionally blow whistles for baffling infractions.

It's the audience that seems to be part of the game - they are passionately involved in the game and appear to be primarily regular middle-class working folks. Part of it may be the price of attendance (\$20) and its long historical connection to the community. I was told populist former NDP BC Premier Horgan was a regular attendee at Shamrock's games. Beer and junk food are fan favourites at this event; I suspect snobby lattes and organic snacks would be hard to find.

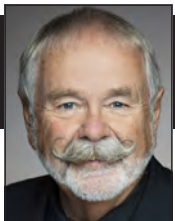
The other sports event was a baseball game between the Okotoks Dawgs and the Fort McMurray Giants. They play in an Alberta League,

with most players being US university students, presumably with sports scholarships. The Giants' name seems rather uninspired. Instead, how about Oil Sandbellies - a more memorable moniker like the New Westminster lacrosse team. Baseball has a checkered history around Calgary, with several teams coming and going in different leagues. I recall the Calgary Cannons playing in a pro league several years ago but such baseball left Calgary years ago but continues in Edmonton. Like with the Victoria lacrosse game, Dawgs fans were enthusiastic but not at the intensity level of a lacrosse game; after all, baseball is a more relaxed game. For me, that's okay, as the lightning speed of lacrosse is difficult to follow - goals happen in a split second. Baseball, in comparison, operates at a snail's pace; heck, the team mascot and

the announcers are needed just to boost fan attention to the game.

Baseball fans seem similar to lacrosse fans - primarily working and middle-class families. Although the junk food was similar, the beer selection was better at the Okotoks game - a good thing since it was 30 plus at the game. Although the working middle-class crowd may be the same as in the Victoria lacrosse game, the political perspectives of the two crowds are radically different. I can't imagine Alberta NDP leader Nenshi attending an Okotoks Dawgs game. The Okotoks crowd would definitely be more favourable to having Premier Danielle Smith in the audience. Some political scientist should research this curious political peculiarity.

*Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.*



## FROM PARLIAMENT HILL MP FOR BOW RIVER CONSTITUENCY

### Changes in Perception on Immigration in Canada

Immigration has become an important topic in Canada.

It is becoming increasingly clear that when the Liberal government announced an increase to Canada's permanent number of annual immigrants, and when Justin Trudeau's failed former immigration Minister Sean Fraser allowed temporary visas to get out of control, something changed.

After nine years, Justin Trudeau and his Liberal government have broken our immigration system.

At the root of the problem is supply and demand. When there are too many people and not enough houses, prices go up. Too many people competing for healthcare, wait times go up. You get the point.

We are now at a point in time in Canada that at the end of 2023, there were 1,040,985 international students in Canada at all levels of study.

That number represented a 63% growth over the previous five years and more than 200% growth over the last decade.

According to a July Globe & Mail article: "The number of temporary residents in Canada swelled to 2.8 million in the first quarter (of 2024), underscoring the challenge facing a federal government that is looking to restrict migration to the country.

Temporary residents - a group that includes international students, people here on work permits and asylum claimants - now comprise 6.8 per cent of the total population, up from 3.5 per cent two years ago."

After much public scrutiny, the Liberals backtracked by announcing a decrease in the number of new international student permits issued to approximately 360,000 for 2024, and limiting temporary foreign workers with the following measures:

"In response to the current employment environment, the following changes will be implemented, effective by September 26, 2024:

- The Government of Canada will refuse to process Labour Market Impact Assessments (LMIA) in the Low-Wage stream, applicable in census metropolitan areas with an unemployment rate of 6% or higher. Exceptions will be granted for seasonal and non-seasonal jobs in food security sectors (primary agriculture, food processing and fish processing), as well as construction and healthcare;

- Employers will be allowed to hire no more than 10% of their total workforce through the TFW Program. This maximum employment percentage will be applied

to the Low-Wage stream and is a further reduction from the March 2024 reduction. Exceptions will be granted for seasonal and non-seasonal jobs in food security sectors (primary agriculture, food processing and fish processing), as well as healthcare and construction; and

- The maximum duration of employment for workers hired through the Low-Wage stream will be reduced to one year (from two years)."

Do you think these measures will be enough to address the issues we face in Canada? Do you think more needs to be done?

As always, be sure to stay in touch with me through the following options, and sign up for my e-newsletter below:

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## Enough is enough, says RMA president

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) is putting on the gloves to fight back against powerful oil and gas lobbyists who want a reduction in municipal taxes.

"It's time for a balanced approach to oil and gas policies - one that doesn't leave municipalities struggling," said Paul McLauchlin, outgoing president of RMA.

The fight is through the campaign *Below the Drill*.

The campaign is not anti-oil and gas but it is opposing the "special nod" to the oil and gas industry.

"We do believe that this government is listening to this narrative and we're striking back because enough is enough," said McLauchlin.

He said the lobby group, which has been gaining momentum, has been telling government that the industry can't operate because municipal taxes are the largest fixed cost of running a company and they're too high.

"(It) is categorically incorrect. Its about nine or 10 on the list of fixed costs," he said.

Between 2021 and 2023 the industry had a three year tax holiday during which time rural municipalities lost about \$332 million in municipal taxes and there is the continued issue of non-

payment of taxes.

The industry will no longer pay a well drilling equipment tax and they will benefit from a permanent 35 per cent reduction on assessment.

"This was done to placate parts of the industry," McLauchlin told The Bulletin.

The cuts, reductions and unpaid taxes have forced the rural taxpayer to pay more.

"Reductions in municipal revenue are a growing concern for RMA, as rural municipalities have limited ways to generate income and declining provincial grants," the RMA reported.

"We're getting to a point as it stands right now, that there's not much more to give and the stark reality is that if you continue to listen to this one lobby group and champion their causes on the backs of municipal taxation, you're going to start to impair, and I think in many cases, they already have impaired municipalities," McLauchlin said.

"It's been harder and harder for us to actually meet our goals."

The association reports that policies such as the removal of taxes cut into municipal budgets and impact roads, essential services and the future of communities while they have been forced to do more with less.

There has also been provincial grant reductions

but an annual increase in policing and sharing funds through intermunicipal collaboration agreements.

Although the industry is painted with a wide brush, McLauchlin admits while there are bad operators, the majority of the industry wants to pay their bills and they're cleaning up their mess.

"For some reason this small microcosm of the industry has allowed its voice and is the one that is quite honestly attacking rural municipalities honestly as gouging for taxation which is a ridiculous notion.

"All that money goes to transportation and goes to the bridges and roads and ultimately we've been great partners in oil and gas and will continue to be so," he said.

McLauchlin said rural MLAs must be called upon to start to champion issues tied to rural Albertans.

The RMA convention will take place next month and McLauchlin said *Below the Drill* will be the centre of much of it.

"My members are really, really concerned about moves from this government related to their own gas industry.

"They're concerned about unpaid taxes continually. We've had two companies go bankrupt in the last eight weeks and they owe \$60 million to my members."



# Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Please join us for a Community Wedding Shower honoring Ashley Wickenheiser & Erik Anderson on Oct.20th @2pm to be held at the Salem Lutheran Church. Gentleman are encouraged to attend.

Join the Rolling Hills Ag Society for the Pumpkin Growers Ball ... Saturday, October 19, 2024, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!Saturday,

October 19, 2024. Growers can Weigh in your pumpkin starting at 5:00, a BBQ Supper with several types of meat and deep fried french fries complete with poutine toppings & salads will be starting at 6:00. There will be a DJ & Dance starting at 9:00 all at the Rolling Hills Community Hall, and both silent and live auctions. Get your tickets online or at the Rolling Hills Post Office! [https://www.rollinghills.ca/store/c4/Event\\_Tickets.html](https://www.rollinghills.ca/store/c4/Event_Tickets.html)

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Alcoma School News- Congratulations to our JH girls who combined with Rolling Hills to finish 2nd in the BJHS tournament on Friday. They fought hard and lost 15-13 in the third set in the final.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Terry Fox donations and came to our BBQ this year. We had such a good turnout

and raised \$1300 which is amazing!

Monday, Sept. 30, the kids wore orange as it was Orange Shirt Day in honor of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Tuesday, Oct. 1 the Raiders JH Volleyball vs CTK (Home Game) @ 4:15pm, Wednesday, Oct. 2, the Gr. 7/8 students head off for an Ag Trip in Lethbridge, Thursday, Oct.3 there will be a Cross-Country Run @ Dinosaur Park @4:30pm

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.

It's always great to hear about our neighbors and the exciting things happening in the community. If you have any news or interesting Scandia trivia you'd like submitted in the sketch, please contact me at Karlyn.takeda@hotmail.com or 403-501-3618.

# Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

**Theft investigation**  
Staff noticed that a woman who took a number of items into the fitting room at 42nd Street on Sept. 25 left the store with a bulge in her sweater and they found empty hangars in the fitting room.

Police reported that the female left the store and got on a bike.

The investigation is ongoing.

**Three males leave retailer with unpaid items**

On Sept. 25 RCMP received a report that three males left NoFrills with unpaid items.

Police arrived at the store and obtained surveillance images of the three men. The investigation continues.

**Mischief**

On Sept. 25 Brooks RCMP received a call regarding an unwanted male at Denny's Restaurant.

The man had carried in a bottle of alcohol and was yelling at the staff. The man

was arrested for mischief and public intoxication.

**Boater waits out the storm**

Brooks RCMP were alerted to an overdue boater on Sept. 25.

Police reported that the caller had spoken to the boater earlier in the day and became concerned when the wind speed picked up and saw that the truck and empty boat trailer were at the Lake Newell Marina.

Officers responded to marina and were able to get a phone number for the boater whom they contacted.

The boater explained that he beached the boat to wait out the storm due to high winds.

**Collision**

Police responded to a pick-up truck that had collided with a power pole on Highway 873 on Sept. 20.

There were no injuries.

**Vehicle seized**

On Sept. 22 Brooks RCMP spotted a truck as it was leaving a bar in downtown Brooks and gave



a mandatory breath check to the driver.

The result was a fail. The vehicle was seized for 30 days and the driver was fined.

**Struggling to maintain lane**

While patrolling along 4th Ave. West on Sept. 22 officers noticed that a vehicle was struggling to maintain its lane.

The vehicle was stopped and the driver was given a breath test which indicated a fail which resulted in a 30-day vehicle seizure and a fine for the driver.

**Fight at hotel**

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### Notice of application to be filed for approval of the natural gas distribution franchise agreement between the Town of Bassano and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

**Application summary**

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to approve the existing current and valid natural gas distribution franchise agreement with the Town of Bassano. This application for approval is required due to changes made by the *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, to various statutes governing franchise agreements.

The current franchise agreement, which took effect in August of 2016, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Bassano for approximately ten years.

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 25%. Including linear taxes, the resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$13.31. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your concerns about, objections to, or support for the application in writing to the Town of Bassano or to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **OCTOBER 16, 2024** at:

Town of Bassano, Amanda Davis, CAO, 502 – 2 Avenue, Bassano Alberta T0J 0B0, by phone 403-641-3788, or email [cao@bassano.ca](mailto:cao@bassano.ca).

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Agreement Coordinator, 5302 Forand Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4, phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-7550; email: [franchiseagreement@atco.com](mailto:franchiseagreement@atco.com)

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either the Town of Bassano or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

**For more information:**

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca).

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

Issued on September 26, 2024.

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Alberta Utilities Commission

## Eastern Irrigation District NOTICE TO WATER USERS WATER DELIVERY SHUT DOWN

The Eastern Irrigation District water delivery system will be shut down for all irrigation, including farmyards and acreages on:

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Please ensure all your irrigation needs and winter storage requirements are met before this date.

The Board of Directors and Management of the Eastern Irrigation District

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## obituaries



**PERRY** - The family of Carol Evelyn Perry of Brooks, Alberta sadly announces the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, she passed away peacefully with her loving husband George and her children by her side on Thursday, September 19th, 2024, at the age of 85 years. Born on October 19th, 1938, in Coleman, Alberta to Muriel and Gabriel D'Amico, she was the first of three daughters. She is survived by her loving husband George Perry; her children Dean Perry (Theresa), Leanne Perry (Bob) and Julieann Lausen (Kelly, deceased); 7 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren and her sister Trudy (Rick). Carol was pre-deceased by her parents, Gabriel and Muriel D'Amico, son Ronald, grandson Richard, and her sister Elenore. Carol was raised in Coleman, Alberta, where she attended all her schooling and graduated from Coleman High School. She made many lifelong friends and always viewed life as full of opportunity if you are brave enough to work hard for it. Carol and George attended the Pass reunions down in the Crownsnest Pass as often as they could. Carol loved getting together with old friends and chatting about everything going on in everyone's lives. As well Carol and George loved to dance and went out regularly in Brooks, as well as travelling to attend dances in other surrounding towns and cities. They loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest. Carol was a member of the Order of Royal Purple for many, many years, being of service to the community in many aspects. She eventually became the Honored Royal Lady, which she took great pride in. Our beloved wife, mother and grandmother will always be remembered for her love of family. Her family was everything to her and she was an extremely fierce protector of all of us. All who were her friends were also protected under this wing. We are all going to miss her steady presence in our lives, her guidance as well as her unending love. The big family and friends' suppers at Christmas and Thanksgiving. All the potluck parties that entertained hundreds of people. So much love and fun was had out at the Perry Ranch, she absolutely loved every minute of it. As well, let us not forget her unforgettable lemon tarts, never to be duplicated because her love made them unforgettable. A Celebration of her well lived life was held at the Heritage Inn and Convention Centre, Brooks on Tuesday, October 1st at 11:00 AM. Rev. John Theiss officiating. Interment followed at Brooks Cemetery.

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



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## obituaries



**GRATRIX**, Stephen Charles - On 19 September 2024 Stephen passed away in the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital. Stephen was born on 22 April 1948 in Brooks, Alberta. He is a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion serving as president in High River Branch 71 and held several executive positions including president in E.I.D. Brooks Branch 63. Stephen is also member of the Brooks Elks Lodge No. 77. He was predeceased by his parents Fred and Jenny and his brother Gil. Stephen is survived by his brother Gary (Edith) of Calgary; nephew Adam of Surrey, B.C.; niece Jessica (Nick) Norbury and sons Aydan, Trentyn, Teague, Cohen of Mission, B.C.; niece Kim (Mike) Desnoyers and daughters

Mackenzie, Kiara of Okotoks, AB. Also lovingly remembered by his Aunt June Langstone and Uncle Peter Belchamber in England; cousin Judy (Larry) Vezina of Osoyoos, B.C.; cousin John (Charlene) Boscott of Clinton, B.C.; and sisters-in-law Shirley and Rosalie. Stephen has numerous cousins in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, England and Ireland. Stephen would like a private family graveside service at a later date. In lieu of flowers please donate in Stephen's name to: E.I.D. Brooks Branch #63 Poppy Fund, PO Box 967, Brooks, AB T1R 1B4; Medicine and District Health Foundation, 655- 5 Street S.W, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 4H6 or a charity of the donor's choice. For further information or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit [www.thomsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomsonfuneralhome.com) or call (403) 501-1010.

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## obituaries

## coming events

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

**Mon & Sat**  
 8:00 pm Brooks United Church, 507 - 3rd Ave. W., Brooks  
**Tues. & Thurs.**  
 8:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church  
**Wednesday**  
 8:00 pm Bassano Health Centre  
 608 - 5th Ave. Bassano  
 811 Cassils Rd. W., Brooks  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL**  
**403-793-4796**

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### DUCHESS COMMUNITY TURKEY SUPPER

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## cards of thanks

Thank You!

Words cannot begin to express my heartfelt thanks since the moment Gloria collapsed near the hospital September 6th. To those of you who came to her rescue and to those who prepared her to go to the Foothills, and also cared for me through that journey. To Blaine who made that hard trip to Calgary with me. To Dr. Mari-Lynn Thomson who cared for Gloria for years. To our friends at the United Church who have totally surrounded my family and me with love; Rev. Esther Crews, Rev. George Edmonds, Janet Perkins and Arnold Roth who helped make Gloria service so special. Linda Roth and her behind the scenes crew in the kitchen (we know Gloria was right there with you, as you prepared). To Kathleen Jensen for a great picture show that included the Marty Robbins song My woman my woman my wife, that made us all cry! I couldn't have picked a more fitting song to depict Gloria's life! To Staci for being brave as Grandma requested and speaking from your heart. To Betty & Bill Blackwell for helping with 'the heavy stuff'... both figuratively and literally! To the staff and residents at the Newbrook Lodge. To all our friends and relatives who came to celebrate Gloria's life. Kelly and Joel you sure helped us through all those hard questions and a mountain of paperwork! To all of you who have given me hugs, sent cards, made donations in honor of Gloria and to those of you who continue to Pray! Many thanks, Harold

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Join us for the Pumpkin Growers Ball ...  
 A Fundraiser for the Rolling Hills Ag Society

### LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

WHO: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 2024

- 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

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- The auctioneer, councillors, the chief administrative officer and the designated officers and employees of the municipality must not bid or buy any parcel of land offered for sale, unless directed by the municipality to do so on behalf of the municipality.
- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for property taxes and utilities for the current year. There will be no adjustment to the date of sale.
- The purchaser will be required to execute a sale agreement in form and substance provided by the municipality.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft payable to the municipality as follows:
  - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
  - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale.
 (if the certified cheque or bank draft exceeds the final purchase price, the excess will be refunded within a reasonable time)
- GST will be collected on all properties subject to GST.
- The risk of the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- The purchaser will be responsible for registration of the transfer including registration fees.
- If no offer is received on a property or if the reserve bid is not met, the property cannot be sold at the public auction.
- The municipality may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.
- Once the property is declared sold at public auction, the previous owner has no further right to pay the tax arrears.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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**Tyrone Sitting Eagle from Siksika Nation dances at JBS Canada Centre on Friday in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, aka Orange Shirt Day. The day is held to recognize and honour the survivors of the residential school system as well as family and community, while commemorating those who lost their lives, particularly children, in the system and never returned home. There were 140 federally run residential schools in Canada that operated between 1867 and 1996. "Survivors advocated for recognition and reparations and demanded accountability for the intergenerational impacts of harm caused," states a Canada Heritage campaign.**

SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Roadrunners continue perfect season; Buffalos now 1-3

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Roadrunners football team completed their fourth consecutive win last week, defeating St. Mary's Colts 36-6.

The Roadrunners had a 36-0 lead at the half and allowed one touchdown for St. Mary in the second half.

Runners head coach Mark Freeman said the second half saw the grade 8 players take the field to develop game experience.

Touchdowns for the match included one each from Jamal Yuye, Ben Langley, Tor Maxwell-Lyster and Austin Popeniuk.

The team returns to Medicine Hat this week to face the Vikings.

On the senior side of the football field, the Buffalos were in Lethbridge to take on the Winston Churchill Bulldogs.

Head coach Dylan Hartley said both teams were slow out of the gate as both offences tried to find their footing until the Bulldogs offence put together a sustainable drive to open the scoring at the beginning of the second quarter.

"The convert was no good giving the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead," said Hartley.

He said the Buffalos were able to string together a good set of offense plays but they couldn't capitalize on their drives.

"Midway through the second quarter Winston Churchill was able to find the end zone. The convert was again no good but the Bulldogs had a 12-0 lead going into the second half."

The third quarter had the Bulldogs and Buffalos trading possessions but neither was able to put points on the board.

"Part way through the fourth Mathieu Cataluna was able to connect with Kobe Porfour for an 85-yard catch and run. The convert from Johann Cortes was good making the score 12-7.

Hartley said the Buffalos defense was able to put pressure on the Bulldogs offense and force some key stops which gave the Buffalos offense some good field possession.

"Cataluna was able to find Murtaza Al-Shemari for a

35-yard catch and run in the remaining seconds of the fourth but he was stopped short of the goal line."

He said the Buffalos came out flat allowing Winston Churchill to capitalize.

"Penalties were a killer for us. We need to clean those up. Some extended their drives; they killed our drives and we had a punt

return touchdown negated. It's hard to win with all those penalties.

"I am happy with how the kids responded in the second half especially in the fourth. They didn't quit and even though we had some mistakes in the first, they didn't dwell on them and almost were able to get the victory," said Hartley.

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## One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well, here we go again with another round of showers to halter the harvest once again. Very frustrating!!

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of having my friend Aline Bergeron of Mission, BC come to my home for a visit, while she was in the area visiting with other friends. We had a lunch together and then we visited and had a few games of cribbage where we came out even. It was great to see her again.

On Monday of last week the 23rd Inge Ellefson and her friend Vicki Hall of Brooks drove to Columbia Falls, Montana and stayed at the Meadow Lake Resort, where they enjoyed good food, good shopping and good golfing. They said they had good weather and had an enjoyable time and then returned home on Saturday.

On the weekend visiting at the home of their father, Ozzie Schalm were his daughters Sherry of Calgary and Michelle Richardson and her daughter Macy of Diamond Valley. I'm sure their father enjoyed their visit.

Sandra and Matt Smith and family of Lethbridge came on Friday to spend the past weekend at the home of Sandra's parents Karl and Linda Slomp. They returned home on Sunday.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Fiona (Stenger) McGillvary on Oct. 3rd; to Sandy (Senecal) Corriveau of Red

Deer and to Corey Meyer of Chestermere, both on Oct. 4th; to Rayna Allaby on Oct. 6th; to Shawna (Airth) Edwards on Oct. 7th; to Molly Rose Buteau on Oct. 8th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday. We wish everyone all the very best in the years ahead.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Brenda and Neil Huggons of England on Oct. 3rd; and to Mark

and Stacie Alberts on Oct. 7th and also to my brother George and Jean Zvolensky of Medicine Hat on their 57th anniversary also on the 7th. We wish each couple all the best for many years to come.

How is a best friend like a four-leafed clover? Because, they are hard to find, and lucky to have!

Courage and will, perseverance and skill are the four leaves of the Luck's Clover.



**VILLAGE OF DUCHESS**



**COUNTY OF NEWELL**

Recreation Parks Cultural Grant Funding  
Village of Duchess and County of Newell Division 8

The Recreation Parks Cultural Board is now accepting applications from user groups within the Village of Duchess and Division 8 of the County of Newell.

Changes have been made to the grant application and guidelines, so please stop in and pick up an application or see our website [www.villageofduchess.com](http://www.villageofduchess.com) for details.

Submitted applications must be complete and include; estimated costs, statement of need and a copy of the organizations most recent financial statement, among other details.

Applications must be submitted to the Village of Duchess office in one of the following methods, prior to **October 11, 2024.**

- Mailed to: PO Box 158 Duchess, Alberta T0J0Z0
- Hand delivered to the Village of Duchess office. 103 2nd Street East Duchess, Alberta
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# Second appearance at Showriders for Cassils woman

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Brooklyn Niznik returned to the Calgary Stampede stage over the summer as

a second year member of Showriders.

The program is made up of youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who



Brooklyn Niznik with Monty at the Strathmore Stampede. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

demonstrate advanced horsemanship skills during their performances which are held at numerous rodeos during the summer.

"It's not only a partnership with you and your animal but also with your team," said Niznik following the season.

As a member of the team for the second year, Niznik was the oldest at 22 and she set the example.

She said she had to keep her cool and not let her emotions get in the way during the hot days.

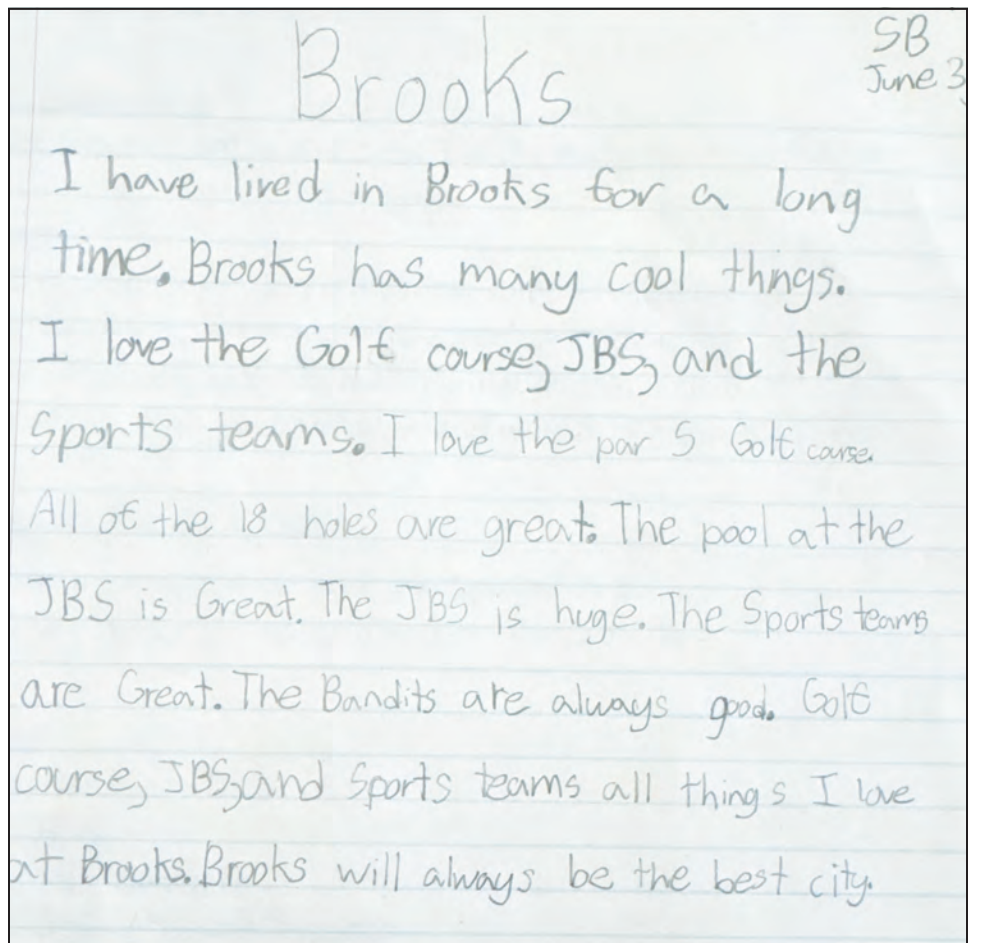
"Just trying to stay present and not get overwhelmed. If things are frustrating just trying to be a leader and push myself to be a leader of the team and just show myself that I can be bigger," she said.

The team's season began in May in High Prairie during which time she and her horse, Monty, led the parade.

"That was super fun for both of us to be able to do that. It's just such a great town to be in," she said.

The team performed during Stampedes or parades over the summer, including at the Calgary Stampede, ending the season in Strathmore in August.

I am so glad I did a second year," she said.



Thomas Osadczuk wrote Ode To Brooks in June which his mother recently found while cleaning out school supplies. | THOMAS OSADCUK

## Bassano Banner

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TOM McPHAIL



**BASSANO** - Bassano Royal Purple members were pleased with participation in their Poker Walk About Town and to the weatherman's credit, the day was cool and dry. This being the fifth Poker Walk, members experienced their best outcome for Brain Injury Rehabilitation Services, Medicine Hat, to date. The event began five years ago, commemorating the 20th anniversary of a fateful plane crash where one man was killed and three others, all local, survived with varying degrees of head injuries and physical disabilities. Participants came from as far as Brooks and Rosebud, taking home some lucrative winnings. Thank you, Kelly Christman, for the great report and a special thanks to all those who got involved including local businesses.

Are you a golfer, curler and bowler? The Bassano Curling Club, Sage & Thistle Golf Club and Bassano Bowling Alley invite your

team to a triathlon all in one package for 36 teams right here in Bassano on October 11th to 13th. Spaces are filling up quickly. To register, call Kim Douglass at 403-793-7237.

It is never a good time to be a turkey, however, it gets bad for them this time of year. Just a reminder of the Gala Harvest Dinner and Dance in the Gem Community Hall on October 19th.

Also happening soon is the Bassano Community Turkey Supper on November 4th.

This is a wee bit early notice for Bassano and Wheatland folks but mark your calendar for November 3rd for the Cluny Turkey and Ham Supper in the Cluny Community Hall.

Hussar community has their fall supper on October 24th. Details next week.

Not so long ago we were measuring the rainfall. Now we are watching the early fall temperatures and the glorious autumn

colours.

Early October birthdays include Yolanda Douglass, Suntana Murray, Dorothy Schaffer, Cooper Marks, Stephanie Havens, Ruth Lassiter, Carla Sawatsky, Devon Heggs, Spencer Scott, Don and Sydney Anderson and a few I have probably missed. Happy and healthy birthdays to all of you.

Someone reminded me that Gary and Jan Armstrong are celebrating an anniversary on Thursday. Congratulations to you from your western friends in Bassano.

The Alberta High School Rodeo fall run was held this last weekend in Taber. Local athletes include Billie Miller, Georgia Hale, William Hale, Murphy Culligan, Marley King, Khole Sieben and Paisley Wirachowsky. Each of our locals participated in a number of rodeo events and were certainly on their game this past weekend. They have amazing supporters, including parents and grandparents who travel with them each weekend.

If you are ready to enjoy a true rock and roll story, get your tickets now to watch Creedence Clearwater Remembered, another Bassano Arts Council presentation on October 22nd at the Bassano Community Hall.

And finally, we have 'braking news' from Dan McDonald who still has the mechanical skills his father, Archie, taught him. I will call Dan next time I need brakes replaced!

Your Bassano Banner correspondent can be reached at tom1942@hotmail.com or by cell 403-409-1101. Let's fill up this column again next week.

## Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



**DUCHESS** - A gorgeous weekend enabled a nice turnout for the final Duchess Farmer's Market, and for our neighbours who were out cleaning up their yards in preparation for the winter. Having said that, the flowers in the yards and around the Village are still spectacular! Sunday was raining leaves on Centre St. Enjoy every little bit of the warmth while we have it.

The Duchess Golf Club hosted their Ironman this past weekend. Congratulations to Danny Henke, Smokey Freimark, Matt Philpott and Brad Hicks! It was an exciting finish with a 2 hole playoff and finishing with a -7. Congratulations!

The Duchess 50 plus Club is having a luncheon on Thursday, October 3rd, 2024. We will be serving meat lasagna, chicken lasagna and a gluten free lasagna. The cooks for this are Arline and Daryl.

Dessert consists of ice cream and two bite brownies. Hope to see everyone there to meet up with friends and make acquaintances with new people.

The Duchess Community Turkey Supper will be Monday, October 21st.

Over the years we've have around 600 people throughout the evening, some years close to 800! Wow! No ticket is needed, just come ready for a good meal and visit. If you'd like to join the fun, with Steve Dortch as dishwasher captain, a prep and peel gang meets Monday morning, pleasant servers are an integral part, a clean up crew is critical, Donna the phone ringleader. Volunteer time slots are about 3 hours. Since the phone book has shrunk to a mere pamphlet we need your contact info to make this party happen. Call Donna 403-378-3007 - to say "yes I love being part of

Duchess Community- what can I do?"

Our friends from Rolling Hills Ag Society are hosting their "Pumpkin Growers Ball" fundraiser on Saturday, October 19th, starting with the pumpkin weighing at 5:00 pm, followed by a dinner at 6 pm and then a DJ and dance at 9:00pm. You can get your tickets at the Rolling Hills Post Office or online at [https://rollinghills.ca/store/c4/Event\\_Tickets.html](https://rollinghills.ca/store/c4/Event_Tickets.html) For more information, please call Ben at 633-4175 or Darby at 362-3216

Have a great week and please call or text me at 403 793 1630, with any news items for the Dispatch.

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## Grasslands FCSS allocates funds

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Grasslands FCSS has allocated \$360,000 in grant funds and \$10,000 in microgrants.

The organization had \$563,625 in requests.

This year's major allocations went to Seniors OutReach and SPEC each received \$70,000, MakerSpace \$50,000, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

\$40,000, Toy Library's child development society and parent and tot program \$33,000, LifeTalk Counselling \$30,000, Newell Christian Chaplaincy Program \$15,000, Crossroads Client Outreach and Christ the Redeemer family school liaison worker each \$10,000 and \$5,000 to Champion Centre and Bassano FCSS grant transfer.



# Scandia EID Historical Park seeks funds for elevator repairs

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Preservation of an historical building can be challenging but when something unexpected happens it's even more of a challenge.

This year just before Earl Taylor Day in August the 97-year-old elevator was painted in the historical CPR red, as it is about every 10 years.

Blaine Johnson, a board member on the EID Park board in Scandia, said it was during the painting when a major problem was discovered.

"One side is sagging," said Johnson.

"We can't do other restoration work. We have to start at the key points of the building to save the building.

"We do the foundation then we were out of money and can't fix doors and windows and the office building on the side.

"All that money was allocated to the foundation repair," he said.

It was discovered that the foundation under the office side was failing so all of the restoration funds, about \$65,000, went into the foundation repair which is nearing completion.

"The elevator doesn't really make any money. It's an historical landmark of southern Alberta. Elevators are becoming more historic all the time," he said.

The Alberta Wheat Pool

Grain Elevator No. 1 in Scandia received formal recognition as a Registered Historic Resource in 1994 and as a Provincial Historic Resource in 2008 and it

continues to need a lot of love and attention.

It will be 100 years old in 2027 and the community hopes that the repairs will be completed by then.



The historical elevator in Scandia had a fresh coat of paint for Earl Taylor Day in August but the foundation was sagging.

| SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



An early photo of the foundation repair under Scandia's historical elevator. Much of the work is now completed, however, other repairs need to take place but the EID Historical Park board allocated its funds into the repairs and is now seeking donations. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Opportunity to comment on Pace's Brooks solar underway

Comments open until Nov. 4...

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) is accepting comments from the public on the Pace Salt Flats solar farm that is proposed to be constructed in Brooks.

The 25.9 megawatt plant would be sited on about 175 acres of grazed land near the Uplands area at the west half of Sect. 5 Township 19 Range 14.

Comments are being accepted from those who are affected by the project until Nov. 4.

Information on the project is available through the eFiling system at www.auc.ab.ca. Anyone who does want to participate in the proceeding must log on to the AUC website and go to proceeding 29272 and register to participate.

Prior to the public's filing the AUC is also seeking information by Oct. 17 including specifics of noise impact, solar glaze hazard, the area and capability of the project as the documents filed show that it is both 175 acres and 195 acres, the confirmation of disturbance of wetland, and the project size which show both 21.2 megawatts and 25.9 megawatts.

The AUC is also looking for confirmation of oil and gas wells, who the "client" is that is referenced in the emergency report, the property owner, the environmental impacts for the construction and operation of the screening berm and walking trail, mitigations and approvals applicable to the impacts and the impacts of the walking trail on the leopard frog population and why alternative routes to avoid the frog were not chosen.

The commission also wants copies of any outstanding concerns from stakeholders and the summary of stakeholder discussions.

## Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - John and I celebrated our 55 anniversary very recently and we celebrated by attending my WI triennial conference in Truro Nova Scotia in the middle of September. The conference was only 3 days but we took a week, from Monday to Monday. The conference offered some very interesting speakers. Two of my favourites were, meeting author, Leslie Crewe on line as she at the last minute was unable to attend, but she did send her publisher with many of her books to purchase. I purchased a copy of A Recipe For A Good Life, it was supposed to be inspired by reading old WI minutes from meetings. I haven't read it yet but I'm looking forward to reading it. Another very interesting

speaker talked to us about using artificial intelligence, or AI to improve our lives and save time and gain knowledge, but also warned of the dangers and drawbacks of using AI. I've given lots of thought to this subject. It seems the world has left us behind. John went of some field trips with some of the other WI husbands and one really cool thing he got to do was visit a dairy farm that was run by a couple using robots to make their farm more efficient. He also visited a boat builder who has been working on his own sail boat for 20 years and plans to launch it next summer. It's 74' long wooden and all put together with pegs not nails. John says that it is a work of art not just an amazing project.

We were so impressed

with Nova Scotia and saw Peggy's Cove and Harbour in Halifax, and the tidal Bore in Truro. We drove lots of the coast and the Architecture is unique, the History there has another hundred years at least.

We went to a flea market, and a craft show held in a farm Museum, and even managed a garage sale or two. By Friday I caught a nasty cough and cold so didn't feel great and I was generous enough to share with John. We've both spent this week under the weather. All said we had a great trip.

I'd missed a post from someone who called so I must apologize.

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



To help raise awareness of its program the Toy Library set up a display at Boston Pizza last month. In addition to the display, BP's sold Kids Cards with all contributions to the library.

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### BROOKS BULLETIN ONLINE READER POLL

Would you like to see a mural painted on the railroad's garage downtown or a row of large evergreens in front?

<b>MURAL</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>EVERGREENS</b>	<b>60%</b>

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 68  
View our weekly polls @ www.brooksbulletin.com

Online poll for the week of Sept. 25, 2024 - Oct. 2, 2024.

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# INFO SESSION

## Tuesday, October 8

JBS Canada Center  
PD's Dining  
323 1st E, Brooks  
**Presentation by Span West**  
1pm & 7pm

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