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Olympic hurdler Sage Watson from Medicine Hat signs an autograph for Kate Doerksen during Celebrating Women and Girls Movement held recently. Please see story page 9 | SM STANWAY PHOTO



Halloween trick-or-treaters will be out tomorrow evening so motorists and ghosts and goblins are urged to be careful. Motorists should drive slower while trick or treaters should use extra caution when crossing roads and only attend homes that are well lit and decorated such as this one on Evergreen Park Close. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Takeaways from rodeo grounds public hearing

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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In March at a meeting behind closed doors Christ the Redeemer school board representatives convinced the city to give them the entire 23.5 acre property that makes up the old rodeo grounds.

City council approved the idea in a vote that followed the in-camera meeting but it was not announced until three weeks later.

Last week following the public hearing to officially rezone the land, city council approved the rezoning in a 5-2 vote.

The six month time frame was too fast, many said, as the school board should have started discussions with the city for a piece of property at least two to three years ago to have allowed for more planning.

The city does have an existing planning document, the Southeast Area Structure Plan, which was approved in 2004 but it's unknown if it was part of the in-camera discussion.

Gavin Scott, the city's land planner from the Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC) said the plan will be updated next year but the two school sites in the document show "no true indication as to where those would be developed."

According to the plan, the school sites are on Second Avenue and near the college.

Scott said across the province there is a lack of communication between municipalities and school boards on municipal planning documents.

He said part of the process was required to identify school sites in municipalities but that requirement continues to receive extension from the province.

"There would have been a lot of planning that

would have answered many questions including what is an appropriate school site and there would have been time to analyze planning documents to indicate where a school is needed."

He said the next steps are carefully laid out by the province which will pay for the building but all other costs are at the responsibility of the municipality.

That could mean the city-owned land which is given to a school board as a municipal responsibility will likely put a ding in taxpayers'.

It's likely there will be a requirement to redevelop the property along Seventh Street such as by widening the road, traffic lights or sidewalks if they are mandated through the traffic impact assessment and the sewage dump site will likely have to be removed.

"The cost of those improvements will be borne by the city. Off-site costs do not equate into the provincial funding," said Scott.

During the recent Intermunicipal Planning Development meeting the city said they would like to help the county redirect the truck route which was a concern raised during last week's public hearing.

"The ultimate goal would be to work with the County of Newell to have that truck route changed," said mayor John Petrie.

"We'll do whatever we can to kind of help you guys to kind of expedite that."

The county has the route on its 20-year plan to be redirected to Highway 1 as land becomes available.

During the hearing Scott was asked about the possibility to subdivide the land between the city and school board.

He said options include moving the entire property into a school reserve designation, subdividing to split the ownership, creating a joint use agreement to name the city as the first right of refusal and to designate the site as municipal school reserve which would give both ownership without having to subdivide.

"The school (board) could step away from the property and it would be yours," Scott told council during the public hearing.

"I believe staff is looking to discuss this with council at a later date."

Petrie said he doesn't see a point in subdividing.

"We are committed to soccer fields even if there is a school in there. It's 23 acres. You know we can still build soccer fields and other sports facilities even if the title is to Christ the Redeemer," he said.

He said he doesn't know how much land the school would take but there is still a lot of land and soccer fields or other outdoor facilities could be built.

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Graycee Henke, 8, dressed as a hockey player with a black eye for the Brooks Bandits Halloween home game on Sunday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## 'Takeaways' cont. from page 1

"I see keeping it intact as just one area," he said.

However, if recreation sites are built for the community on school property, it's unknown if the public would have access during school hours.

Petrie did not respond to a text following last week's public hearing asking about the future of the Kin building.

City CAO Chris Parker said it's also unknown where the school will be built on the property.

"It might not be where we would think it would be," he said.

According to Parker the province will determine where on the parcel the school will be built until a study is completed.

"What might happen is they might put it right in the

middle and they say on the left and right that could be your recreational areas."

"They can't say we're going to have this wide of a lane for the parking and the busing because everything is being designed by the professionals in that aspect.

"So yes, it is a large piece of land. Doesn't necessarily mean they're getting the large piece of land. So we will have an opportunity to use it for other things."

He said the city has been in discussions with the school board who claim they're more than happy to either share or give back so it is a multi-use site.

The city's decision has been made but it is currently in a 21-day appeal period.

Appeals are to be directed with a petition to the province.

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**ONLINE READER POLL**

Should the city allow graffiti to be applied to the new skateboard park?

<b>YES</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>48%</b>

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 78  
View our weekly polls @ [www.brooksbulletin.com](http://www.brooksbulletin.com)

Online poll for the week of  
Oct. 23, 2024 - Oct. 30, 2024.

## Brooks fire hall open house Saturday

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The Brooks Fire Department's open house will be held on Nov. 2 with the unveiling of the new fire safety simulator, speeches and presentations. The simulator can be moved around the city and county to teach fire safety to everyone from very young children to adults.

The doors will open to the public at 9 a.m. The unveiling and speeches will begin at 10 a.m.

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# Christmas shoebox collection begins Nov. 18

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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The shoebox program for Operation Christmas Child is underway.

The program sees people filling shoeboxes with items such as a toy, school supplies, hygiene items and even personal notes and photos.

The shoeboxes, which are to be wrapped with an elastic band and labelled to indicate the age and sex of the recipient and \$12 to cover shipping and other program costs, can be dropped off from Nov. 18 to 24 at the Brooks Alliance Church Monday to Friday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday noon to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to noon.

Operation Christmas Child is an annual initiative of Samaritan's Purse.

Last year Canadians filled more than 425,000 shoeboxes with gifts for children in West Africa, Central America, Ukraine and Philippines.

In a world weighed down with inflation, political turmoil and the effects of war, children need joy more than ever.

Since 1993, 220 million shoebox gifts have been collected and distributed to more than 130 countries.

"Struggling children and families need hope," said Kendra Shields, director of Operation Christmas Child.



Children in Costa Rica open Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. | FRANK KING PHOTO



# Registration for potential AUC hearing nears 90

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As of Sunday 88 people had registered a statement of intent to participate with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) should there be a hearing for Pace Canada's Salt Flats 25.9 megawatt solar farm near Uplands in Brooks.

The farm is proposed to be constructed on 175 acres of grazed land using 51,360 bi-facial panels and seven 4000 kilowatt inverters within the city's boundaries.

The produced electricity will be connected to FortisAlberta's distribution network.

In their application Pace

anticipated approval from the AUC by Dec. 1, 2024 so they can begin construction in 2025.

One resident who lives less than 200m from the proposed site told the AUC, "This is a drastic change in the community structure and people's lives and these do not need to be that close to a community. Everyone makes out good on this deal except the people that are stuck looking at it. Please consider moving the project."

Many people are concerned that the project will be an eyesore, will reduce property values and some noted they will have to endure dust and dirt during

the construction.

Another asked, "Why are we considering a power generation project in the middle of residential and school development?"

A group of residents believe that the company has not put enough money into a reclamation trust fund, that the project will be detrimental to residents and the installation of the farm is being constructed on limited land that is available within the city limits so it will hinder growth and development without providing any long term jobs or investment.

The last day to file an intent to participate with the AUC is Nov. 4 at 4 p.m.

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We want to hear from YOU! The Brooks Budget Survey is now live, and your input will help shape the future of our community. Share your thoughts on how we can allocate resources and improve the services you care about.

Complete the survey today at EngageBrooks.ca and make your voice heard! Your feedback matters!

### Youth Night at the JBS Canada Centre

Join us for a wild night of fun with a life-size version of Hungry Hungry Hippos!

- Date: Friday, November 8th
- Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Location: JBS Canada Centre
- Ages: 8 – 12
- Cost: Daily admission or FREE with a membership

### 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](http://brooks.ca/890/Sustainability-Award) to get started!

**Nomination deadline is November 1, 2024!**

## Public Notices

### City of Brooks, Tax Recovery Public Auction

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, the City of Brooks will offer for sale, by public auction, in the City of Brooks Council Chambers, Brooks, Alberta, on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 2:00pm, the following:

#### Manufactured Homes

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Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

These lands are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and the City of Brooks makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the developability of the subject property for any intended use by the Purchaser.

The City of Brooks may, after the public auction, become the owner of any property not sold at the public auction.

Terms: Cash, certified cheque, interac or bank draft with minimum 10% down payment, non-refundable, payable the day of the sale. Balance due within 10 days from date of auction.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Brooks, Alberta, October 24, 2024

### Taxpayers Notice

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

Payment options include:

- 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.

### Final Week of Yard Waste Collection is Here!

The last week for yard waste collection is from October 28 to November 1. 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.

For full details, please visit [Brooks.ca](http://Brooks.ca).

### Next Council Meeting

- Monday, November 4 at 4:30pm.
- 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](http://brooks.ca/agendacentre)



## COMMENT

# Billions spent on EVs with little to show for it

LORNE GUNTER  
TORONTO SUN

In the past six years, the federal government alone has spent or committed to spend over \$50 billion on electric vehicle (EV) production and sales. Provincial governments (mostly Ontario and Quebec) have committed another \$20 billion-plus.

That's not just for ultra-expensive EV battery plants, but also subsidies to EV buyers, plus money for EV infrastructure, such as charging stations and home chargers.

The feds give everyone buying an EV \$5,000, even for high-priced, exotic models. British Columbia tops that up with \$4,000 more. Quebec adds \$8,000.

Canadians spend just over \$80 billion a year to buy just under two million cars and trucks. With all those billions of taxpayers' dollars sloshing around the EV market, you might guess that 10% or 20% of vehicles on our country's roads are EVs.

Wrong.

Of the 25.7 million vehicles currently registered in Canada, just under 330,000 are fully electric. That's about 1.3%.

Nearly 6% of new cars being sold are currently EVs (although that market has stagnated). However, of the entire Canadian fleet – new and used – just over 1% are battery-electric. There just aren't that many EVs in Canada, certainly not enough to justify the waste of all those taxpayers' billions being lavished on the industry by "green" politicians such as Justin Trudeau, Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Quebec Premier Francois Legault.

The Liberal government's forced transition to EVs just isn't working. Sales of EVs would have to nearly triple next year to meet the Trudeau government's regulation dictating that 20% of vehicle sales must – must – be EVs by 2026. They would have to increase 10-fold to hit the mandate of 60% by 2030 and rise 15-fold to hit 2035's 100% mandate.

Over the next decade, EV technology will improve. Batteries will propel vehicles farther on a charge. Charging times will be reduced and

maybe even costs will come down. But not by enough or fast enough to meet the environmental fantasizing of Trudeau and his hardline Environmental Minister Steven Guilbeault.

Canada is a big country with lots of winters, so even with improvements in EV technology, it's hard to imagine electrics will replace good, old, reliable gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles anytime soon.

Even the Liberal government isn't entirely convinced of the wisdom of its own EV mandate. There is a carve-out in the regulations that allow police cruisers, ambulances, rescue vehicles and fire trucks to retain ICEs (internal combustion engines). If EV technology is not reliable enough for first responders, why should the rest of us be forced to adopt it?

Still, the Trudeau Liberals remain eco-fanatics.

At a House of Commons Trade committee hearing this week, federal Industry Minister François-Philippe Champagne reaffirmed the Liberals' commitment to 100% EV sales within 11 years.

"When you've been doing the same thing for a hundred years," Champagne said, "and you change the technology in the way that we're doing, you have short-term adjustment."

Or, just maybe, you have utter chaos and market destruction.

Most major manufacturers have pulled back sharply on EV production since the beginning of the year because the market for electrics just isn't there. Last week, BMW CEO Oliver Zipse, said that if the EU maintains its EV mandate (which matches Canada's), it will lead to "massive shrinkage of the (automobile) market."

But maybe that is just what the Liberals want – far fewer people owning far fewer cars.

The Trudeau government's own internal research shows their EV mandate will likely price a quarter or more of Canadians out of the car and truck market entirely.

There are two ways to get to 100%. Either you continue to sell current levels of new vehicles and subsidize EVs like hell. Or you sell far fewer cars, but they're all electric.

## TIME CAPSULE



Construction on the Telus building - 1968.

## Chagos Islands: No Happy Ending

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



If you believe the British government (which you should never do), a new agreement will bring justice for the people of the Chagos Islands, who have lived in exile for more than half a century after the main island, Diego Garcia, was turned into a giant American airbase in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

Britain is officially handing the Chagos Islands over to Mauritius, which is supposed to be a good thing. A joint statement by the UK and Mauritian governments says the new agreement will "address the wrongs of the past and demonstrate the commitment of both parties to support the welfare of the Chagossians."

US President Joe Biden agreed, saying the agreement demonstrates that "countries can overcome longstanding historical challenges to reach peaceful and mutually beneficial outcomes." When they talk like that, you know they're up to no good.

Clive Baldwin, the senior legal adviser at Human Rights Watch, demurred: "The agreement...does not guarantee that the Chagossians will return to their homeland, appears to explicitly ban them from the largest island, Diego Garcia, for another century, and does not mention the reparations they are all owed to rebuild their future."

The Chagossians were deported and dumped into exile in 1973 in a post-colonial deal between the United Kingdom and the United States, which wanted a big bomber base in the Indian Ocean with no troublesome

locals nearby. The same parties are now modifying that deal, but only to deflect criticism. Nothing really changes.

Mauritius and the Chagos Islands 2,000 km to the northeast were both uninhabited until the European empires imported African slaves, and later indentured Indian labourers, to grow various cash crops. Mauritius got its independence from Britain in 1968 – but only after agreeing to let the United Kingdom keep the Chagos Islands.

Britain had no particular use for these low-lying islands or the people living on them – they are only "a few Tarzans and Man Fridays", a Foreign Office official noted. However, it did want a discount on the expensive Polaris missiles it was buying from the United States for its submarine-borne nuclear deterrent. (The actual nuclear warheads were British-made.)

The United States was looking for a bomber base within reach of everywhere in Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent and the Middle East, preferably with no inconvenient civilian population. So it was a match made in heaven: the B-52s moved in, and the local Ilois (as the residents of the Chagos Islands called themselves) were moved out.

That last bit was awkward, because the Ilois didn't want to go. However, there were only 2,000 of them and they had no weapons. They were bundled aboard ships, their pets were shot or gassed, and they were dumped in various shanty-towns in Mauritius and the Seychelles. Now they number around 10,000, about a third of them in England.

Many of them still want to go home, and the beauty of the new agreement is that they can't. They are still not allowed to return to Diego Garcia, the big island where most of their parents and grandparents lived, and they will have no voice in negotiating

the treaty between the UK and Mauritius that sets all this in concrete.

Why go through all this legal nonsense if nothing really changes? Because an international law from 1960 (UN General Assembly resolution 1514) bans the break-up of colonies before they get independence. That means that the UK broke the law by forcing Mauritius to hand over the Chagos Islands in return for its independence.

The new treaty will tidy all that up. Mauritius regains legal sovereignty over the Chagos Islands, which is very satisfying for Mauritian national pride. However, Mauritius agrees to continue the existing deal on Diego Garcia (including the ban on return by the Chagossians) for the indefinite future.

The weirdest thing about all this cruelty and cynicism is that there is no 'good' (i.e. pragmatically useful) reason for it. Britain was and still is only looking for leverage with the United States on other issues: the only British uniforms to be seen on Diego Garcia are in the control tower and the cafeteria.

The American obsession with expelling the entire civilian population of the archipelago, including people who lived on small islets 160 km. away from the runway, makes even less sense.

Overseas US air bases elsewhere do not require thousands of square kilometres of depopulated space around them. The Ilois are not nationalists (too few and too mixed), or Muslims (they're mostly Christians), or any other sort of group that might have grievances against Americans. Indeed, they would have been happy to have some jobs on the base.

It never made sense. It doesn't make sense now. And it looks like it will continue not to make sense for a long time to come.



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# Buffalos defeat Bulldogs to win their final game of the season

**SUBMITTED**

Last week the Brooks Buffalos travelled to Lethbridge to play the Winston Churchill Bulldogs in a consolation playoff game.

The Buffalos started the game strong and were able to move the ball well in the first quarter and limit the Bulldogs offense on defense. Penalties were a big factor in this game as a holding call negated a 51-yard Jaxx Porfoun rushing touchdown. On the defensive side, the Buffalos were able to get a stop but a penalty would extend the drive.

Near the end of the first quarter Johnny Gilborn was able to find Jacob Falkenberg for a 38-yard catch and run. This set up an eight-yard rushing touchdown by Porfoun. The extra point was good giving the Buffalos a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter the Buffalos and Bulldogs traded possessions before Gilborn was able to find Kobe Porfoun for an 18-yard

catch and run. On the next play, Gilborn found Kacey Martin for a 10-yard touchdown reception. The extra point was good and it advanced the Buffalos to a 14-0 lead.

In the second half, the Buffalos defense had a great stop deep in Bulldog territory which forced the Bulldogs to concede a safety. The Buffalos advanced to 16-0.

Penalties continued to be a factor, as an unnecessary roughness call placed the ball on the Buffalos one yard line and Winston Churchill was able to punch it in for a one-yard rushing TD. The two-point conversion was good and Bulldogs were on the board in a 16-8 game.

The Bulldogs and Buffalos again traded possessions. Neither team was able to find the endzone before late in the fourth quarter when the Bulldogs were able to score a four yard rushing TD.

The two point conversion was unsuccessful. The

Buffalos had a 16-14 lead.

The onside kick did not cross the 10 yards which gave the Buffalos possession.

The Buffalos were forced to punt and Trey Becker was able to recover a muffed punt which helped the Buffalos seal a victory.

"It was good to see the boys get a victory for their last game of the season. We had quite a few penalties that either killed our drives or extended theirs but we did enough to get the win and that's all that matters.

"This was probably our most complete game with the offense, defense and special teams all making crucial plays at different moments. We had a talented group of grade 12s and we wish them the best of luck with the next level if they choose to pursue it. Our seniors were Kobe Porfoun, Amber Orillo, Jaxx Porfoun, Jacob Falkenberg, Kuel Giel, Kyler Stein, Coltin King, Luis Buenrostro, and Johann Cortes."

# Election anxiety and the kingdom of God

**DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

**JOSH MUELLER, ROSEMARY MENNONITE CHURCH**

We are not having a federal election in Canada (yet), but the U.S. presidential election is just around the corner and always has far reaching implications for the rest of the world. Churches here experience anxiety and divisiveness over political leanings as well. I personally have found the following "Christian Voter Guide" authored by Brian Zahnd very helpful because it reminds us to keep the bigger picture of the kingdom of God and of our calling as followers of Jesus in mind. Zahnd writes: "1.) The political process, while necessary, has little to do with how God is saving the world. 2.) The fate of the

kingdom of God does not depend on political contests. 3.) Don't be naïve, political parties are more interested in Christian votes than they are in Christian values. 4.) The bottom line for political parties is power. The bottom line for a Christian is love. And therein lies the rub. 5.) While in pursuit of the Ring of Power, you are not permitted to abandon the Sermon on the Mount. 6.) If your political passion makes it hard for you to love your neighbor as yourself, you need to turn it down a notch. 7.) Your task is to bring the salt of Christian civility to an ugly and acrimonious political process. 8.) To dismember the body of Christ over politics is a grievous sin. 9.) Exercise your liberty to vote your conscience and conviction, while accepting that other Christians will do the same and vote differently than you. 10.) It is more

important that your soul be filled with love than it is for your political team to win." The allusion to Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" (#5) is a good and important reminder how anyone can be easily corrupted by the seductive influence of trying to attain power over others. The upside-down nature of God's kingdom forbids us to pursue this kind of power ourselves (Matthew 20:25-28). And we can always be comforted by the fact that the rule of Christ as the true King of kings will advance regardless of election results.



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# Bandits get first blemish of the season on their record

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BROOKS BULLETIN

The BCHL Brooks Bandits had their first loss of the season on Saturday against Blackfalds and they edged Sherwood Park Crusaders at home for the win on Sunday.

The three Blackfalds Bulldogs goals were all scored by the team's three players who made the preliminary list of the NHL Players to Watch.

Jared Langdon opened the game's scoring with a power play goal in the first stanza and he followed it in the second period with his second goal. Seventeen seconds later Bandits AJ Lacroix found the back of the Bulldogs net but that wasn't enough.

The second period saw the Bulldogs earn a pair of goals including one from Alexander Dimitriadis and a power play from Aidan Souigny.

The Bandits attempted a third period comeback with a pair of their own goals from Liam Fitzpatrick and Jack Good as the clock ran down but the game ended at 4-3 for the Bulldogs.

On Oct. 19 the Bandits traded Jack Sullivan to the Bulldogs, however, he was not in Saturday's line up.

With the loss behind them the Bandits took to home ice for a Sunday afternoon Halloween game.

Brooks opened the match with two goals in the first period from Nick Peluso and from Jack Rosensteel and moved into 3-1 lead in the second period with successful penalty shot from Brock Souch.

Also in the second period Poul Andersen of the Crusaders got his team's first goal of the game which were followed by a pair of goals in the third period from Jeremy Loranger and Kale Dach.

Brooks' final goal of the



Sherwood Park players attempt to pressure Bandits goalie Johnny Hicks on Saturday at the CRA. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

night came from Matej Tepy to give the Bandits to win over the Crusaders 4-3.

Brooks' Souch, who had a five minute penalty for fighting and a 10 minute game misconduct, along with Brec Christenson of the Crusaders, went on to earn the third star of the game.

The first two stars went to Bandits Tepy and Johnny Hicks.

Last week NHL Central Scouting released their

2024-25 preliminary players to watch list. In addition to Sherwood Park's Loranger, Dach and Andersen others listed are Shea Busch and Cooper Cleaves of the Vernon Vipers, Jaden Cholette of the Cranbrook Bucks, Max Heise of Penticton Vees, Drew Hockley of Victoria Grizzlies and Callum Hughes of West Kelowna Warriors.

No Bandits were named to the preliminary list.

# Vball update

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Over the weekend of Oct. 18 the Brooks Junior High girls volleyball team finished third place at the BCHS JV Tournament.

At the CTK tournament that was held over the same weekend, the junior boys lost in the semi finals on Friday and the intermediate girls lost in the semi finals on Saturday.

This week the senior and intermediate girls league volleyball finals are taking place in Bassano while the senior boys volleyball league finals were held yesterday in Brooks.

Junior volleyball leagues will wrap up on Nov. 5 while senior girls zone championships will be held on Nov. 8 and 9 at BJHS and Nov. 9 at St. Joe's.

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# Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

## Antisemitic propaganda



Brooks RCMP are searching for surveillance video following the distribution of antisemitic pamphlets.

Witnesses reported seeing two individuals dressed in dark clothing distributing the packets between 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. on Oct. 20 in the Fairview Way area.

Each package contained hate literature that was placed inside a plastic bag and weighed down with grains of rice.

"These packages included hateful posters regarding identifiable groups," state police.

Police collected the packages and searched for surveillance footage.

The investigation is ongoing.

### Police receive multiple 911 calls

On Oct. 23 Brooks RCMP received 25 hang-up calls to 911 during which time a child could be heard but they

were unable to determine further details. They believe the calls were coming from Willowbrook Estates but they were unable to pinpoint the location.

Parents should teach their children about 911 and children should not be given a deactivated cell phone as they can continue to make 911 calls even without a SIM card.

### Driver attempts to walk away from peace officer

On Oct. 23 while conducting patrols peace officers witnessed a truck make an illegal U-turn on Cassils Road. The officers caught up to the truck to initiate the traffic stop when

The driver parked the truck and attempted to walk away.

The driver was ordered back to the truck and the officer observed that the driver was acting strange and had a strong smell of alcohol. RCMP were called in for assistance and an alcohol screening test was conducted. The driver blew a fail and was fined and had his vehicle seized for 30 days.

### Man seen throwing items at cars on highway arrested

Brooks RCMP charged John Lewis who had been throwing weapons at cars on the TransCanada on Oct. 24.

Police were notified that a male, later identified as Lewis, who was on a bike was throwing weapons at cars on the highway east of Brooks.

He was arrested without incident. Inside his backpack police found several weapons including nun chucks, throwing knives and a large blade.

Lewis has been

charged with one count of unauthorized possession of a firearm and three counts of possession contrary to his release order.

He was remanded into custody until his court hearing today.

### Woman charged break and enter

Police responded to a break and enter in progress and arrived to find local resident Aziza Ahmed Abdulahi, 29, inside the home.

She was found with items that did not belong to her including a tablet, medication and ID cards.

Abdulahi has been charged with break and enter committing theft and theft under \$5,000. She was remanded to custody as was to have appeared in court on Monday.

### Peace officer locates vehicle that damaged property

An investigation is ongoing after a gold Honda Pilot was observed on video surveillance driving through a fence on Pleasant Park and causing damage to it as well as the garden and pool.

The vehicle left the scene. It was located later by a peace officer.

Charges are pending.

### Neighbour's dispute results in charges

A 40-year-old Bassano man has been charged with uttering threats and mischief following a dispute with his neighbour.

Bassano RCMP reported at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 20 they attended a report of a dispute that had escalated to attended threatening behavior, possibly with a firearm.

"A large police presence was utilized to attend and call the suspect out of their

residence," stated police.

No firearm was involved. Neal McKinnon was arrested and later released with a number of conditions. He is to appear in court on Oct. 30.

### Police find man attempting to open car doors

Brooks RCMP received a report of a man, who was later identified as Yol Bol, attempting to open car doors in the Southshore area.

Bol's description was provided to police who were able to locate him.

He was found in possession of credit cards that were not his which was a violation of his release conditions.

He has been released from custody with additional conditions.

### Police called to male assaulting female

On Oct. 18 Brooks RCMP received a report of a female who was being assaulted by a male.

Police report when they arrived on scene the male and female were separated.

The investigation led to Stacey Hague being charged with assault and was later charged with failing to comply with his curfew as he was not at his residence.

Hague was held in custody. He was to have appeared in Medicine Hat court last Tuesday.

**Fighting in Meadowbrook**  
Officers responded to two men who had been fighting at a residence in the Meadowbrook area.

One man was arrested for mischief and public intoxication.

He was taken into cells and was released when he sobered up.

**Off-duty firefighter**

### freed vehicle occupant

An off-duty firefighter helped to free an occupant who had been trapped inside a vehicle following a two car collision last Monday.

The incident occurred at 4 p.m. and according to an unnamed source one vehicle proceed through the red light and struck a left turning vehicle. There were no major injuries reported.

### A pair of vehicle fires

On Oct. 22 the Brooks fire department responded to a pair of unrelated vehicle fires.

The first was at about 4 p.m. in the Canadian Tire parking lot.

First responders arrived on scene to a vehicle that was engulfed mostly on the passenger side. There were no injuries but the initial

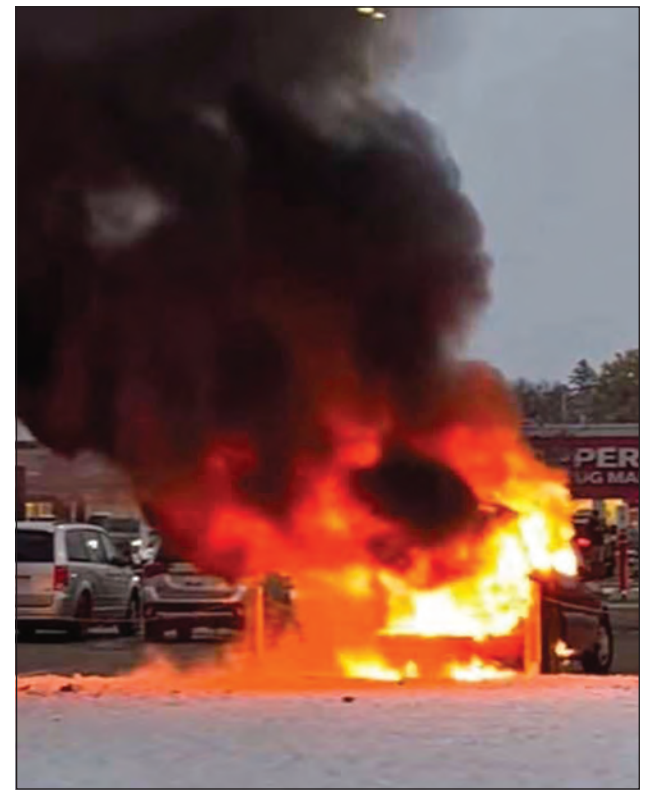


investigation is pointing to an improperly disposed of cigarette butt.

The second fire occurred a couple of hours later on Greenbrook Drive.

A fire in a Dodge Charger appears to have been caused by an electrical issue in the engine area, however, the investigation is continuing.

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



Last Tuesday a reader captured a photo of a vehicle fire at Canada Tire. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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#### IN-PERSON VOTING

If you're choosing to vote in person, you can find the locations of all the polling stations for the 2024 District Council Elections at [metiselectionsab.com/2024pollingstations](https://metiselectionsab.com/2024pollingstations)

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Ballot packages should be mailed by October 25 to ensure it is received no later than November 5.

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## Supply management gets unwelcome publicity... bad news difficult to control by dairy lobby machine



Recent events have brought attention to national supply management (SM), a mysterious commodity marketing system unique to Canada. SM involves the poultry, egg and dairy production sectors. However, it's dairy SM that gets all the negative attention, and most of it is self-inflicted. I have written much about SM, noting that it's a worthwhile marketing system for producers. But, after 60 years, it is in need of drastic reform to maintain its credibility. All my counsel for change was to no avail, as the Quebec-dominated dairy SM sector has an unofficial overriding goal, which is to preserve small dairy farms in eastern Canada, mainly in Quebec. The average size of

Quebec dairy farms is 80 head - Alberta is not much better at 180 head. Compare that to Idaho, a jurisdiction similar in many ways to Alberta, where the average-sized dairy farm has 2,000 cows. Which sized dairy farm do you think produces milk at the least cost? Guess what prevents Alberta milk producers from attaining the economies of scale that Idaho milk producers enjoy. It's pretty simple: it's dairy SM that is designed to stubbornly protect small Quebec milk producers. That uncompromising approach by the insufferable Quebec-controlled dairy SM lobby has seen a sophisticated and successful political lobby to defend the dairy industry status quo. That lobby has seen every major political party and provincial and federal governments swear loyalty to existing supply management marketing. But that

seemingly was not enough as the nefarious dairy lobby orchestrated Bill C-282. It's proposed legislation that would prevent Canadian trade negotiators from making any concessions involving SM commodities even if trading partners wanted it discussed. That Bill has become a political football between the federal minority Liberal government and the Quebec separatist Bloc Quebecois party. Both parties support the Bill, but Liberals are annoyed by the way it is being used to blackmail the Federal government. It's bringing unwanted publicity to dairy SM, whose smug lobby machine thought the Bill was a done deal that could be quietly passed into law. Then, bad news got worse for dairy SM. A news report came out that a study revealed that 2 billion litres of milk had been wasted by the milk industry from producers

to processors. According to a study published in the Ecological Economics Journal. "Systemic inefficiencies" in Canada's supply management system have led to billions of litres of milk going to waste since 2012. The study found that discarded dairy products have a massive financial, environmental, and nutritional impact. Gee, no kidding - might some of it have to do with the mindless preservation of Quebec's hopelessly inefficient but quaint 80-cow dairy farms? It's the question that the Quebec-controlled, politically powerful dairy lobby tries to suppress. They resort to heart-tugging anecdotes about supporting the social and economic culture of rural eastern Canada. Yeah, right - at the expense of commercial milk production development in western Canada. If dairy SM's complicity in wasted milk wasn't bad

news enough, another shot came out of the blue, this time from an old SM antagonist - New Zealand. One of SM's federal legislative powers is to keep out dairy imports with quotas and high tariffs to protect the domestic dairy industry from a flood of cheap subsidized imports from New Zealand, the EU, and the USA. However, to the anger of the dairy industry, Canadian free trade agreement negotiators traded more access to the Canadian dairy market in desperate moves to get those agreements. To stop those SM trade-offs by Canadian officials, they schemed to create Bill C-282, which prevents officials from discussing them in trade talks. But that's not what New Zealand and its EU and USA allies are annoyed with. They claim they can't even get fair access to the export quotas that have

been granted. Canadian trade officials used an old EU trade trick by granting import quotas to companies producing domestic dairy products that have no interest in importing competitive products. It's diabolical but infuriates trading partners; hence, the New Zealand trade action to challenge the cozy arrangement under a mediation protocol. It's not the first time, but it comes at an inopportune time for dairy SM, which is already bedevilled by other bad news issues, as mentioned earlier. So far, this storm of bad publicity has caused the SM lobby to hunker down to prevent matters from worsening. Maybe this SM storm will open the door to the need for genuine reform.

*Will Verboven is an opinion writer.*



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# Grit, resiliency and determination will help you reach your goals

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Some things will help you reach your goal was the message from a pair of elite athletes who shared their stories at Celebrating Women and Girls in Movement event last week.

Team Canada Olympic hurdler Sage Watson and Paralympic sitting volleyball player Jennifer Oakes shared their elite athletic journeys.

Both athletes noted that determination and resiliency gave them their work ethic and their determination helped them progress.

Medicine Hat's Watson wanted to run from about the age of three or four wanting to join her mother.

When Watson was about six she got her chance to run with her mom during a southern Alberta police torch run.

"But growing up on a cattle farm alone is what really gave me the tenacity and the determination and the motivation to become the athlete I am today," she said.

Her desire to be an Olympian reaches back to a

Grade 4 school assignment when she wrote that she wanted to be an Olympic runner.

"I did get made fun of for that because it was so absurd that a small girl from Seven Persons School who was very skinny would somehow become an Olympic runner."

Her attitude and desire to run was always with her even when she lost races and questioned her choice.

While a student in junior high her parents convinced her to compete for a spot on Team Alberta's track and field team.

"My mom said, 'You're doing it.'"

Watson made the team.

At 14 she won her event at the Western Canada Games and she ran in her first Olympic Games in 2016.

In the finals she was running in third when she tripped on the eighth hurdle but she got up and continued.

Following the race she was approached by coaches and scouts who applauded her tenacity.

Watson later competed for the University of Florida

State and the University of Arizona.

She competed in her second Olympic Games in 2020 coming in 13th in the 400m hurdles and fourth in the 4x400m relay.

"What made me become the Olympian that I was from the little farm girl that ran on her gravel road to stay fit to try to keep up with my mom was stepping out of my comfort zone," she said.

"I am looking forward to the next adventure in my life."

Although from seemingly different worlds Oakes's story is similar.

Originally from Calgary now living in Brooks, Oakes spent her summers with her grandparents and grew up on Lake Newell with a love of all sports including watersports as well as boating.

At 17-years-old her life took a turn.

"The summer going into Grade 12 I was in a severe boating accident," she said.

She was rushed ashore, treated and transported by STARS to a Calgary hospital for emergency surgery.

"The accident involved

me losing the right leg below the knee...I woke up in the hospital realizing that my life had been flipped around but I was alive and things really could have been worse," she said.

Her first question to her doctor was when she could return to volleyball.

"That's how fundamental sports were to me," she said.

Over the next few months Oakes learned about sitting volleyball while she learned how to use a wheelchair, crutches, falling without getting hurt, getting back up and walking.

Three months after her accident Oakes was invited to play with the sitting volleyball athletes who were in Calgary training and who had qualified for the Rio 2016 Paralympics.

Oakes wanted to join them.

"A year and one month after my accident I was competing in the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games," she said.

The team finished seventh but Oakes said the experience was amazing.

She continued to compete in standing and sitting volleyball while



Jennifer Oakes, left and Sage Watson speak to a group of people on Oct. 19 during the Celebrating Women and Girls in Movement. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

in university but she chose sitting volleyball as standing was taking a toll on her "little leg" and sitting would allow her to compete internationally and travel the world to represent Canada.

In 2021 at the Tokyo Olympics Canada took fourth place after a heartbreaking defeat by Brazil.

"We wanted to come back

from the failure, stronger," she said.

This year Canada did just that.

They defeated Brazil three sets to none in the bronze medal match for the country's first-ever Paralympic sitting volleyball medal.

Oakes is unsure if she will play in the next Paralympics as she wants to focus on other personal plans.

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City councillor Joel Goodnough receives the first Remembrance Day poppy from Brooks Royal Canadian Legion president Becky Hutchinson to kick-off the annual poppy campaign. The Nov. 11 Remembrance Day service will take place at JBS Canada Centre at 10 a.m. It will be followed by a service at the Cenotaph in Veterans Park at 11 a.m. Lapel poppies are available at the Brooks Bulletin and other locations in the city with proceeds to support veterans and their families.

| SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Roadrunners again reach Rangeland football finals

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Roadrunners football team got by the Medicine Hat Vikings 31-6 in last Thursday's semifinals and will face St. Mary's Medicine Hat Colts in the finals.

It's third consecutive year the Roadrunners have reached the finals but each year they have failed to reach the provincials.

"This is where we fell short the previous two years," said head coach Mark Freeman.

"We are practicing at full speed, full intensity. We are learning some new plays.

We are getting some new defensive schemes. We are preparing like never before."

Last week the Roadrunners dominated the game. After the first quarter the score was 28-0.

"We could have scored almost anytime we wanted to," Freeman said.

He said the Vikings had been decimated by injuries so it was agreed that both teams would finish the games with their younger players to give them field practice.

The final between the Roadrunners and Colts will be at the Methanex Bowl at 6 p.m.

"Fortune favours the

prepared and we are definitely going to be prepared," said Freeman.

## Man ordered to pay \$1K after guilty plea to July incident

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Cody Spencer Riddell, 25, pleaded guilty to operation of a motor vehicle while over the legal limit and was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and a \$300 victim surcharge.

The charge of impaired

driving was withdrawn.

The court was told that on July 27, 2024 at 8:52 a.m. police arrived at a vehicle that had rolled on Highway 1. The driver told police he had been drinking the previous night and a breath test confirmed a fail.

He was transported to hospital with minor injuries

and was given two breath tests which returned at 140mg in 100 mL of blood.

In a news release at the time of the incident police stated that the rollover occurred as a result of two blown out tires.

Riddell has the option to apply for an interlock in three months.



## NOTICE

### 2024 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE ON NOVEMBER 15.

Payments for 2024 property taxes will be accepted with no penalties until the end of day (4:30 pm) on Friday, November 15.

Payments can be made online, in person, or through the mail.

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Contact your local District Offices for more information on payment at:

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The Brooks and District Garden Club hosted a celebration in recognition of their 20 year anniversary. The club was established Inge Ellefson, Shelley Turner, Shannon Andrews, Wendy Svenson, Gail Anderson, Jackie Murray, Nola Orich and Cheryl Andrews. "It was a loosely woven group of people with similar interests, all garden related," said Cheryl Andrews who presented a history of the program to the club attendees. She said while members have come and gone over the years the club has remained steadfast due to the profound interest in gardening. Throughout its history the club not only held an annual plant exchange but its members have taken trips to CDC South at a time when it featured a fish tank growing basil, visiting a private garden in Rolling Hills, a Maple Creek Winery, Silver Springs Community Garden, the Coutts Centre in Nanton and Nikko Yoko Japanese Gardens in Lethbridge. Looking ahead to the next 20 years Andrews is sure the Garden Club will continue to blossom.  
| SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Local swimmer to compete in USA Down Syndrome worlds

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Reegan Folkerts will compete in Florida in the 100m individual medley as a member of the Canadian Down Syndrome Swim Association.

The association is a member of the Down Syndrome International Swimming Organization and the National Sport Organization that represents swimmers with Down Syndrome in Canada.

"Through these opportunities we aim to

showcase the abilities of individuals with Down Syndrome and break down barriers and stereotypes."

Folkerts, a member of the Special Olympics team in Brooks, was registered by Medicine Hat's winter swim team Waves so she was able to compete at the Invitation Provinciale Mustang Du Printemps Swim Meet in Montreal in March.

At the event Folkerts swam the 50m free, 100m free, 50m butterfly and the 100m backstroke which she finished with a qualifying time of 1:54.95 for a spot on

Canadian team to compete at the USA Down Syndrome Swimming Championships which begin next week in Orlando, Florida.



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BOW CITY- November Birthdays go to Joyce Calvert on 2nd, Mark Mattern on 3rd, Marshall Gillespie 4th, Logan Andrews 22nd, Jake Ketchmark 26th, Tina Ketchmark 28th and Grant Ellefson 28th. Have a great day you all on your special day.

November Anniversaries are Marshall and Donna Gillespie on 15th, Ken and Joyce Aasen 18th and Ernie and Helene Mathieu on 29th.

Joyce and Jerry took a trip to Medicine Hat on Friday to get some shower

parts and a stop at the Redcliff greenhouse. Was a beautiful day for a drive. Momma finally got her pretty pink cast off. Thank goodness she says to that.

Vickie Calvert was in Chestermere babysitting the grandkids for 5 days. She came home with the bug the kids had. Hopefully you are feeling better now Vickie.

Hope all the kids have a great Halloween.

Haven't heard from anybody else for the newsletter. Please get hold of me by Sunday evening at 403-363-7496.



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Local ball players Josie Giles, Kelahni Mulrooney and Hudson Harink helped their NorCrest team win the U13AA silver division championship at the Best of the West Turkey Classic Tournament in Kamloops, BC over the Thanksgiving Day weekend. The Rural U12 Southern Alberta Little League All-Star team was assembled by Dale Tillman and included youth from Taber, Vulcan, Brooks, Cypress County, Magrath and Burdett.

NorCrest lost to Comox 14-5 and KMBA 8-6 but went on to defeat Pentiction 9-2 to advance to the semifinals where they defeated LV Giants 7-5 and then on to the championship game where they edged BLE White 6-5.

Shown are back row: Jake Ilczynski coach, Ryan Hall coach, Ryder DeBolt, Quaid Finlayson, Kelahni Mulrooney, Colin Friesen, Hudson Harink, Grady Hall, Hudson Ilczynski Mitchell Kimoto, Dave Kimoto, coach. Front Row: Liam Pittman, Caleb Nelson, Josie Giles, Ryder Martens, Dale Tilleman. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Reminder to always be aware of your property and neighbours as well. There has been suspicious activity in both the Cassils and Antelope Creek areas. Vehicles and buildings being entered. It's sometimes difficult at this time of year to know who's driving around for hunting purposes and who isn't. Just be aware and lock up vehicles, buildings, and possessions.

Kristen Niznik and Sam Thiessen entered a weanling colt training challenge with the Rocking Horse Ranch in Waterton. They were given 5 month old weanling colts and had 3 weeks to halter break and teach some other skills like trailer loading, picking up their feet, handle their mouth and deworming. They travelled back to the ranch this weekend to compete individually and as a team completing a timed obstacle course as well as showcasing any other things they taught the babies. They finished winning the Adult Division Grand Champions, as well Sam won high points. A fun and busy 3 weeks for weanlings and trainers but a great learning adventure. Congratulations ladies, too bad those cute babies couldn't come back home with you!

Calling all the community ghouls and goblins out for the Annual

Hall-Oween Party on October 31st. Doors open at 5:00, hotdogs 5:30, and truck 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.

I missed printing last week that Kerri and Josie Giles were in Kamloops on Thanksgiving weekend where Josie played in a U13 AA ball tournament called Best in the West. The team faced a tough pool to start but came home with the silver medals. Congratulations Josie.

Winter activities have begun at the Silver Sage again. The barrel series and Family Fun Rodeo events

started up this weekend. There were a lot of people competing and watching both days!

Hayden Mulvey was in North Battleford, Saskatchewan this weekend competing in the Canadian Cowboy Association Finals. He had a tough go the first 2 rounds, placed 2nd in the third, but that wasn't enough to finish in the top 4. He's on a bit of a break now and can rest up!

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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## Outstanding in the Field event engages young students



Nikki Peltzer speaks to youth about sheep production while, below, Dan Buell of the EID discusses irrigation. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The 15th annual FCC's Outstanding in the Field event engaged 448 students last Wednesday in all things agriculture.

The program has been teaching students about many aspects of agriculture through a variety of stations that are set up throughout the Silver Sage Agribition.

Groups of children stop at each station where they listen to a speaker for eight-and-a-half minutes to learn about a small piece of agriculture.

In 2010 the local Farm Credit Canada (FCC) was opened and staff decided they wanted to host the program to help educate children in the area about agriculture so they could be proud that the local area can feed themselves and the world.

"We picked grade 4 because some of my teacher friends say from grades 1-3 students learn to read and they read to learn from grade 4 and up," said Arlene

Good. "We all kind of thought it was the ideal age. The nine and 10-year-olds are finding more and more about their world so let's teach them about agriculture."

She said although the area is an agricultural community a lot of children will never have the opportunity to pet a horse, get onto a tractor or see farm animals.



"It's kind of a cool opportunity for them to do that," she said.

"They get to learn about agriculture. They get to have a sense of pride in their community and it's just really neat for them."

The program has left imprints on some of the participants, Good said.

She said even now there are people who recognize one of the beef producers who, following the e. coli outbreak at XL Foods in 2012, taught students the correct temperature to cook meat.

"There are kids who attended that and who will see him in the grocery store and point their finger at and go, '160 degrees' or they'll see Jay (Good) and say 'hey. I know you.'"

Over the years there have been presentations from honey and strawberry producers and a presentation of a study with fish and recycled water that would water the plants above the fish tank.

This year by-product bingo taught students what else beef is used including gummy bears, the EID had a water presentation, dairy equipment, poultry, sheep, horses and potatoes were all the educational agricultural menu this year.

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**NEXT EVENTS...**

- BDFGA AWARD'S BANQUET, February 1, 2025 at the Duchess Hall. More info to come.
- HUNTER ED PROGRAM, February. More info to come.
- NEXT SPORTSMAN'S DINNER, October 25, 2025 at the Heritage Inn. More info to come.



# Some changes in committees after county org meeting

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Arno Doerksen and Kelly Christman have retained their County of Newell leadership positions.

The county held their organizational meeting on Thursday that saw Doerksen acclaimed as reeve and Christman as deputy reeve.

Other changes saw councillor Dan Short replaced on the airport committee by councillor Adena Skanderup.

It's believed that for the first time council had to draw names for the member-at-large position as the county's representative on the county library board.

Councillor Lynette Kopp said there had been no interest for a long time and then there were two names submitted.

"Which is awesome," she said.

Both Tere Hokanson and Rebecca Arndt, both of the Brooks Library District, expressed interest. Hokanson's name was pulled out a hat. The Rolling Hills Library District representative is Nicole Short. Both terms will expire in October 2027.

The county appointed

two councillors to sit as representatives on the Grasslands FCSS board.

Councillor Holly Johnson was selected as the elected official and Skanderup as the member-at-large.

The county did not advertise for a member-at-large for FCSS so they did not have any applications.

Councillor Neil Johnson made a motion to appoint Skanderup until an application is received.

Regarding the city-county intermunicipal development plan (IDP)/ joint services committee Christman told council that the first IDP meeting since 2021 was held earlier in the month.

She said there were many questions and learning about what the IDP is and its role and purpose.

"We did agree to tighten it up and make the conversation more of a practice than every three to four years," she said.

Over the last three years any intermunicipal issues that required comment from either municipality was submitted for comment to determine if a face to face meeting was required.

The meeting that was held in October was to

have discussion about the redesignation of the old rodeo grounds that is situated near the county border.

Councillor Greg Skriver also noted that the previous city-county IDP meeting minutes reflected comments from other communities but that this meeting is for Brooks and the county.

"That's another goal. To keep it just with Brooks and the county moving forward," he said.

There was conversation about splitting the IDP and joint services committees.

Councillor Neil Johnson suggested that the representatives from Div. 5 and 10 should remain on the committee as councillors from other divisions are on their respected IDP committees as well as having a Division 2 representative based on the new county map.

"I would be in favour of being part of that," said Skanderup.

Members of the IDP committee nominated were Skanderup, Skriver and Johnson.

The joint services committee members that were nominated were Skriver, Christman and

Lynette Kopp.

"We will be discussing

our perspective on the joint services committee at

the next committee of the whole," said Doerksen.

## Millicent Mirror

MILLICENT LADIES THURSDAY CLUB

MILLICENT - For all your news submissions please call Brenda 403) 378-4010 or email bandana.ra@hotmail.com.

Marilynne & Ken Davidson were blessed with a new Great granddaughter - Tally Jewel born October 6, 2024 to Larae & Kyle Roberts. That is the first grandchild for Bruce & Connie Pierson. It was a great thanksgiving blessing for them all. Many of their families from Sask., Calgary & local gathered with them for thanksgiving.

Brenda & Ray got away to North Battleford, Sask. for thanksgiving and enjoyed a wonderful dinner with 4 children & 11 grandchildren. Then visited Ray's sister Julie in Landis Sask. who had just had back surgery and doing well.

The annual Duchess Fall Supper was well attended and the meal was great. We had two of our grandchildren with us and they also enjoyed the meal. Pumpkin pie and all. Also visited with a few Neighbors we hadn't seen for a while.

Kersey and Paul Daniels are hosting their previous nanny and friend from the Netherlands - Emma van Stee, she arrived October 23, 2024 and will stay until November 11, 2024. Hope she enjoys her stay even if we have snow. I'm sure the boys can't wait to have her

undivided attention.

Hope everyone got an item they wanted from the Newell Christian School auction. Thank you so much for your continued support. We couldn't do it without your support.

Marlene Robinson has an upcoming birthday Nov. 14th, as well as Kailyn Torkelson Nov. 3rd, Walker Torkelson Nov. 19th, Brock Torkelson Nov.

16th, Mackenzie Torkelson Nov. 28th, and Sherwyn Torkelson Nov. 21st.

Happy anniversary to Norma & Rand Berg & Joanna & Richard Torkelson on Nov. 9th, and Tamara & Nevin Torkelson on Nov. 28th.

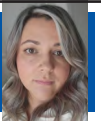
Really hope I didn't miss anyone's special day!

Barn cats are a dime a dozen but I have 3 for free.

Happy Halloween!

## Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Cam Ovinge for Nov 2, Jace on Nov 5, Sheila Alcock & Pat Rosen on Nov 8.

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- Thank you to everyone who came out for Rainier Hall's halloween movie night. Congratulations to the costume winners.

If any community members are interested in hosting a community activity at the hall. Please reach out to a board member from the hall.

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. Junior high volleyball windup @ BJHS Nov 5 @ 4:15pm. Report cards Nov 7.

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.

Congratulations to Kloe Van den Hoek for

winning the library bandits tickets from their draw.

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 @ colleenvandehoek@gmail.com

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# One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well I hope that this week's news will have better luck getting through as I had problems with my computer last week, so I used my tablet to send in my news and I sent it in on Friday evening, as I wasn't going to be home on Sunday. But somehow it didn't get to the Bulletin. ???

\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*That we have a TIME CHANGE back to "Mountain Standard Time" as of "Sunday AM, November 3rd". So we will have to fall back One Hour preferably Saturday night or you'll be too early for Church next Sunday.\*\*\*\*

Last weeks news was as follows with announcements deleted- First I like to Thank Janice Alberts for all the harvest vegetables she donated to the Brooks United Church to decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving Sunday, it was set up beautifully. Your donation is greatly appreciated by everyone thank you ever so much.

I don't know how many folks saw the beautiful Northern Lights on the night of October 7th, it was like a huge umbrella all over us. This was like at 11pm to 12.am midnight. I guess they were even more colourful later, but I went to bed. It was said on TV that that umbrella effect only

happens every 11 years. I guess I probably won't be around for the next one.

My grandson Jason Merkl and his partner Paulina and little Luca of Edgely, SK were at the home of his parents Frank and Judy Merkl over the Thanksgiving weekend, and also was Betty Hok of Brooks. It was nice to see them. Judy once again made a wonderful supper and it was enjoyed by all of us.

Our deepest sympathies go to the Reimer families on their tragic loss of their twin sons, David and his twin brother Benny Reimer of Rolling Hills. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very, very sad time.

Our deepest sympathies go to Vivian Wiebe of Rosemary and to her families on the passing of her dear husband, Larry and to their children on the loss of the dear father, grandfather. Larry passed away on October 17th in the Medicine Hat Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

On Thanksgiving Sunday Linda Slomp had her daughter, Carolyn and Levi Wadsworth and family of Brooks and her son, David and Melissa and family there to celebrate Thanksgiving with her. Also there, were Bart Peters and his partner

Emily. Karl wasn't home for the occasion, as he had spent 8 days in Guatemala, as one of their acquaintances lost her father and another, their grandmother, so he went down to give them some moral support. He returned home on Friday evening the 18th

Thanksgiving Sunday Barbara and Thomas Mahrer hosted the Thanksgiving dinner, with all their family home, along with her sister from Lethbridge and her brother of Calgary there. They all had great time together.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Eileen Aebly on Oct. 26th; to Kelly Coughlin of Sherwood Park, to Shelly Spicer of Oyen, to Robert Patterson of Calgary, all on Oct. 28th and to Ellie Allaby on Oct. 29th. We wish each of you a great day and we wish you all a Very Happy Birthday and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday. We wish everyone all the best for many years.

There aren't any anniversaries that I know of.

I hope everyone had good Thanksgiving weekend, I did and then that week I even managed to get my yard all mowed, being very careful on getting on and off the mower, as I sure don't want to break my leg again.

I wish everyone a great week as I think that harvest is in its final stages finally Amen.

\*\*This week's News October 30th\*\*is as follows-

Last week Saturday I drove up to Sherwood Park to visit my daughter, Kelly who has been in the hospital the last few weeks with her lung condition and to visit her husband Ron Coughlin. I returned home on Monday of last week to a snow storm. There were a few very, very light flurries on the way down, but then ran into some snow around Wardlow corner, but the worst was once I crossed the river and more the further I came south. I was glad to get home safely.

Well the Brooks United Church ladies Fall Tea held on Saturday was a great success. Thank you to all the workers that out did themselves in helping out, donating baking for the tea and also for the Bake table. We couldn't have done it without you. THANK YOU!!! A special thank you to all the Young Folks that helped too, you did a great job. Also thanks to all the folks that supported us, we really appreciated having you attend and help make it a success. But it "IS" a lot of work and we're all getting older and also have lost a few of our members over the past year. We're going to really have to think about it.

On Sunday the 20th Erwin Unger and Inga Ellefson drove to Cranbrook and stayed overnight and

then on to Osoyoos, BC to Erwin's condo, and then they visited with his father, Peter Unger in Oliver. While there on Tuesday Erwin's brother, Victor from Vancouver and his other brother, George and Marie came from Calgary. So they had a nice visit all together. They took care of a few things their father is not capable of doing. They returned home on Thursday.

On Thanksgiving weekend most of Ozzie Schalm's family were home, with the exception of Sherraine and family and some of the grandkids, to help celebrate and to help their dad out.

On Thursday Charlotte Noronha along with her friend Maria B. of Brooks went to Drumheller and, then on Friday they went to Rosebud to see the performance "The Pleasure of Seeing Her Again" and enjoyed it very much. Then, they went back to

Drumheller and returned home on Saturday.

On Saturday Karl and Linda Slomp went to Edmonton to visit with friends and returned home Sunday evening.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Kinslie Charlton on Oct. 31st; to Richard Dyck of Calgary on Nov. 4th and to Riley Schuett of Calgary on Nov. 6th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday. We wish everyone all the best for the years ahead.

We wish Charles and Shirley Charlton a very Happy Anniversary on Oct. 28th. We wish you both all the best for many more great years together.

\*\*Don't Forget the Ghosts and Goblins come to your door on Thursday for Halloween Treats.

Wow, and then we are in November, yikes!!

**Tilley Telegram**  
ANITA CHAPPELL

TILLEY - Happy Halloween!! Be safe and have fun trick-or-treating! It looks like fairly mild weather is forecast for a night of fun!

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

The Rolling Hills Seniors Club offers a Soup & Sandwich Lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the seniors' hall. There is a choice of two homemade soups, sandwich, dessert, and beverage. The lunch is open to everyone, all are welcome.

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.

An older couple were in bed and the husband was falling asleep, but the wife was feeling romantic. She said, "You used to hold my hand when we were courting." Warily, he reached over and grasped her hand in his for a moment or two and then tried to get back to sleep. She said, "You used to kiss me more often." He leaned over her, slightly irritated, kissed her on the cheek and settled back down to try and fall asleep. "You used to bite my neck a little bit when we were young and crazy." The husband angrily threw back the covers and hopped out of the bed. "Where are you going?" the wife asked him. "To get my teeth!"

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.

# Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - We enjoyed a beautiful weekend of sunshine with some big wind on Sunday which is par for the course at this time of year. The trees were stripped of their leaves and the birds are loading up on berries from my mountain ash tree.

Arlene and Arlen Ewert celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and Arlen celebrated his 90th birthday. Please know that your community is cheering you both on to continued good health and new memories.

We are so grateful to the organizers, the volunteers and to all the people who travelled to Duchess for the Annual Turkey Dinner on Monday, October 21st. It was the first day of snow but that didn't stop the traffic at the Hall. Just over 506 people were served and the 50-50 was a success too, with Vern Klassen being the lucky winner. Thanks to all who donated food items and time! The Duchess School grade 11's were busy clearing tables to make way for the next people and they were noticed for being respectful, efficient and always smiling.

The Duchess Curling Club is ready to start taking league registrations. Please call Tony at 403 501 8240.

The Duchess 50 plus Club is having a luncheon on November 7th, 2024 at the Duchess Curling Rink Lounge. Dinner is going to be ham, sweet potatoes and a salad. Dessert is a surprise from the caterer. Anyone 50 and older is more than welcome to join the club. Please call Daryl at 403-501-4107 with any questions. We are a great group of people.

Our community sends condolences to Sheila and family for the loss of their husband, father, and grandfather, Norman Musgrove. He was a well-liked rancher from the Patricia area and will be missed by so many. Cherish your memories as you go through this difficult time.

Duchess School yearbooks for 2023-2024 are still for sale. Due to rising costs, price goes up by a bit after November 1st.

A reminder that

daylight savings time is next Sunday, November 3rd!

Have a great week and please call or text me at 403 793 1630 for any items you may have. You can also email louie63@hotmail.com

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**LYSTER** - Glen Lyster  
 Born: February 13, 1959  
 Passed Away: October 10, 2024  
 Glen leaned into the Brooks community with a sense of service. He was a committed financial advisor who took pride in educating his clients and helping his wife Nancy run Cosmo Hair Studio for many years. He ran for mayor, spent 6 years on city council, served as the President of Brooks Chamber of Commerce, and coached his son's soccer team for 14 years. He was a black belt in Tae-Kwon-Do and could chuck a pretty hefty roundhouse kick.

Glen and Nancy traveled the world together. Hiking to Mt. Everest Base Camp, summiting Machu Picchu, canoeing the Amazon River, scuba-diving the Galapagos Islands, water-skiing Lake Newell and snow-skiing all over The Rockies. They always made an effort to give back - helping build homes in Macedonia and Cambodia. They brought their family on many trips and inspired the next generation to keep exploring this beautiful planet we live on.

On the outside, he was ambitious. On the inside, he was sensitive. Different aspects of a man shine through at different chapters and though he will be remembered by many for his high energy drive for life, his last chapter leaves an imprint of gentle kindness on his loved ones.

His spirit will guide his family to lean into life and not just watch it go by.

They are grateful in this difficult time of grieving that they get to look back on so many magical memories with an incredible man.

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## coming events

**CHRISTMAS**

November 9, 2024 at Rolling Hills Hall, 10:00 am to 3:00pm. Amazing crafts, baked goods and more. For more information or to book your table call text or email Katharina Banman at 403-576-4035 or kath.banman18@icloud.com. 43-45p

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**LELEK** - It is with heavy hearts that the family of Susan Elizabeth Lelek (Cooper) announces her peaceful passing at the age of 85 on October 4, 2024, surrounded by her three children. Susan was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend. Her kindness, humor, and warm spirit touched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Susan is lovingly remembered by her family. She is predeceased by her beloved husband, John; her father, Trevor Cooper; her mother, Billie Cooper; and her brother, Tony. She leaves behind her sister, Gay, and her three cherished children: Shawn, Kim (Walter), and Tracy (Adam). Her legacy continues through her four grandsons: Tason, Ty, Nolan, and Brayden (Lacey), and her great-grandson, Lathom.

Susan took immense pride in her family, finding great joy in watching them grow and thrive through life's ups and downs. She treasured every moment spent with her children and grandchildren, always sharing her wisdom, laughter, and love. A devoted supporter of her grandsons, Susan could often be found cheering them on at rodeos and hockey games. She also cherished her visits back to England, where she would reminisce and laugh with her brother Tony and her sister Gay.

Susan's warmth, dedication to her family, and zest for life will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. A small, intimate service was held to honor Susan's life on October 11, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alberta's Children's Hospital Foundation, in honor of Susan's lifelong commitment to supporting children in need.

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## obituaries



**KURZ** - We are very sad to announce that Evelyn Kurz (nee Smith), beloved Mother, Sister, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother, passed away peacefully on October 21, 2024 in Brooks, Alberta. Evelyn was born on February 11, 1929 in a log cabin in Chinook Valley, near Dixonville in the Peace River area of Alberta, to parents Harry and Eva Smith. She excelled at school and had a variety of professions, including camp cook, farmer, and cafe operator, before going to the University of Alberta in Edmonton and settling on her career as a teacher. Evelyn began teaching in Deadwood and then went on to teach in Dixonville, until her retirement. In her later teaching

years, she even found time to become qualified and work as a lumber grader in her spare time. She loved travelling - especially her yearly visits to Newfoundland to see her sister Mabel - and was an avid painter and lover of books and the outdoors. Evelyn was also keenly involved with the Strang Presbyterian Church in Dixonville, serving as a Church Elder. In 2009, Evelyn moved to Brooks to live with her daughter Pat and family. She kept busy with travel, reading, and weekends at the Brooks hospital tuck shop; and she was also a faithful member of the Brooks United Church. Evelyn is predeceased by her husband Clarence, her sister Ethel, and her brother Albert. She is survived by sisters, Mabel and Sharon (Henry); her children, Linda (Bert), Lee (Diane), Patricia (Brad) and Roger (Darlene); grandchildren Andrew, Elizabeth, Penny, Amy, Chad, April, Brandi, Jennifer, Megan, Shannon, Nicole, Shelley and great-grandchildren, Craig, Kelly, Brendon, Brittany, Evangelina, Greta, Jade, Quinn, Ryder, Cash, Piper, Nolan, Gabrielle, Harley, Madison, Maria, Hayden, and Kenzie. Evelyn dearly loved her family and was very much loved by them. She was a pillar in their lives and will be sorely missed. In accordance with Evelyn's wishes, no service will be held in Brooks. A Celebration of Life will be held next summer in Dixonville, with the date and arrangements to be announced in the spring. She will be buried next to her husband, and near her mother, father, sister and brother, and other family members. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to Brooks and District Health Foundation, Bag 300, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3 or a charity of one's choice.

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**SHUTTLEWORTH** - Mrs. Lauretta Shuttleworth of Olds, Alberta passed away peacefully at Foothills Hospital on October 13, 2024, at the age of 84 years. Lauretta was born on March 15, 1940 in Medicine Hat, Alberta. She married Keith Shuttleworth of Rolling Hills, Alberta and together they raised their three children Reid, Lisa and Judy on the farm in Rolling Hills. Lauretta loved her family dearly and enjoyed spending time with them; baking, cooking, sewing, and crafting with the grandchildren. Lauretta also liked to spend time outdoors and took great pride in her yard and garden.

Lauretta is lovingly remembered by her three children Reid Shuttleworth, Judy(Tony) Byers and Lisa (Scott) Severtson. Her grandchildren include Josh(Chantelle), Justin (Savana), Tamara (Brent), Jesse (Caleigh), Hollie(Rollie),Levi(Kennedy),Amy (Tyler),Molly (Taren) and her great grandchildren Cyrus, Sophia, Penelope,Jordy, Jace, Wyatt, Eli, Finan, Eva and Sloane.

Lauretta also leaves to mourn her sister Cora-Lee, brothers Brian, Gord, Don and Lyle, many nieces and nephews, and sister in law Gail.

Lauretta will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Besides her loving husband Keith, Lauretta was predeceased by her parents Laura and Ralph, brothers Ken and Glen and daughter-in-law Sherrie.

The family wish to express their sincere thanks to the Olds Dialysis Unit for their support and care given to Lauretta over the past year.

Flowers gratefully declined but if desired, memorial donations in Lauretta's honor may be made to the Olds Hemodialysis Unit, 3901-57 Avenue Olds, Alberta T4H 1T4.

The family would also like to thank neighbours Harold and Carol, Murray and Marg for everything they have done over the past years.

The family invite friends and relatives to a Celebration of Life in honor of both Lauretta and Keith on November 14, 2024 from 1-4 pm at Heartland Funeral home in Olds, Alberta.

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# Bassano Banner

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TOM McPHAIL



BASSANO - Bassano Lodge No. 294 of the Order of Royal Purple was chartered on November 15, 1964. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Bassano Royal Purple. The Lodge will be celebrating with founding members Ruth Lassiter, Verna Heryford and Darlene Kirwan on November 19th. Cheers and congratulations to the future of this service group.

Having a large home with a country-sized kitchen was ideal when Doug and Carol Schaffer and Carol's siblings hosted a 95th birthday celebration for their mom, Elma Hall. They managed to fit 45 of 119 family members

in that spacious room including 10 children and spouses, multiple grandchildren and spouses, great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Happy Birthday, Elma!!!

Best wishes and a speedy recovery go to George Plett, Bernard Gibeau and Randy Branson. All are home and recuperating from surgery.

There are a few of our neighbours celebrating birthdays over the next few days. Here are some of the birthday recipients: Tyson Gibeau, Aaron Lewis, Gloria Branson, Darcy Heggs, Linda Heggs, Todd Schaffer, Jose Rabadan, Mike Bulger, Jennica Lassiter, Jodi Niznik, Payton Diane Wickson,

Ty McCoomb and Selah Johnson. As usual, I may have missed a few.

With Remembrance Day approaching, our Banner correspondent would like to honour the names of those family members we fondly remember. Some of those whose names come to mind at this time are: Irene Heggs, Ward Moss, Tom Steinbach, Barry Bell, Lorne Conley, Bernard Steinbach, Doug Leavitt and Bill Schaffer. We should honour their memory here more often.

My apologies to the family of Margaret Charbonneau who recently celebrated her 100th birthday in Roblin, Manitoba. Her name was misspelled in last week's

Banner. My bad!

Many of you will remember Darrel and Shirley Robock who lived in Bassano many years ago. They moved to Red Deer where they have family. Darrel passed away on October 11th in Red Deer. Thank you, Mary Brittain Newton for sending this information. The community sends condolences to Darrel's family.

Don't forget the time change on November 3rd.

Please submit your news including upcoming events to tom1942@hotmail.com. Remember the Banner covers Gem, Rosemary, Bassano and the eastern portion of Wheatland County.

# Buffalo Briefs

LORRAINE MONKMAN



BUFFALO - At the Buffalo Fire Club Turkey Shoot, there was a new game. Gail Andrus and Bob Thompson grew a big pumpkin which was used as a 50/50 guessing game. Ticket purchasers each guessed the weight of the pumpkin and the lucky winner was Ross White of Jenner.

Congratulations are also in order for winners of the three raffles: First prize was a Traegar smoker which was won by Rylee Hewitt of Buffalo. The second prize was a Yeti cooler filled with delectable drinks of all kinds. Brent Gibson of Acadia Valley was the lucky winner. And finally, the third prize won by Ross White of Jenner was a tabletop smoker. Proceeds of this year's turkey shoot will be tabulated and given to HALO

- the air ambulance service that serves this area. Your attendance and support is very much appreciated.

Buffalo Ladies Club Turkey Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6 at the hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be the same bucket draws for prizes so please come and lend your support once again.

Christmas in the Country Craft Market will be held in the Buffalo Hall on Sunday, December 1, from 11 am to 5 pm. Lunch will be sold.

Buffalo Ag Society will present "Jake Matthews in Concert" at the hall on Saturday, December 7 with supper at 6 pm and concert at 7pm. Contact any Ag Society member for information and tickets. We hope you can attend one or all of these events.

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# HALLOWEEN

October 31 has an ancient history as the most frightening night of the year, a time when the doors to the spirit world open. Halloween has become hugely popular in North America, and many people spend a great deal of time and money preparing for this night.



## Celtic roots

Two thousand years ago, the Celts lived in Ireland, Great Britain and northern France. Halloween can trace its roots to the ancient Celtic New Year's festival called **Samhain** (pronounced SOW-in, the first syllable rhyming with "plow").

Samhain took place on Nov. 1 and marked the end of summer, when people gathered to share the harvest and prepare for winter. It was a time of bonfires, reunions, feasting and storytelling.

The ancient Celts believed that New Year's Eve (Oct. 31) was a magical time, when the boundaries separating the worlds of the living and the dead were open — a time when ancestral spirits might visit. During Samhain, the **druids** (Celtic priests) performed religious rituals with costumes, sacrifices and predictions.

The Halloween traditions of ghosts, food and fortunetelling are rooted in these early pagan customs. When the Romans conquered the Celts, traditions like bobbing for apples were added to the festivities.

## What's in a name?

In the 800s, the Christian Church began to celebrate **All Saints' Day** on Nov. 1 as a time to honor saints and martyrs. It was hoped that this church-sanctioned holiday would replace the Celtic festival of the dead, but many people had trouble giving up their ancient traditions.

All Saints' Day was also called **All Hallows**. The night before All Saints' Day became All Hallows Eve and, eventually, Halloween.

Two hundred years later, the church created **All Souls' Day** to be celebrated on Nov. 2. Established as a day to honor the dead, it was marked by bonfires, parades and costumes of saints, angels and devils.

Customs varied; some people put food out for the dead or lit a candle in the window so that spirits could find their way home.

## Dressing up

Wearing a costume on Halloween is one of the holiday's most popular (and scary) traditions. In the past, people feared meeting ghosts on Halloween, so they wore masks to fool the spirits. Today, people young and old dress up. Making a costume is a task that uses your creative side. Wearing a costume allows you to pretend to be something or someone you're not.



The custom of trick-or-treating may have grown from a tradition of begging on All Souls' Day.



## Ghosts and hauntings

Stories about hauntings have been told worldwide for thousands of years, and they are especially popular around Halloween. Unexplained paranormal phenomena and supernatural happenings associated with a house or building are the subject of countless books and TV shows.

Some folks believe that when a spirit is especially fond of a place, they sometimes decide to stay ... forever. In many hauntings, a violent end may be linked to supernatural activities. Others say human memories can be so powerful that they become imprinted onto a location or object.

Victorian mansions and Gothic castles are popular ghostly abodes, but hauntings happen in newer homes, too. Unexplained noises, extreme cold spots and strange apparitions are typical of many hauntings.

## Jack-o'-lanterns

Carving lanterns from vegetables is an old Irish tradition. Early lanterns were usually carved from turnips or potatoes. In North America, the pumpkin became popular because it was larger and easier to carve.

Painting pumpkins with spooky faces and elaborate designs is another fun project. Some people collect and sell painted pumpkins, giving the money to charities or schools.

## Big business

Almost 64% of Americans and 72% of Canadians celebrate Halloween. People decorate their homes (inside and out), have costume parties and provide treats for young visitors. In 2023, U.S. families spent a record \$12.2 billion on Halloween, and they are expected to spend even more this year.

### What people buy:

- 96% are buying candy
- 77% are buying decorations
- 69% are buying costumes (for adults, kids and pets)
- 35% are buying greeting cards

## Supersitions & tall tales

People seem to be more superstitious than usual around Halloween.

One old superstition says that if an unmarried woman puts rosemary under her pillow on Halloween, she will dream of her future husband.

Black cats were once thought to be possessed by evil spirits. Many believed that witches used cats as



**familiars**, animal-shaped spirits that helped the witches with their magic.

Don't look back if you hear footsteps behind you on Halloween night; it might be a ghost with ill intentions.

If a candle goes out on Halloween, a ghost is in the room.