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The Brooks Badgers atom/pee wee football team defeated the Medicine Hat Raiders 45-0 in the first and likely the only home game of the season. The football field is expected to be dismantled over the next couple of months as work begins on the new junior high school. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Council approves rodeo grounds for a new school

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By a vote of 5-2 city council on Monday approved the redesignation of the 23.5 acre old rodeo grounds from public recreation and open space to public and quasi-public service to allow for the construction of a new school.

Councillors Marissa Wardrop and Mohammed Idriss voted against the redesignation.

During the standing room only public hearing 20 people spoke in favour of the motion and two were neither for or against but both said they were concerned with the location in relation to the truck route and the rail line. The city also received 87 letters from residents stating they were in favour. The letters were not provided to the public.

Those who spoke in favour of the motion at the meeting were Christ

the Redeemer school board members, its associate superintendent, superintendent as well as current students, current and former staff members and parents who all noted that the current schools are overcrowded and a new school would allow space indoors as well as outdoor recreation areas.

The majority of the speakers noted the urgency in the construction stating if the city did not redesignate the land they could lose access to some of the \$8.6 billion in school funding that was announced by the province in September.

Christ the Redeemer associate superintendent Michael Kilcommons spoke on the urgency of the decision.

"There are several reasons why we do see this site as optimal. By far the most important, number one on our priority list is related to the urgency of

time and money," he said.

He also said it's the only site the city owns and it is ready for construction and at 23-plus acres there will be room for onsite parking and proper bus routes, sports and playing fields and potentially other partner services.

"A plan to build a new facility or facilities, if our dream can come true, would be a tremendous boon to the city and its economy," he said.

He acknowledged that it is a route for trucks and machinery which would have an added traffic impact of 20-30 minutes each morning and afternoon.

Richard Young, who is in favour of a new school but not in the location said, "We are on the verge of a major wreck ... The last thing I think you guys want to be involved with right now is sticking a school of this magnitude in an area that I would call a kill zone."

Formal go-ahead given for skateboard park

Spring construction for concrete skateboard park, pump track....

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During last week's city committee meeting councillors gave the final OK for the construction of the new concrete skateboard and pump track park.

The \$1.5 million park construction will begin in the spring.

The 2007 park on Sutherland Drive will be removed and the new one will go on the same property with the expectation that it will be finished in August or September.

Since January Newline Skateparks representatives have met with the public to understand what users want in a facility.

"We came away with a set of guiding principles not

only for the terrain styles that we wanted to see in the park but also integration into the rest of the park area that we're developing so it becomes not only a great skate park but also a successful public space," said Trevor Morgan of Newline Skateparks.

The company developed a park with three main concepts — a pump track, a street area (stairs and ledges) and a bowl.

Following three public meetings and an online survey, the company used the feedback to come up with the final concept.

"What we wanted to make sure we were doing was lots of opportunity for beginners right through to advanced level riders, open space for staging and quality as well as quantity - making sure that whatever we did we did really well," he said.

There will also be plenty of areas to sit and watch as well as extensions for future

pathways to the existing washrooms, parking and a future sport court.

The park will include signature elements of Brooks including yellow and blue, agricultural patterning and a design depicting the Brooks Aqueduct. The final theme to be worked on is the diversity of Brooks and including that in the park.

The city will be responsible for other features of the park including re-opening the washrooms, which were closed about a decade ago due to ongoing vandalism, adding a sport court and a parking lot.

The skateboard park is being replaced because it has settled over the years and has cracked.

"Understanding that we were redeveloping over a facility that had those issues we had a very thorough geotechnical analysis," said Morgan.

He said he cannot speak

to the reasons why the current skateboard park has cracked.

"The conclusion of the geotechnical engineer, the civil engineer and structural engineers that we're all working with is that this site can be successfully

developed and will not have that issue."

Mayor John Petrie said any additional amenities including reopening the washroom and building a parking lot will be likely discussed during the budget meeting.

"The parking lot I think is important especially because you're coming off Sutherland Drive and you need places to park. I think we have to discuss it at our budget meeting," he said.



Newline Skateparks presented their final renderings for the Brooks Skateboard last week. This is a bird's eye view looking east. | NEWLINE SKATEPARKS RENDERING

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Badgers football shows great promise for future teams

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The Brooks Badgers pee wee/atom football team are small but they are mighty and that bodes well for the future of the sport in Brooks.

On Saturday the Badgers hosted the season's first football home game and defeated the Medicine Hat Raiders 45-0.

The home team's defence limited the Med Hat team to only a pair of first downs in the entire contest while the Brooks team completed seven touchdowns.

"We have depth. Last year we had Kohyve Lukye who danced around and took up a big part of the offence and now we have to spread it around a lot more which has been fulfilling in its own way," said head coach Jarrod Maxwell-Lyster.

Lars Maxwell-Lyster completed three touchdowns, Kaiden Clarke had two TDs and Caden Fest and Josh Alimi each had one.

Alimi, Maxwell-Lyster believes, will be "a big man on campus next year."

"He's been a big part of the team so far. He usually has a lot of tackles."

Maxwell-Lyster said most of the grade 7 players play both offense and

defense and they are the ones who will advance to the 2025-26 season.

The team is now 2-1 on the season but they did three preseason jamboree-style matches.

"The regular season is a four game season and then the finals. We want to go 3-1 and reach the finals," he said.

On Oct. 23 the Badgers will face the Medicine Hat Riders.

If the Brooks team wins they will face either the Medicine Hat Riders or Medicine Hat TiCats in the final.

All levels of the sport have been played out of town as the belief was that school construction would start during the season.



Brooks Badger Lars Maxwell-Lyster heads to the endzone for one of his three touchdowns during Saturday's match against the Medicine Hat Raiders. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Brooks and area RCMP report

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BOLO for stolen vehicle

Police are asking the public to be on the lookout for a 2006 white GMS Sierra with Alberta licence plate 17P 340 that was taken from a farm near Tilley on Oct. 12.

At the time of the theft, the truck had two 200-litre plastic barrels in its bed.

Jenner Fire uses drone to find missing person

On Oct. 12 Brooks RCMP received a report about an overdue hunter who had been dropped off with his boat at Dinosaur Provincial Park in the morning and was to have been picked up at Jenner Campground later that day.

When the hunter failed to arrive, his friend contacted police who then contacted the Jenner Fire Department. Using a drone as well as dispatching firefighters to search one area while RCMP searched another direction, the hunter was located at 2 a.m.

His boat had become inoperable after hitting a sandbar.

Woman enters home with owner's lost key

A homeowner reported a break and enter at a Brooks residence on Oct. 14 after hearing someone enter his home.

The homeowner was woken up and found a drunk female sitting on his kitchen floor.

She was arrested for unlawfully being in a dwelling.

Police reported that the homeowner had lost his keys in the yard earlier in the day which allowed the female to enter.

Stunting in parking lot

On Oct. 14 RCMP issued a driver a pair of tickets after she was found stunting in the Walmart parking

lot. Police say she nearly collided with pedestrians and vehicles.

Hate pamphlets

Over the weekend anti-Semitic pamphlets were distributed to homes in Brooks.

Brooks RCMP collected some that had been dropped off in the Fairview area.

No additional information was available as of press time.

Bassano RCMP report

Bassano man arrested for fighting, drug dealing

A 58-year-old Bassano resident, who has not been named because charges have not been sworn, was arrested after fighting with police during an arrest on Oct. 11.

Police reported they were called to a local bar in Bassano at 9:30 p.m. for a reported drug deal between patrons.



Police arrested two males and a female and later released the female.

During the arrest the Bassano resident began to fight with police, no injuries, but after a brief struggle he was taken into custody. Following the arrest the man was found to have had methamphetamine in his possession.

He was arrested for one count of possession for the purpose of trafficking and one count each of resisting arrest and obstruction of an officer.

He will appear in court on Dec. 18.

Also charged was Lorne Douglass, 55, of Edmonton for two outstanding warrants. He was released on scene with notice to attend court in Edmonton.

Drugs and weapons charges stayed by federal Crown

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Drug charges against Kyle Ivan Potts and Jak Thomas Burchell were stayed by the federal Crown on Wednesday.

No reason was given as to why the charges were stayed.

The charges were laid in May 2023 following a search warrant at a home in Duchess which followed a three week investigation by RCMP.

The warrant that was

executed on May 18 resulted in the seizure of 500 grams of cocaine, cash, Airsoft rifle and associated drug paraphernalia.

The charges against Potts included possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a prohibited firearm and failing to comply with release orders while Burchell was charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and failing to comply with release orders.

The co-accused were to have three separate trials

which were to have started on Oct. 29.

In addition to the co-accused charges, Burchell appeared in court last week on a separate charge of failing to comply with a release order regarding his curfew.

The court was told that police had conducted a curfew check in August but they were told that he had not been at his home for two days.

He pled guilty and was sentenced to time served.

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Hawk Husty, 11, left, jumped into a photo with Emilio Lasso, 4, at the Spooktacular event that was held on Friday at the JBS Canada Centre. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Wind contributes to Buffalos loss, says coach

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The Brooks Buffalos high school football team was forced to accept a defeat at the hands of the Willow Creek Cobras in Claresholm last Thursday, 19-2.

“This was another game where the wind was a real factor in the game plan,” said head coach Dylan Hartley.

Hartley said in the first half of the game, the Cobras had the Buffalos offence pinned deep in their own end and took the safety to conserve field position and took a 2-0 lead, then scored on a short rushing touchdown. The extra point was no good but the Cobras

had an 8-0 lead.

“The ensuing kickoff went through the back of the end zone which gave the Cobras a 9-0 lead.”

He said offensively the Buffalos moved the ball effectively but the team struggled to capitalize on their drives.

The Buffalos defence made a critical stop in Cobra territory which forced the Cobras to concede a safety. At half time the Cobras were leading by 9-2.

In the second half Willow Creek secured great field position off a Buffalos turnover that set up another Cobra TD and a successful extra point put the Cobras up 16-2 with another field goal for three additional points.

“Offensively we played well, but we have to clean up some details that would help us finish drives. Hartley said brothers Jaxx Porfoun and Kobe Porfoun ran the ball well and Johnny Gilborn was able to connect with the team’s receivers to extend the drives.

“Defensively, we played well especially in the second half. We played with a lot of grit and heart and those qualities go a long way on the defensive side. Even though it wasn’t the result we were hoping for, I was proud of how the boys played.”

The Buffalos final game of the season will an exhibition match against Winston Churchill in Lethbridge.

BROOKS BULLETIN ONLINE READER POLL

Do you think the city should relax parking requirements to accommodate townhouses and apartment buildings?

YES	20%
NO	80%

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 60
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Online poll for the week of
Oct. 16, 2024 - Oct. 23, 2024.

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City of Brooks Enhances Green Spaces with Summer Tree Planting Initiative

This past summer, the City of Brooks made significant strides in enhancing green spaces throughout the community by planting trees and shrubs at various locations. A total of 20 trees were added to the Commemorative Forest, while 27 new trees now stand at the Brooks Regional Ballpark. The Pleasant Park Pathway was enriched with 18 trees, and the Fairview Lift Station area saw the addition of 10. At Greenbrook Crescent, 4 new trees were planted, and 1 tree was added to the Cemetery. Along 3rd Street East to 7th Street East Boulevard, 20 shrubs were planted, adding to the city's ongoing beautification efforts.

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, November 4 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 Week 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!

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

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1. Go to brooks.ca/471/online-services and click "Launch".
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Taxpayers Notice

A 2% penalty will be charged on current outstanding taxes after October 31.

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- Paying in person at City Hall until 4:30pm on or before October 31.
- Using the night deposit box, located on the North side of City Hall.
- Internet/telephone banking and at most financial institutions.
- Select credit cards through the secure OptionPay system (with applicable third-party fees).
- Please ensure that mailed tax payments are postmarked no later than October 31, 2024 to avoid penalties. We will honour the postmark date on the envelope.

For more information, contact the City of Brooks at 403-362-3333.

COMMENT

Net-zero fantasies undone by fossil fuel realities

Globally, fossil fuel consumption has roughly doubled since 1980 and continues to climb

TERENCE CORCORAN
FINANCIAL POST

The evidence mounts daily that, regardless of Hurricane Milton and other climate events, neither Canada nor the world are on track to achieve the net-zero fossil fuel emission reduction targets said to be necessary to save the world from the “existential” threat of climate change. Despite the calls for action, oil and gas production continue to increase as energy corporations boost fossil fuel investments.

In Canada, the national effort to reduce carbon emissions is failing, as acknowledged in a recent report by the federal government-appointed Net-Zero Advisory Body (NZAB). In a largely ignored paper published on Sept. 26, NZAB essentially concluded that Ottawa’s plan to reduce carbon emissions to 40 to 45 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030 would not be achieved. At best, Canada might hit 35 per cent below 2005.

To hit the 2030 target, NZAB said, the federal government needed “more aggressive and sustained action.” There is “a gap” in the government’s strategies. “To reach the target, we need to do more, and we need to do it now.” Needed are investment tax credits, emissions caps, clean electricity, green buildings and vehicle sales mandates. Strangely, NZAB does not recommend a consumer-based carbon tax.

A carbon tax also failed to make it into a second NZAB paper that outlined how Canada should set a new carbon target aimed at cutting emissions by 50 to 55 per cent below 2005 levels by 2035 — only 10 years from today. This would be in line with the international Paris Agreement but would require “increased ambition and leadership from all actors.”

To help stimulate action, NZAB held a conference this week, titled “The Net-Zero Edge: Navigating the New Realities for Canadian Competitiveness.” The objective was to review net-zero challenges and opportunities. Any objective review of current energy trends, however, suggests the global sources of carbon emissions are growing — statistically, nationally, globally and at the corporate level.

Earlier this week Reuters reported that U.K. energy giant BP is abandoning plans to cut oil and gas output by 40 per cent while rapidly growing renewables by 2030. BP will focus instead on profitable projects, first and foremost in oil and gas, according to Reuters.

Canada’s second largest oil and gas producer, Suncor Energy Inc., is also ready to boost fossil fuel output. “Canada is blessed with an abundance of oil and gas, fourth globally in oil reserves. An amount Canadians couldn’t consume in more than one hundred years,” Suncor CEO Rich Kruger said in June. “Hence, the opportunity. To provide abundant, affordable and responsibly produced energy, with lower emissions, to people around the world, including allies increasingly concerned about energy security.”

This week Canada’s third largest fossil fuel producer, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL) struck a deal with Chevron to buy the Texas energy giant’s 20 per cent stake in Alberta’s Athabaska Oil Sands Project. CNRL President Scott Stauth gave no indication that net-zero would stop oilsands production. “We are going to continue to do what we do — and that’s focus on driving value through continuous improvement, look at ways to reducing costs, look at ways to optimize production.”

Michael Tims, vice-chair of Matco Investments Ltd., which owns some stock in CNRL, accurately summarized the emerging conflict between net-zero fantasy and fossil fuel reality. “We’re in a world where we’ve got two competing narratives. One is that oil and natural gas have a limited remaining duration, and one where the transition is going to take much longer and we’re going to have considerably longer paths for oil and gas.”

Could it be that there is no path? The gap between the two narratives illustrates the challenge facing agencies such as Canada’s Net-Zero Advisory Body and climate activists. Targets are being set that, in all likelihood, cannot be met. While think-tanks muse about reduction strategies, Statistics Canada reports that Canada’s oil output hit a record 286.4 million cubic metres in 2023, led by gains in oilsands output. Production continued to grow in 2024, placing Canada among the top four oil producers in the world.

Globally, fossil fuel consumption has roughly doubled since 1980 and continues to climb. Our World in Data notes that while coal consumption may be falling in many parts of the world, oil and gas are still growing quickly — as they have for decades (see graph) — and as they may continue to grow for decades to come.

TIME CAPSULE



Mission to Europa

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



Elon Musk’s ‘Starship’ project did something spectacular this week. The 160-tonne booster landed safely in the arms (or rather, the ‘chopsticks’) of a rocket-catching device that will soon allow the rapid turnaround and reuse of heavy-lift vehicles.

When fully operational, probably within two years, Starship will cut the cost of putting things into orbit as much as fiftyfold. Maybe it will eventually go to Mars. But in the end it’s just a better tool — a giant spacefaring truck.

The scientific event of the year was the launch on Monday of the Europa Clipper mission from Cape Canaveral. It’s carrying the biggest unmanned vehicle ever sent beyond Earth orbit. It will take more than five years to reach Europa, but when it finally gets there (almost three billion km. later) it may be able to tell us what we really want to know.

“If we discover life so far away from the Sun, it would imply a separate origin of life to the Earth,” explained Mark Fox-Powell, a planetary microbiologist at Britain’s Open University. “That is hugely significant, because if that happens twice in our solar system, it could mean life is really common.”

It doesn’t need to be very complex life, which is probably unlikely to evolve at the bottom of Europa’s sunless sea. We already know that in more

favourable circumstances life will evolve into a multitude of forms, so all we need to learn from Europa is that some form of life, even simple microbes, has already come into existence there.

The real question is whether we are alone in the universe. People don’t wander around asking themselves that question, of course, but it is the ultimate context-setter. Are we unique, the only bearers of life in an otherwise barren universe, or are we just one more species having a brief fling on one more planet in one more galaxy?

Europa, one of Jupiter’s four big ‘Galilean’ moons, could hold the answer. It’s big — about the size of Earth’s own Moon — and it appears to have a giant saltwater ocean up to 150 km. deep.

That ocean probably froze over very early in Europa’s history, perhaps as early as 4.5 billion years ago, because Europa is five times farther from the Sun than we are. Indeed, the sheath of ice around Europa is estimated to be fifteen to twenty-five km. thick.

However, beneath that ice there is at least as much liquid water as there is on Earth. Europa revolves around Jupiter, whose immense gravitational pull stretches and squeezes the moon’s rock and ice. That creates enormous tidal forces even in solid rock and causes enough friction and heat to keep an entire ocean molten.

There is no light beneath the ice so photosynthesis, which provides the energy for complex life, is not possible. However, living creatures using different biochemical pathways (chemosynthesis) thrive in complete darkness around ‘hydrothermal’

volcanic vents in the deepest parts of Earth’s oceans. That may even be where life on Earth got its start.

If similar living creatures exist on Europa, they would transform our understanding of the universe, for there is no way that they could be related to earthly life. Even more than the distance, the thick carapace of ice that isolates Europa’s ocean from the rest of the universe means that any life there will have had a completely separate origin.

The rest follows almost automatically. If two unrelated instances of life have arisen in this single planetary system, then it’s a safe bet that life in the universe is as common as dirt. Indeed, there are at least four ice-covered ocean moons in the outer Solar system, and maybe as many as eight, so there could even be many different lineages of life circling our own Sun.

But let’s not get ahead of ourselves. We don’t yet know if there is life in Europa’s ocean, and finding out will be very hard. The Europa Clipper mission will only be able to do a low fly-by of Europa for a couple of hours every three weeks, because longer immersion in Jupiter’s huge radiation zone would fry its electronics.

Europa Clipper carries nine instruments to explore and measure the moon’s surface, its magnetic field and (remotely) its ocean, but the jackpot would be a sample of the seawater, ideally with living things in it. If they get lucky, NASA’s scientists could even get that, because some of them think occasional plumes of that seawater erupt from the surface.

Eat your heart out, Christopher Columbus. This is real exploration!



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Communities in Bloom gives Brooks-Newell bronze rating

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For the second consecutive year Brooks-Newell regional received Five Blooms and a bronze rating by Communities in Bloom in the international-medium category.

The region's special mention was for the historical murals.

The awards were announced over the weekend during the annual awards and symposium that was held in Prince Edward Island.

Communities in the national and international competition which receive an evaluation of 82 to 83.9 per cent receive a bronze rating and five blooms.

Brooks CiB president Darlene Healy said the committee has not received the evaluation form but she hopes that although it was the same grade as last year that there was improvement



International Communities in Bloom judges Bob Ivison and Susan Ellis gave Brooks-Newell a 5 Bloom bronze rating. | FILE PHOTO

within the bronze category.

Looking to next year the committee has not decided if they will be evaluated competitively or in the non-competitive category.

"If we want to be competitive it has to be in the international category as we have won national in our population category. We were required to move to

the next level to stay in the competitive section," she said.

The committee has until the end of the year to decide.

Communities that were in the same category as Brooks-Newell all received five blooms.

Trim - Meath County Council, Ireland also received a gold and a special mention for their plants and floral displays; Ville de Rosemère, Quebec City received gold with a special mention for their Saving the Monarch Butterfly Community Engagement Program; City of Stratford, Ontario received a gold and a mention of their Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan & One Planet Living Principles and the Town of Szentes, Csongrád, Hungary earned a Silver and a special mention for their Cultural Heritage Initiatives - Restoration of Heritage Buildings.

The Skeletons of Halloween

DEVOTIONAL
THOUGHT OF
THE WEEK

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JON CHALMERS - LEAD PASTOR OF BROOKS EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Over the years, I have gotten a real kick out of the originality of my children's Halloween costumes. We have put together an assortment of costumes: a pizza delivery guy, a business shark (this included a shark head with a suit purchased at a secondhand store), and even an Ikea worker. On the night of Halloween, I see all sorts of costumes including many skeletons. Those scary skeleton costumes can still make me jump a bit, when I open the door to the familiar refrain of 'trick or treat.' Whatever you may think of Halloween whether it be good or bad, when

skeletons knock on my door it brings to reality that death is closer to me than I would like to think.

On Halloween night, we can close the door on scary skeletons and keep them out; but one day someone will close the lid to our casket. What can protect us from fearing what we cannot keep out with the strongest locked door? Jesus says in the Bible, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and Hades" (Revelation 1:17b - 18). Who is Jesus? He is the living one, who died on a cross, and three days later rose from the dead. His defeat of death gives Him full control over death.

When a skeleton makes you jump this Halloween, remember that Jesus offers protection from death to all who will accept Him as their protector.

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LETTERS

Article was “a bit abrasive”

Editor, The Bulletin;
I'd like to reach out to our city council members, the great volunteers of our Municipal Planning Commission, and the citizens of Brooks, to apologize for letting everyone down. I enjoyed being an MPC member, and the people were great. I would have WAY RATHER met with them in person, unfortunately things have made Zoom meetings a standard, and that was a struggle for me. As with my other volunteering, we

meet face to face, get to know each other, and have the opportunity to speak candidly. I appreciate that the meetings were curt, and to the point, but I still had a hard time breaking away from work.

I felt the paper's article, regarding my dismissal from the MPC, seemed a bit abrasive for a volunteer position. I've lived, worked and participated in the Brooks community for 35 years. I don't think, in that time, I've done anything that deserves a tarnishing

newspaper article. If I have, please feel free to approach me personally, and preferably privately. Also, as all community minded people are aware, volunteers are getting hard to find / recruit / keep. Please don't do anything that would discourage the ones we have.

Thank you, and please try hard to get out, and enjoy this weather, before it turns cold.

JIM THIRD,
Brooks, AB.

County to take over CDC South operations in 2025

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Following two years of negotiations with the provincial government the County of Newell is on the brink of taking over the operations at the Crop Diversification Centre South (CDC).

Following an in-camera meeting on Oct. 10, council agreed to utilize \$167,453 from the Regional Enhancement Fund as seed funds for goods and services that will be required for planning, marketing and incorporating a non-profit agency to oversee the facility while hiring a project coordinator to oversee the project.

“We have just felt that it's pretty important to get things going there again. That's an \$80 to \$100 million infrastructure that really hasn't been contributing the last few years,” said county reeve Arno Doerksen.

“Our goal is to get things started this fall so that we can get some activity going there at least out in the fields next summer with

interested partners.”

He said there will be work required to bring the facility up to date such as repairing or replacing irrigation lines and any necessary building upgrades.

“Our concern was that we weren't taking over a depleted asset. It needs to be brought up to date.”

Doerksen anticipates that future costs of the facility will be paid for by those utilizing the property.

“There's been a lot of interest from around southern Alberta with regard to other groups interested in, let's say, partnering there to do work, research at the facility.”

The CDC is an agricultural research site that was developed by the province in 1935. Its primary purposes included supporting agricultural research and innovation, helping producers diversify their crops and to improve competitiveness in the global market.

The centre has focused on new crops and new growing methods but Doerksen believes there is much more potential including

returning it to its glory days as it was 20 years ago.

In addition to irrigated research plots, the 127-acre (319 hectare) site included a rose garden with some one-of-a-kind species, a forever green pinetum which had a collection of 120 coniferous trees, including some that were planted in the 1950s and a four acre golden prairie arboretum that held 531 specimens of 312 species and 100 lilacs.

“Its kind of slowly deteriorated from lack of investment and attention. There's been a lot of interest over the years. There are community groups that kept a lot of that looking good at times but we want all of that to find a new place in the community. The base is there for a great park, arboretum, public access facility. Somebody got married out there a few weeks ago. If we have that looking good it's a great resource to the community in addition to the financial industry, irrigated agriculture research industry.”

Bandits continue to be undefeated in new league

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

AJ Lacroix had a memorable first goal as a Bandit on Oct. 17 during the team's second game of the BCHL Showcase.

Lacroix was the shootout hero and lifted the team to a 3-2 win over the Coquitlam Express to keep the team's unblemished record.

The match, at the Chilliwack Coliseum, saw the first place Coastal Conference team take a 2-0 lead after the opening period.

In the second Bandits Parker Lalonde had a powerplay goal with help from Ethan Beyer and Nathan Free and in the third period Matej Tepy had a powerplay goal with the assist by Keith McInnis to tie the game at 18:34 of the third period to move into overtime and then a shootout.

In their first showcase game the Bandits defeated the West Kelowna Warriors 1-0. Lalonde had the Bandits loan goal, a powerplay, with the assist from Free and Isaac Johnson.

Back in the regular schedule on Friday night at the George Preston Arena the Bandits toppled the Langley Rivermen 8-0.

Brooks had one goal each in the first and second periods followed by six goals in the third. Goals included one shorthanded from Nick Peluso in the second and a powerplay from Lacroix in the third period.

Across the BCHL league Lalonde, who has 10 goals and five assists in 11 games is first in goals, first in powerplay goals with five, first in game winning goals with four. Free is fifth overall with 15 league points earned on seven goals and eight assists in 10 games and Johnny Hicks is in the top goalie position with 0.961 per cent with a 7-0 record in eight games (no winner/loser for shootout

match).

Earlier in the month the Bandits defeated Prince George Spruce Kings 6-2 at the Centennial Regional Arena, defeated Spruce Grove Crusaders 3-1 at Grant Fuhr Arena and started the month at home with a 5-2 defeat of the Blackfalds Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs and Bandits will meet once more this month at Eagle Builders Centre followed by the Bandits returning home for one more October game to face Sherwood Park Crusaders for an afternoon match on Oct. 27. Game time is 4 p.m.

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EID expects up to two year wait before expansion begins

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Eastern Irrigation District is expecting a year or two wait for approvals for the Snake Lake expansion project.

EID board member John Ketchmark told the city-county joint services committee last week while the district waits they are planning to haul rock to the site throughout the winter so they're prepared to begin work by the time the approvals are in.

"So far we have all the lands that have been acquired that we need for the expansion, the abandonment of the oil and gas has begun and we're about 70 per cent complete on that," he said.

He said the onsite compaction tests are completed and two onsite moisture conditioning cells have been built to find ways to add moisture to the burrow for the material.

"To check to see how the material is going to absorb to give us an idea what we'll have there to be able to hold water in the reservoir," he said.

"We're hoping within the next two years we'll have shovels in the ground," he said.

The rock will be shipped from south of Lomond.

"This is the only place

that has the available sizes that we need without going up to Calgary to find it."

He said the budget for the expansion project has increased and decreased in price over the years but is currently estimated between \$250 to \$270 million. The provincial government has the project originally listed as \$170 million.

"We got a lot of product to move on the dam. We're looking at about half-a-million on riprap that's required. Stuff is changing on prices up and down from year to year. I imagine as we wait year to year for government approvals it will increase and decrease back and forth."

The expansion will increase live storage from the current 14,000 acre feet to 67,000 acre feet.

Once the reservoir project is completed it will help secure water with the hope to open more acres throughout the district when efficiencies are proven.

"We'd like to see there's more water availability in the Gem area off the reservoir at Crawling Valley so it would make more sense to have more expansion there but where ever people apply would be expansion," he said.

"We're working on other spots for reservoirs at the moment to create more

potential," Ketchmark said.

He also updated joint services with the Rolling Hills Reservoir campground numbers explaining there was a reduction.

"We're guessing that the weather earlier on in the spring played a part in the lack of rentals," he said.

When asked if the EID would ever lease land to the private sector for new campgrounds because of the Tourism Association's perception that the area needs for more grounds, Ketchmark said, "Judging by our rentals out here, I'm not seeing where we need massively more campgrounds."

"There was one month we were in the 70s and the rest were way down," he said of the 2024 camping season.

Although Rolling Hills numbers were down, Crawling Valley Reservoir had stronger numbers.

"There's options we're looking at with this new Snake Lake.

"There might be something a guy can propose down the road but there's no use putting the cart before the horse until the reservoir's built. There's no use looking at a campground because we still have to get approvals and everything else," he said.

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - We enjoyed another weekend of warm autumn days. We are blessed to live where we do without the threat of floods, tropical storms and other crazy weather events.

The surprise 90th birthday party this weekend held at the Patricia Steak Pit was a great celebration for Kayo Brodie. He had no idea why sister Pat would be taking Elaine and him out there after they got up here with niece Connie from Medicine Hat for a visit at Pat's home in Brooks. About forty longtime friends and family made this a very special celebration which he enjoyed with the visiting of some people he hadn't seen for years. And the 90th hat and lovely dessert as well as the singing of the birthday song was fun too. It's great to get together for occasions and to have a happy party with the guest of honour there. Thanks to Jodi and her staff for making this such a pleasant place to meet.

There is an art show currently in the Duchess Library. There are presently 11 pieces of art, some in Surrealism Style and some realism. They were a grouping hand picked for this show completed

by Linda Larochelle. The Bassano Train Station painting is sold and the rest are for sale. Linda Milne and Linda Larochelle will also be in the Rec Centre for upcoming fairs. For more information, please call Linda Larochelle at 604 813 1171.

Newell Further Education will be holding free classes for beginners

to intermediate computer users in Duchess. Classes start Wednesday, October 23, from 10:00 am to noon. For more information, please call 403 641 3444.

Duchess Arena has come to life for the '24-'25 season. Feel free to join the Duchess Minor hockey Facebook page to stay on top of schedules, important games and tournaments!

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North American agriculture has a long history... indigenous groups led the way



At this time of the year, in the Great Plains areas of North America, one marvels at the intense scale of harvesting on commercial farming operations. Gigantic machinery devours countless acres of cereal and oilseeds. Whilst on a road trip into Colorado, Utah and Idaho, millions of tons of forages were being baled and corn was being silaged – the massive scale of agriculture in the USA is always amazing to see. Most corn being harvested was destined for super-sized dairy farms, particularly in southern Idaho.

What is curious is the number of acres devoted to growing hay in all three states. Endless stacks of giant one-ton bales seem to be everywhere – who buys all that hay?

Most of the hayland is irrigated, so yields must be considerable. Potato harvesting in Idaho was underway, and like other crops, mechanization was massive. It's all a huge change from a hundred years ago when harvesting of almost any kind involved vast amounts of hard labour and horsepower. Albeit rudimentary tractors were taking part even back then. But that was not the beginning of commercial agriculture in the western plains, that belongs to another group of people, that being indigenous peoples of the US southwest area.

Southern Utah/Colorado and northern Arizona/New Mexico saw ancestral Puebloan Indigenous cultures flourish under the commercial agriculture of the day. That is the growing of corn, squash, and beans. Corn, in particular, was farmed on a large scale as the population expanded

considerably, and a crop that could be successfully farmed was critical. It was estimated that the population in the Mesa Verde area may have been as high as 20,000 around the 11th century. Simple hunting/gathering for food would not be enough to feed such a population. Corn seeds and farming knowledge would have worked its way north from central Mexico, where it had been established for many centuries.

The Mesa Verde area would have been the northernmost boundary of corn growing as it needed at least 150 frost-free days. Interestingly, the mesas also had deep enough soil and rainfall necessary for growing corn. Terrace farming was also part of their agricultural development. Some estimates were that Mesa Verde Puebloan farming involved 2,000 acres all by hand. That would be a commercial endeavour

by any standard, as much corn was stored for winter use or trade. Upon visiting the Mesa Verde National Park, one notes the ancient farmed area is now overgrown by brush, pinyon scrub trees and invasive weeds.

What ancient farming did around the world was give people time to engage in other pursuits or improving life's necessities like building more permanent homes. The Mesa Verde area has numerous cliff dwellings constructed from sandstone rocks and bricks. The locations are in cliff alcoves that are extremely difficult to access and are engineering triumphs. The squareness and level nature of the buildings would indicate that these people possessed surveying and measuring skills. The human labour that was expended in the construction of their cliff villages would be immeasurable. Add to that all the time needed

to plant, tend, and harvest thousands of acres of corn, and it would indeed take thousands of people to carry out all the activities.

However, the glory days of the ancestral Puebloan culture lasted only a few hundred years and disappeared by the 1500s, just before the arrival of Spanish explorers. Volumes of archaeological research exist that try to decipher why this seemingly advanced culture vanished so quickly. Well, the people didn't disappear. They just moved away more to the south and today make up the Ute, Navaho, Hopi and other indigenous nations.

What is becoming more apparent is that climate change and agronomic challenges were probably the main reasons the Mesa Verde and other nearby cliff-dwelling villages were abandoned. Some research indicated there was a 25-year drought that decimated

corn growing. Another suspicion is that the soils may have become thoroughly depleted after generations of corn growing. Farming further north was not possible because of a more hostile geography and climate.

All of those reasons may be reflective of what has been happening to agriculture across the western plains over the more recent past few decades. Unlike the ancient Puebloan cultures, modern agriculture has expanded and dealt with climate challenges with great advancements in plant science and agronomics. But for how long can technology and science continue to save agriculture? History does repeat itself - just some food for thought.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



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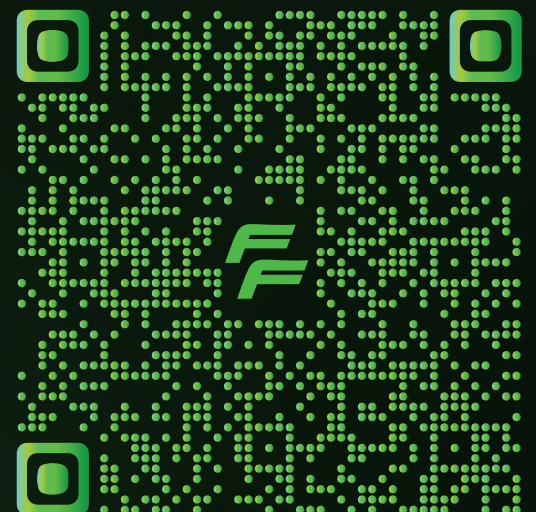


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BASSANO - Here are all the results from the recent 'triathlon' events sponsored by the Bassano Sage & Thistle Golf Club, Bassano Curling Club and Bassano Bowling Alley: third place winners are Katie & Kyle Crump, Bryce Coben, Jason Wilson and Matthew & Norma Douglass; second place winners are Shelby Burns, Brody Burns, Daryl Siemens and Cole Toly; your first place winners and the 2024 Champions are Nathan & Jen Hodgson, Daryl & Shawna Singular and Melanie & Edward Chapman. When the finals scores were

calculated, the top golf team was the Singular team, the top bowling team was the Shelby Burns team and the Russell Douglass team claimed the top place in curling. Thank you, Kim Douglass, for a very comprehensive report.

Anniversaries are always a special event. Here are the ones the Banner would like to acknowledge for the rest of October: Rob & Michell Toth, Darcy & Linda Heggs, Jace & Tanis Elliott, Rick & Anita Roen, Kim & Brittany Taing, Carson & Rachel Andres, Kim & Stuart Douglass, and a very special best wishes to Darlene Kirwan as she and Jim would have been celebrating their 71st on October 24th.

The birthday guy has an extensive list of those celebrating another trip around the sun. Here we go: Steven Scott, Mark Bulger, Emily Warwick, Macy & Max Hemminger, Navy

Treiber, Landon Lunseth, Lilian Bouvette, Maureen Schelske, Bryce Miller, Darren Chapman, Roberta Harmacy, Jayden Chartrand, Danika Rubinchak, Ashely Barlow, Jack Lawes, Oliver Gibeau, Chase Oliver, Corbin Roen, James Christopher Fern, Jason McKee, Atlie Stocks, Dallas Zibell and Jesse James Johnston. I couldn't afford birthday cards for all of you so please accept these greetings.

Playfair Lodge residents continue to be busy as usual with cribbage, bingo and exercise groups. Knox Presbyterian Church will visit on the 23rd. Every Friday is the Handi Bus service. Don't forget to wish Carl a happy birthday on the 26th.

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Don't forget the Bassano Community Turkey Supper happening very soon on November 4th.

Enjoy Daylight Savings Time while you can as the controversial change occurs on Sunday, November 3rd.

Please submit your news including upcoming events to

403-409-1101 or tom1942@hotmail.com. Remember the Banner covers several communities, Gem, Rosemary

and Bassano and the eastern portion of Wheatland County. Help us keep your district current.



WARDLOW - This past weekend I spent 4 days at a quilting retreat. My long time friend and sewing partner, Rosalee Dale organizes this event each year and I always plan to be there. The Ramada Inn makes us so welcome and this is such a fun group to sew and spend time with. I learn some valuable sewing tips every year. It's always so fun and inspirational to see what the others are up to. I was able to get a few things finished up for our table at the WI sale in Pollockville on November 22nd. That's coming up so fast.

The time between now and Christmas is filling up fast with so many things to see and do, concerts and plays and of course more sewing is on my list.

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

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Come in to the Alcoma Library

Sign out a book and put your name in the draw for tickets to the October 27th, 2024 Bandits game @ 4 pm. Winner will be drawn October 24, 2024.

The South Slope 4-H Beef Club has been going in our area for more than 85 years! This year's project options include beef, heifer, bee, judging and cooking. Sewing and lamb will also be projects if there is interest. And thanks to a very generous donation from South Country Coop, there will be no club fees for new members! Our senior members are always willing to help out the junior members with their projects too! Meetings will be held at Alcoma School on the third

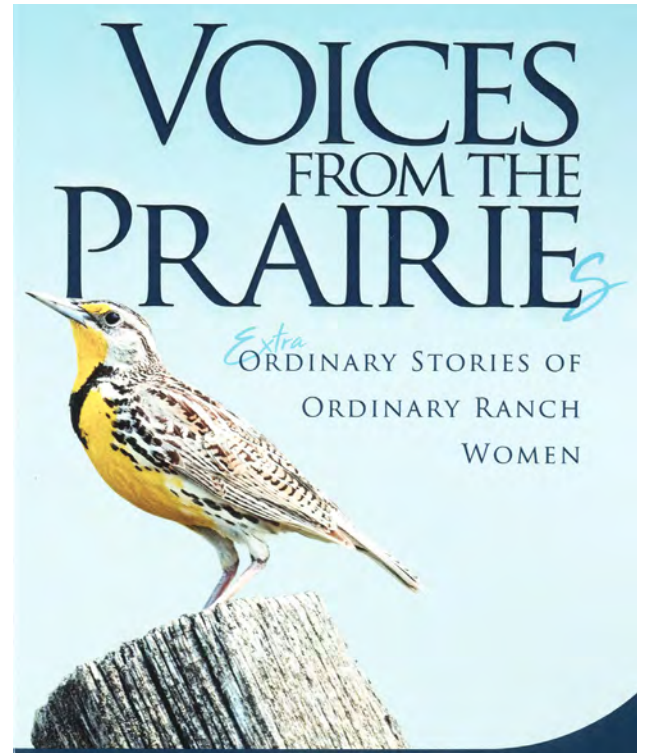
Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Cooking (and possibly sewing) will be held at the school before the meeting. For more information call or text Cindy at (403) 501-4223, or join us at Alcoma.

Alcoma School News-Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday & Thursday this week. Please contact the school or use the link via class dojo to book your interview. Alcoma Raiders will host Jenner on Tuesday at 4pm, come on out to watch some volleyball and cheer on our home team. Wednesday grades 4-6 will head to Outstanding in the Field. SPEC playgroup will be at Alcoma this Friday, bring your little for some fun!

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.



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Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - Here's hoping all had a Great Thanksgiving weekend. It's such a pleasure to have our family and friends get together for such a special occasion. We all have something to be thankful for. And it was a beautiful weekend.

Hopefully the weather will hold out for our farmers to finish up the last of harvest. We can't eat without them. Or truckers.

Helene and Ernie went into Langdon to enjoy Thanksgiving at their daughter Carole's & Trevors along with their family. Their son Ron and his family were able to attend as well.

Fay joined in with Glenda's family on Sunday for dinner. All of her kids made it home with their significant others as well.

Brad, Vickie, Fay and Curtis had a quiet dinner on Monday as there was still work to be done on the farm.

Cynda took the kids up to Stettler to have dinner with her parents and came back on Monday.

Barb and Brian had an old neighbour drop in for a visit. A great time and lots of laughs.

Brad and Carrie went to High River last weekend. Had a good visit with Jake and Kelsey and Kelsey's parents. Jake took them for dinner... what a change...lol they also had Thanksgiving

dinner at their place on Monday night. It was great having Dan and I, Dana and Robert. Thanks for cooking a great turkey Dana. And all the time we spent together.

Carrie and Dana made a trip to Medicine Hat for shopping and some Chinese food. Jealous I didn't get some. lol.

June and Brian Bell had a busy Thanksgiving weekend. June had her granddaughter Grace and husband came for the weekend. They did some dirt biking and had great visit with grandma June and uncle Brian. Shawna Bell was also in attendance for this beautiful supper. On Sunday, June had the pleasure of having Bud, Janet and their son Max and his girlfriend come and join for another meal and visit. Wish I could've got down there to see you all.

Rick and Robin Thibert went to Lancer, Saskatchewan to watch mud bogging and enjoy time with family and friends.

Joyce and Jerry Calvert enjoyed Saturday evening with supper with June and her family. Was a great supper they said and great visiting. I went up and had a tea and quick visit with them all. Thank you for having me.

On Monday, Joyce and Jerry travelled to Taber to spend Thanksgiving

afternoon with Mark and Jamie and Grady and Justine for Thanksgiving dinner. Wish I could've been there to see the family. It was great eats and visiting. Mom and Dad said they are so grateful for the leftovers that were sent home. Dad had dinner for a few days.

Joyce and Jerry also travelled to Medicine Hat on Friday. Mama said she got some Christmas shopping done and was all good. Great day.

Marshall and Donna Gillespie had a very busy Thanksgiving weekend. Their family was all here plus a few others for a great feast. And I hear they went and got family pictures done as Donna loves to do.

Dan and I enjoyed getting family pictures done with daughter Alecia and her family at Tillebrook Park on Saturday.

We also had the pleasure of my cousin Lyle Seely from Alder Flats come and have a visit that afternoon. So sorry that his wife Kim could not make it here would've loved to visit with her. Lyle and his son David had a great visit. Thank you Lyle.

And as you know from the Palko news we enjoyed Thanksgiving turkey at their place. Thank you so much, Dana. Was a great meal we all left full and happy.

Aunt Fay, Helen and I enjoyed a different game of cards on Wednesday at Vickie's thank you Vickie. It was a great day.

I also want to say a big thank you to my dad and Brad Palko for helping me out in this trying time as Dan is getting better day by day there is a lot of things that I didn't know how to do so thank you to all that have come and visited and help me.

Don Gallenger from

Black Diamond come and spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Brad and Carrie as he had an appointment in Medicine Hat. So Don and Brad made the trip Monday morning.

Joyce and Jerry went for a beautiful afternoon trip to Bassano to visit good friends, Barry and Carol Pearson. Mom said she was happy that they went because they came home with fresh loaves a beautiful banana bread. I wonder if

mom will share with me. Was a great afternoon of visiting and I'm sure some stories told. Here's hoping all our farmers are getting to the end of their harvesting. We couldn't be anywhere without you.

Please, if anybody has any news that they want to share with this beautiful community, please let me know. You can get a hold of me or text me at 403-363-7496. Let's share good news.

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City tax dollars may go into beautification at rail garage

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

City mayor John Petrie is continuing to work with CPKC officials regarding the railroad's garage that was constructed at the south end of Second Street West and that could mean using funds this were previously earmarked for another project.

In 2022 the city and the BRZ wanted to collaborate on a project at the CP-owned terminus property. The city put \$8,400 into reserve but no work could begin until

CP gave them permission to use the land.

Earlier this year CPKC Rail constructed a huge garage on the property without any notification to the city. They told staff they don't have permission as they are a federally regulated company.

Following an article in The Bulletin a representative from CPKC contacted the mayor to say the issue was mishandled.

During last week's review of the city's strategic plan Lisa Tiffin, the city's director of planning and

community development, said there hasn't been much of a move on the project but it could remain in the plan if there were some ideas. Those ideas would have to be completed on city property near the garage.

Following the meeting Petrie said the funds could be directed to the beautification of the terminus.

"I would actually like to leave it in there until we know definitively what we're going to do there. I personally would like something done there."

Silver Sage Ag Society gives back to the community

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Another successful year for the Silver Sage Ag Society has allowed the organization to fund other non-profit organizations including the Brooks and District Health Foundation. During the summer the health foundation was the recipient of a \$6,900 donation that was from the organization's general fund.

"As a board we began the year in January developing a forward facing strategic plan which begins with our vision for our society," said president Ken Neufeld.

The society's vision is to empower partnerships that unify and foster meaningful connections to the communities they serve.

"Inside of this vision and plan we have determined to partner and give back

to this community as we did with the Brooks and District Health Foundation," he said.

The Silver Sage Ag Society turned 50-years-old this year and they will celebrate the milestone with a New Year's Eve.

"We look forward to the future and the next 50 years.

"We, as a society, are excited about the direction we are heading and the potential opportunities we see in front of us."



Members of the Silver Sage Ag Society, left to right, Gerald Trembecki and Max Tateson and far right, Dakota Forbes, present Shauna James and Diane Declercq of the Brooks and District Health Foundation with \$6,900 as part of their vision to give back to the community. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Roadrunners finish regular season undefeated at 6-0

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

It's not a surprise that the Brooks Roadrunners football team have moved through the season undefeated. It's the final game that will be the tell-all.

For the last two seasons the Roadrunners have been undefeated in the regular season but have lost in the championship and failed to advance to the provincials.

Last Wednesday the Roadrunners finished the regular season with a 6-0 record after defeating the Medicine Hat Hawks 42-27 but now it's playoffs.

"Playoffs start this week so we will play the fourth seeded team Medicine Hat

Junior Vikings. If we win that it's the league finals the following week," said head coach Mark Freeman, who hopes that the third time will be the charm but only by taking small steps.

"The last two years we've had undefeated

regular seasons and we got stopped in the playoffs. So, we're taking one game at a time right now," he said.

Freeman is looking at how the team can improve on their success and that will include getting fewer penalties and working on the mental errors.

"We need to be mentally stronger. All of our kids are very talented.

"We just need to put everything together and play an error free game and we'll be fine. We just want progress. Not perfection. As long as they're continually getting better and look at next week that's all I care about," he said.

The provincials will be played during the November long weekend.



CTK school wins boys and girls junior volleyball tournaments

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

It was a busy weekend for volleyball with tournaments in Brooks and out of town.

On Friday and Saturday the junior boys and junior girls tournaments were held at Christ the King.

At the boys tournament were two teams from CTK and one each from Brooks Junior High, Jenner, Newell Christian and Rolling Hills schools.

In the final tournament the Grade 8 CTK team coached by Nathan Chernik defeated Newell Christian in two sets.

On Saturday 10 teams participated in the junior girls tournament including four teams from Brooks Jr. High, two CTK teams and one each from Bassano, Berry Creek, Newell Christian and Rolling Hills schools.

In the semi finals Jeylyn Sarmiento's Grade 7 CTK team defeated Lee Raynor's BJHS team two sets to one and Willa Aurelio and Phil Dacanay's Grade 8 CTK team defeated Kiranjeet Dhillon's BJHS team two sets to one.

Sarmiento's team defeated Aurelio and Dacanay's team two sets to one to take the finals.

"It was great to see both of our teams make the finals, which is a first for our Gr 7 Girls in a Jr Tournament," said tournament organizer Jeffrey Haines.



BJHS Team Dhillon member Mauricette Nzinga-Mankessi tips the ball over the net during a round robin match against BJHS Team Troidl on Saturday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

World Rotary Day is a reminder that polio remains a risk

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World Polio Day is Oct. 24 and the Rotary Club of Brooks is one member group that continues to fight to help obliterate the disease.

Polio is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that can strike at any age but it mainly affects children under five years of age in many parts of the world.

Polio is incurable but completely vaccine preventable.

The virus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative was formed in 1988 and is a public-private partnership that includes Rotary International as well as numerous other organizations.

In 1988 polio was endemic in 125 countries, with over 350,000 cases per year.

Today Afghanistan and Pakistan are the remaining countries that have outbreaks.

Polio cases represented by the remaining point-one per cent are the most difficult to prevent due to factors such as geographical isolation,

poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers.

Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreak.

Every year Rotary members work side-by-side with health workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries.

Rotarians work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute mass communication tools to reach people in areas isolated by conflict, geography or poverty and assist with logistical support as well as transporting the vaccine.

Funding Scandia's elevator moves to county budget discussion

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county will consider funding the elevator at Scandia's EID Historical Park during budget discussions next month.

On Thursday a park delegation requested \$52,905 from the county through a recreation facility grant to continue with repairs to the Scandia elevator.

The work that has been completed includes \$65,000 to repair the foundation and \$56,000 to paint the elevator. The county contributed \$25,000 earlier in the year to help cover maintenance costs in the park itself.

"We have the financial resources to do this work but we also have plans and needs to continue to maintain the buildings and upgrade the buildings including a schoolhouse," said Joe Chomistek.

The school house will need major work as it has been a home to pigeons for many years.

"If we pay for it out of our own pocket then we're broke and then we can't do anything else until we raise some more money."

The funding request of

just over \$52,000 is for renovations to the elevator which the park has been looking after since its establishment in 1976.

"The antique windows are rotten and they will require repair. The estimated cost is \$20,000. The doors, particularly the structures above the doors is rotting and the doors are going to fall down if we don't fix that. That's an estimated \$20,000. The foundation repair has been completed," he said.

The park will also apply for a provincial grant early

next year and although they will apply for 50 per cent of what has been spent on the project, Chomistek said he doesn't expect to receive that much.

"Our goal is not to build up a cash bank account. Our goal is to continue as quickly as possible to do the things we want to do to enhance and improve the park," he said.

Councillor Holly Johnson's motion to fast track the funds was defeated but the motion to add it to the budget discussion was approved.

Succession planning workshop

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

It's small business week in Alberta and the province has announced a \$90,000 grant that will be used by the area's economic development department to host a small business succession planning session in November.

The small community grant will be used to connect with the local business community to help solve challenges and find opportunities in rural areas.

The Nov. 14 session will be moderated by Elaine Froese and will be held at the Heritage Inn.

The no-charge event is open to 150 people. It is for farm and business owners in the area who are looking to learn about the challenges and strategies for creating a succession plan.

Classifieds

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obituaries



MRAZ - Joseph Paul Mraz of Brooks, passed away in Brooks on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, at the age of 51 years. Joe was born in the old Brooks Hospital on January 15th, 1973, to Joseph and Carol Mraz. He attended school in Brooks, rarely missing a day unless very ill, because that is where all his friends were. Joe attended Medicine Hat College for 1 year after graduation, but after spending a summer as a welder's helper, decided to apprentice as a welder. He worked as a welder for over 25 years in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Joe loved his job, he also loved hunting and fishing, especially with his good friends Reid, Aaron, Cody and his son Riley. He was very sociable and loved to have fun. Joe's close friends were with him in the good times,

of which there were many, as well as the troubled times, helping him to negotiate the obstacles of life and Joe's family would like to thank them for their many years of friendship and support. He was predeceased by his father Joe, grandparents, John and Anna Mraz and Alton and Betty Logan, as well as aunts and uncles on both sides of the family. Joe is survived by his son Riley; mother, Carole; sisters, Krista (James) and Kathryn; nephew Shamus and nieces Erin and Claire. As per Joe's wishes there will be no formal service, but a gathering of family and close friends will be held at a later date. In memory of Joe, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to Brooks Mental Health Association, Bag 300, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3.

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HOLAND - Priscilla Marilyn (Ella) Holand of Brooks, beloved wife of Marvin, passed away in Brooks on October 9, 2024 at the age of 85. Priscilla was born to Joseph and Helen Albert at Lethbridge, Alberta. She attended Milk River Elementary School and when the family moved to Brooks, she received her education there. Priscilla had a variety of employment, including housekeeping at Willow Pines in Brooks and 25 years employed at Brooks Health Centre. Priscilla enjoyed cooking, yard sales, flea markets and attending annual oil Shows. She enjoyed animals,

especially the small dogs in her life and looked to find new and beautiful pieces of Blue Mountain Pottery to collect. Priscilla was a traveler; visiting 17 countries on 6 continents; riding camels, elephants and walking with lions. She was predeceased by her parents, aunts and uncles as well as 10 siblings. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 47 years, Marvin; sisters in-law, Lyda Albert of Chilliwack, British Columbia and Joyce Lemieux of Brooks as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 26, 2024. At Thom's Funeral Home and Reception Centre in Duchess.

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coming events

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WEINMEYER - In Loving Memory of Dorothy Katherine Weinmeyer

It is with a deep, indescribable sadness that we announce the passing from this life of Dorothy Katherine Weinmeyer, age 83, on October 12, 2024, after a long and determined battle with cancer.

Family, music, faith and hard work were the foundations of Dorothy's values, and remained that way her entire life.

Dorothy was born to David and Barbara Flahr in Kerrobert, Saskatchewan on February 28, 1941 and, at only 17 years of age, on August 12, 1958, she married Lucien Weinmeyer in nearby Luseland. The couple had three children and continued to reside in Kerrobert until 1962, when they moved to Brooks, Alberta where they welcomed their fourth child in 1971. Dorothy and Lucien developed numerous life-long friendships in Brooks and were also joined there by her parents as well as a number of siblings from both sides, which established a strong extended family presence that thrives to this day. With these deep roots, they remained there until moving to Calgary in late 2019.

From childhood, Dorothy had a passion for music and pursued that passion her entire life. An accomplished and complete pianist who was accredited by the Royal Conservatory of Music, she could sight-read classical music one moment and play a country song by ear the next, without missing a beat. She shared her gift of music generously her whole life, enriching the lives of countless people as she and Lucien started and played in various bands - such as the Softones, Rock n Country and Silver Sage Duo - over a period of 65 years, while also teaching piano, playing the organ for the church choir, serving as President of the Brooks Music Festival and adjudicating for the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Dorothy was a life-long devout Catholic and lived her Catholic values daily. As an active member of the Catholic Women's League, she gave back to her community and her church with generosity.

Dorothy was also an active entrepreneur, having developed several home-based businesses as well as working alongside Lucien to design and develop custom homes on various properties. Lu-Dor Estates stands as a permanent testament to their efforts to provide exceptional housing to Brooks residents.

Through all her accomplishments and talents, Dorothy's family was her greatest joy, and she was a dedicated mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to an expansive and expanding family. The profound sense of bereavement that is being felt by all who knew her will be partially soothed by the many memories of her warmth, constant smile, kindness and the equally profound love she shared with Lucien for 66 years - a love that sets a standard for us all to aspire to.

Dorothy was predeceased by her parents David and Barbara Flahr, siblings Dolores Margrett Flahr, Collette Barbara Flahr and Daniel Albert Flahr. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Lucien, by their four children - Susan (Roy) with their sons (Jeremy and Lindsey (Karla)), Warren (Patricia) with their children (Hugo, Miguel (Tash), John Paul, Tirza (Dan) and Angel), Corinne (Pat) with their children (Jarret (Madeline), Diandra (Brett), Courtney (Will) and Jameson), Melanie with her children (Ashton and Melissa (Alex)) - and by Dorothy's 18 great-grandchildren. Her love and life will continue in the hearts and memories of her numerous family and friends, until we are all reunited with her once again.

A Funeral Mass for Dorothy was celebrated at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Brooks, on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 11:00 AM. Rev. Avinash Colaco Celebrant. The Mass was to be also live-streamed for those unable to attend. There was a recitation of the Rosary for Dorothy on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM, also at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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Call 403-362-5571

obituaries



LAVADIERE - Marilyn Lavadiere born March 4th, 1956 in Brooks, Alberta to Harold and Margaret Dressel passed away October 17th, 2024 in Brooks, at the age of 68 after a courageous battle with cancer. Marilyn worked numerous jobs in the Brooks area including, The Salvation Army, Freson Bros. IGA and Walmart. She is survived by her three children, Jeff, Trina (Jayson) and BJ; six grandchildren, Seth, Brady, Aspen, Destiny, Ella and Tucker; three sisters, Gloria (Dennis) Nakamura, Betty Stewart, and Evelyn McLean and three brothers, Leonard Dressel, David (Carla) Dressel, and Edwin Dressel and numerous nieces and nephews. As per Marilyn's request there will be no funeral.

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obituaries



RODWELL - It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Katherine (Kathy) Grace Rodwell on Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, at the Brooks Health Centre, at the age of 74 years, after a four-and-a-half year battle with cancer. Kathy was born in Brooks on December 6th, 1949, the third child born to Steve and Mary Yewchuk. Her childhood years were spent in the hamlet of Imperial Colony, east of Patricia, Alberta. After graduating high school in Brooks in 1969, Kathy went to study at Olds College. This led to a government job in downtown Calgary with the social services department. Kathy would later wed Larry Rodwell, and they welcomed their daughter Stephanie in 1977. She helped Larry own and operate the Oasis Hotel in Edgerton, Alberta for 10 years. Seeking a fresh start, Kathy and Stephanie returned to her hometown of Brooks, in 1993. She waitressed at the Petro Canada Restaurant, which later became Humpty's Restaurant. It is here that Kathy met her husband Wayne Closs in 1994. She later worked as receptionist at Trendsetter Manufactured Homes Ltd. until she retired in 2016. Kathy was an avid sports fan, which included cheering on the Calgary Flames and Stampeders, as well as following curling. She enjoyed reading, watching game show reruns and was always up for a cribbage match. Kathy followed the news and was always willing to provide her opinion on politics. She enjoyed going for coffee on Fridays and the new friendships she gained. Kathy's family wishes to thank the staff at the Brooks Health Centre for the exceptional care she received. She was predeceased by her father Steve and mother Mary; brother, Ronald; sisters-in-law, Shirley and Donna and father-in-law, Carman. Kathy is survived by her daughter Stephanie (Scott) Hanson; husband, Wayne Closs; brothers, Robert and Myles (Nancy); mother-in-law, Doris; sisters-in-law, Gloria (Bob) and Donna (Mark); brother-in-law, Larry (Wendy) and numerous nieces and nephews. A private funeral service was held. In memory of Kathy, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Brooks and District Health Foundation, Bag 300, Brooks Alberta T1R 1B3.

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in memory



In loving memory of you

Dad

TERRY FERNER

I Miss You Dad

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that, too.

I think of you in silence. I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart.

Love,
 Emily, Christopher and Lily

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- 72" twist bucket
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- 84" twist bucket
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Or email bids to: eid.reception@eid.ca

Any questions about the equipment, please contact:
 Earl Palaschak, Shop Supervisor 403-793-5756

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eid@eid.ca

www.eid.ca

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employment



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR

The County of Newell is seeking an enthusiastic individual to join our team as an **Environmental Services Supervisor**. This is a full-time permanent position reporting to the Manager of Agricultural Services. The Environmental Services Supervisor is responsible for the efficient operation of weed and pest management programming and for monitoring soil erosion concerns. The position is responsible for acting as an Inspector under the Weed Control Act, an Officer under the Agricultural Pests Act, and an Officer under the Soil Conservation Act.

Areas of Responsibility:

This is a hands-on job involving fieldwork, public relations, and office work. We are looking for an individual who is knowledgeable about pest control, plant identification, and local farming practices. The primary responsibilities will involve overseeing the Weed Inspection Program and seasonal Vegetation Management Technicians, identifying and mapping noxious and prohibited noxious weeds, and determining viable control options. This position will also help disseminate information through various media, such as social media, print media, and information sessions.

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.
- Experience with plant identification and herbicide application.
- Knowledge of weed control methods.
- Working knowledge of computer programs and applications such as Microsoft Office.
- A valid Intermediate First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain.
- A valid Alberta driver's licence.
- A current driver's abstract.

The County of Newell offers a competitive salary and benefits as well as excellent training and education programs.

A pre-employment drug and alcohol screen and an occupational health assessment for new and returning employees is required as per County policy. The successful candidate is required to provide a clear criminal record check prior to employment. This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

If interested, please submit a cover letter with your resume in confidence, including salary expectations and 3 references to:

Attention: **Human Resources**
County of Newell
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 Brooks, AB, T1R 1B2
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We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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obituaries



WIEBE - Larry Wiebe of Rosemary, Alberta passed away on October 17th, 2024 at the Medicine Hat Hospital at the age of 79. He was born on July 31st, 1945 in Bassano, Alberta to Jacob and Elizabeth Wiebe. He was the oldest of 6 children. He attended Rosemary School and then went to Three Hills Bible College. Larry farmed for several years. He met and married Vivian in 1973. After farming, Larry had various jobs working as a parts man at Brooks Farm Equipment, a potato caregiver at Old Dutch, selling real estate, and driving bus. He also was active in the community with

4-H, town council and the Ag Society. Larry later retired to enjoy gardening, wood working, camping, and joining the Rosemary coffee crew every morning. Larry is survived by his wife, Vivian; daughters, Debbie (Dean) Thomas and Darla; two grandchildren - Ally (Adam) Barnett and Simon (Jenna) Thomas, and two great grandchildren - Luna and Mason. He is also survived by his mother - Elizabeth and his two sisters - Dianne Porisky and Brenda (Gord) Leland, sister-in-law Marjorie Wiebe as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Donald, his father Jacob, brother Gord and sisters, Sherry and Darlene. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to the Newell Foodgrains Bank or a charity of your choice. Funeral services will be held at the Rosemary Mennonite Church on Friday, October 25th, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Pastor Josh Mueller officiating. Interment at Rosemary Cemetery.

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MUSGROVE - Norman Musgrove of Patricia, beloved husband of Sheila, passed away in Brooks on October 18, 2024 at the age of 89. Funeral services will be held October 28, 2024 at Patricia Community Hall. For further service details or to leave a message of sympathy please visit www.thomsonfuneralhome.com or call 403-501-1010.



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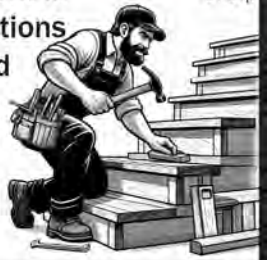
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Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



RAINIER - If anyone has a Birthday they would like listed in the column. Please share with me. I would be happy to add it.

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. Thank you to those that have already donated. We look forward to playing them! Kids halloween movie night Oct 26 @ the Rainier community hall for 6pm. Entry by donation. Family friendly movie, light snacks, and a costume contest. It should be a spooktacular time.

If any community members are interested in hosting a community activity.

Please reach out to a board member from the hall. Thank you to all that helped with volunteering for the hall's casino.

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. SPEC will be at the school for a playgroup Friday Oct 25 9:30 am to 11am. All

are welcome!

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.

Come in to the Alcoma Library. Sign out a book and put your name in the draw for tickets to the October 27th Bandits game @ 4pm. Winner will be drawn October 24,2024.

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.

I welcome any emails of information you would like included in this column.

Please contact Colleen by Sunday @ colleenvandenhoeck@gmail.com

Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Deepest sympathies to Karen (Rommens) Hemsing and family as well as Butch and Brenda Hemsing and Lloyd, Wanda, Wendell and Janet Rommens and families on the passing of David Hemsing. He had a very special place in a very large family and will be very much missed.

Audrey Martel and her Leland family clan were in Stettler Sunday for their bi-annual sibling lunch. Audrey's family is very good at maintaining their yearly family lunches and reunions meeting in central Alberta to make travel as easy as possible. Sometimes we can feel overwhelmed with making another commitment

to meet up with someone, however from experience I can say you never regret when you make the time, but you sure can regret when you don't.

An enthusiastic group of 29 ladies were busy sewing at the Community Center this weekend. Enjoying fellowship and good food.

Hayden Mulvey rode

Thanksgiving weekend in the Chinook Finals Rodeo and it wasn't his weekend to stay on. However he headed to the MRCA finals in Brandon, Manitoba this past weekend and was very successful! Hayden rode 2 out of 3 earning Ride 3 Go Round Winner and finishing out 3rd overall. He will head to the CCA Finals next

weekend in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. Good luck and stay safe!!

Calling all the community ghouls and goblins out for the Annual Halloween Party on October 31st. Doors open at 5:00, hotdogs 5:30, and trick or treat at 6:30. There will be a bouncy castle, activities and games, and a Jack-o-lantern contest! Plan treats for about

35 kids.

Most in the area have just wrapped up harvest and cattle have come back to their winter homes. Hopefully preg checks and calf sales go well for everyone. 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.

Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - 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.

On the way home from the pub at around 2:00 am, Paddy was stopped by the police. The officer asked him where he was going at such a late hour. Paddy replied, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late." The officer asked, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?" Paddy sadly

responded, "My wife."

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

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in memory



Terry Ferner

February 14th, 1967 - October 22nd, 2022

A Life Stolen

The sun still rises in the east and darkness falls at night but nothing now seems quite the same each day is not as bright

The birds still sing, the flowers grow the breeze still whispers, too but it will never, ever be the same world without you

It's so sad that you were taken your leaving caused such pain but you were so very special and earth's loss is heaven's gain.

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COUNTY OF NEWELL

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PROJECTS COORDINATOR - CDC SOUTH REVITALIZATION

The County of Newell is seeking an enthusiastic individual to join our team as **Projects Coordinator** for the Crop Diversification Centre (CDC) South Revitalization Project. This is a full-time position reporting to the Director of Agricultural Services that will play a pivotal role in the revitalization of a historic agricultural research centre. This position will be dedicated to promoting the CDC as a cultural resource and making the facilities accessible to organizations to develop new crops, products, and crop production practices.

Areas of Responsibility:
The key role for this new position is to assist with marketing the CDC South to prospective users, evaluate expressions of interest, and establish agreements that drive innovation and secure the financial sustainability of the CDC South. As the Projects Coordinator, you will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the facilities, managing stakeholder relations, and coordinating access for research and community outreach projects. This position ensures the facilities are well-maintained, aligned with environmental standards, and ready to host a variety of events.

Preference will be given to applicants possessing:

- Diploma or degree in agriculture or related field, or equivalent experience.
- Facility management and project coordination experience.
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- A valid Intermediate First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain.
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