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Amy Fazio and her son Finnegan Merkl, 7, are thrilled to see Santa on a float during Thursday's Santa Claus Parade. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Slight tax and utility increase expected in county next year

SANDRA M STANWAY
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The county continues to support a 2.49 per cent increase in property tax revenue for 2025 although it doesn't keep pace with inflationary pressures.

County CAO Matt Fenske said the restricted surplus is allowing for the lower rate but it won't last forever.

Fenske said that if there isn't assessment growth in the county, "We do start to erode our savings account."

On Thursday county council held their interim budget meeting diving in once more into council and staff wish lists before meetings in December including approval of the interim budget.

When looking at other rural municipalities, in 2024 the county was below the residential, farmland and non-residential tax rates and while there is some room to increase property taxes it was not yet recommended.

"You have some capacity to grow your property tax rates if you need to. I'd prefer that we don't if we can manage that," Fenske said.

"If we could get our non-residential rate into the top 10, I think that would be pretty cool but I don't want to be competitive on tax rates if it means sacrificing service levels."

The oil and gas tax holiday that was put in place by the province is due to end in 2025. That will result

in assessment returning to the county and would allow for a 3.61 per cent property tax revenue growth or \$1.3 million.

The county is balancing whether or not rates, such as utility and farm, are high enough while they try to extend the life on capital items.

When the municipality compares what is proposed next year to 2019 the county's net municipal property tax revenue will increase by \$635,899 or from \$33.147 million in 2019 to \$33.783 million in 2025.

There is \$1.7 million in budget pressure including \$839,123 for policing, a reduction in provincial grants, high inflation, declining linear assessment, a tight labour market and the increase of sharing funds with the municipalities.

Fenske estimated that the county will receive \$1.7 million in Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF), which about half of what was received through the previous program, MSI.

The county has about \$27.1 million in capital projects for 2025 including road, curb and gutter work in Blocks 1 and 4 at Lake Newell Resort, bridge replacement, gravel road rehabilitation, construction of an access road off Township Road 192N (Gun Club) to JBS Food and upgrading a portion of the truck route possibly Range Road 150 between Highway 1 and Township Road 192.

The debt level will increase by \$640,000 as old debts are offset by new including \$750,000 for the Lake Newell Resort path.

A full time ag technician and deputy fire chief could be hired in 2025, construction of a dirt BMX park at Emerson Park Bridge Campground is being considered for 2026, concrete rail crossing improvements in four locations including RR151 west of Brooks and three in the Bassano area.

Consideration is being given to develop the west side of Tilley as a future residential subdivision so the county is looking at investing money for engineering.

There will be a three per cent increase in utility rates which will result in another \$3.26 per month for 15 cubic metres of water in the hamlets and \$1.94 per month for the rural water system. Mini bus users can expect a \$2 increase per trip from \$20 to \$22 per trip.

The fire budget has a fairly significant increase proposed including \$221,000 for expenses to include a deputy fire chief, contracted services, materials, transfers to other organizations and \$78,000 for replacement extrication equipment.

The final tax amounts aren't expected to be presented until after the reading of the provincial budget in the spring when the school taxes and other amounts are in place.

Irrigation districts urge public to attend water meetings

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Irrigation districts across the province are urging the public to attend either a virtual or live meeting on changes to the Water Act.

The province launched their engagement with several issues that would have an impact on irrigation districts and on irrigators.

"The irrigation industry

needs your help to reinforce our concerns. We need as many people as possible to attend virtual and in-person meetings and to vigorously respond by email and voicemail of your concerns to Alberta Environment & Protected Areas and our local MLA/Premier," states a notice from Eastern Irrigation District.

The government is requesting Albertans to share their thoughts on ways to increase water

availability and improve the water management system in the province.

"Outcomes of this consultation may include amendments to the Water Act as well as changes to the current water licensing system," states the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA).

The AIDA has provided a list of sector-endorsed suggestions to improve water management in Alberta.

The AIDA has listed the concerns and suggestions to improve access to water.

The association is suggesting that the existing transfer provisions of the Act remain in place as the most effective way to reallocate water in basis closed to new licences, eliminate conservation holdbacks on licence transfers and modify the requirement in the Irrigation Districts Act to allow irrigation districts to hold plebiscites

for licence transfers and to improvement wastewater treatment to allow more water to remain in storage for other uses.

The AIDA and districts will have additional meetings over the coming months with the government.

"Not only is the engagement period very short, ending on Jan. 10, 2025, but it also falls over the Christmas holiday season," states the AIDA.

The next in-person meeting is Dec. 3 in Red Deer but there are other opportunities for participation including online surveys which are available at <https://www.alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement>. Surveys are due by Jan. 10.

"It is a very important piece of legislation," county councillor Neil Johnson said during Thursday's council meeting.

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Holiday Train arrives Dec. 8 in Tilley, Brooks

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The illuminated CPKC Holiday Train will be in Tilley and Brooks on Dec. 8 with entertainers and Santa Claus.

In its 26th year of operations the Holiday Train continues to spread joy while raising money, food and awareness for people struggling with food insecurity.

Each year the company donates money to local food

banks and encourages the public to do the same.

Last year's event raised a record \$1.8 million and collected more than 72,574 kilograms (160,000 lbs.) of food across both the US and Canadian runs.

The train will stop in Tilley at 5:30 p.m. with performances from musicians Tyler Shaw and Shawnee Kish.

It will depart at 6 p.m. and ride the rails to Brooks where it will arrive at 6:40 p.m. Performances in Brooks will be American

Authors and KT Tunstall.

The train will depart at 7:10 p.m. and head to Gleichen.

"We are pleased to again send this magical train on a four-week trip across our network spreading holiday joy as we collect food and raise money to fight food insecurity. We look forward to again seeing all the smiles and cheers from people young and old coming together in the spirit of giving," said CPKC president and CEO Keith Creel.



Community members gather in Brooks at the 2023 Holiday Train event. | FILE PHOTO

New home is possible for Grasslands soccer

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The Grasslands Soccer Association's soccer fields could be built near the quad ball diamonds.

According to county councillor and recreation committee member Greg Skriver there will be a discussion in the future.

"The site has approval

from Grasslands Soccer Association and last night (Wednesday) we recommended that to city council for the use of that land," he said.

The city-owned old rodeo grounds was the first choice following a presentation to the recreation committee, however, the city gave the 23.5 acres to the Catholic school.

"The good thing is that the Brooks city does own that land. Hopefully we can get this behind us by 2026. That may be coming down pipe for some funding," Skriver told council on Thursday.

Grasslands representatives are expected to attend the Dec. 2 council meeting.

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Toys for Tickets is Back

From November 12 to December 6, you have the chance to turn a \$57 parking ticket into a gift for families in need. Clear any \$57 ticket issued within this period by donating a new toy worth at least \$30 (receipt required).

Note: Donations in place of ticket payments will be accepted only until the end of the day on December 10. All toys collected will be given to families in need.

Spread some cheer and make the holidays brighter for everyone!

Girls In Sport - Drop-In Time

We're excited to launch a pilot program called Girls In Sport - Drop-In Time! This initiative comes after hearing from a community partner who introduced a girls-only space for sports, which led to increased participation and encouraged more girls to get active with their friends.

Please note that due to other bookings, the program won't run every Thursday or Friday—check the monthly Drop-In Calendar for available dates.

Dates: October to December 2024

Thursdays: 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Fridays: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: JBS Canada Centre Flexhall

Get Active: Explore Our Recreation Schedules

Looking for drop-in gym times, arena skate times (including shinny and public skate), pickleball, or swimming pool hours? Check out our full recreation schedule to plan your next activity!

View schedules here: [brooks.ca/402/Schedules](https://www.brooks.ca/402/Schedules)

Subscribe to Our Recreation Newsletter

Stay updated on leagues, events, and news with the City of Brooks Recreation Newsletter! From skating and pool schedules to community highlights, there's always something new. Visit tinyurl.com/bddh3xxh to subscribe today!

Public Notices

Next Council Meeting

- Monday, December 2 at 4:30 PM
- Brooks City Hall - Council Chambers (201 1 Ave W)
- Streaming live on the City of Brooks Facebook and YouTube
- Find the agenda at [brooks.ca/agendacentre](https://www.brooks.ca/agendacentre)

2025 Budget Meeting Dates

The City of Brooks has scheduled its 2025 budget meetings, inviting residents to attend and learn more about the financial plans for the upcoming year. These meetings will provide insight into the allocation of funds, priority projects, and initiatives aimed at supporting the community's growth and development.

The meetings will take place in Council Chambers at City Hall on the following dates:

- Monday, December 9 – 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Thursday, December 12 – 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 17 – 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Anyone with questions about the budget meetings or the process is encouraged to reach out to Jenny Wallace, Executive Assistant, at 403-362-3333.

Canada Post Service Disruptions

Due to the ongoing postal strike, utility bills will not be mailed. If your account number starts with "002", your November utility bill (for the September/October period) is now available! Payment is due by December 16, 2024.

Important Reminders:

- You are still responsible for your bill, even during the postal strike.
- Need a physical copy? Visit City Hall.
- For future bills, sign up for e-billing for faster and easier access! Check the comments to get started! (Usernames cannot have spaces or be email addresses.)
- Haven't signed up for e-billing and need a copy of your bill emailed? Contact us at utilities@brooks.ca.

Notice of Public Hearing - Proposed Bylaw 24/31 (Area Structure Plan Amendment) & 24/32 (Zoning Change)

Date: December 2, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

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

PURSUANT to sections 216.4, 606 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt Bylaw 24/31, being an amendment to the Southeast Sector Area Structure Plan Bylaw 13/12, and to adopt Bylaw 24/32, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw 14/12.

THE PURPOSE of proposed Bylaw 24/31 is to amend Southeast Sector Area Structure Plan Map 4 from Multi-family Residential to Highway Commercial at the described location. And further the proposed Bylaw 24/32 is to redesignate PLAN 0512323 BLOCK 6 LOT 1 from "RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (R-HD)" to "COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G)". A map can be found at [brooks.ca/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=438](https://www.brooks.ca/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=438).

How To Submit Comments: If you would like to submit comments or require further information on this proposed bylaw please email development@brooks.ca, call 403-362-3333, visit the City of Brooks office during normal business hours. Please forward written submissions on or before November 29 at 4:30 PM.

How To Attend or View the Public Hearing: A public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw 24/31 and 24/32 will be held in the City of Brooks Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2024. Please get in touch (contact information above) if you would like to speak at the meeting.

The City of Brooks Council Meeting and public hearing will also be streamed online on the City of Brooks Facebook and YouTube.

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

COMMENT

Trudeau to Canada – starve your kids for climate change

Forgive us if we put feeding and housing our families above Trudeau's plans to save the entire planet

TERRY NEWMAN
NATIONAL POST

Whatever your opinions are on climate change and the carbon tax, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is the least convincing, worst imaginable representative for these (or any other) causes.

Trudeau hopped on a plane to fly 8,280 km to take the stage at the Global Citizen Now Event at the G20 Leaders' Summit Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to lecture the audience and Canadians about our country's role in saving the entire planet.

He opened by insisting it is morally selfish to put food and lodging concerns above contributions to the carbon tax.

He told the audience: "It's really, really easy when you're in a short-term survive, I gotta be able to pay the rent this month, I've gotta be able to buy groceries for my kids, to say, OK, let's put climate change as a slightly lower priority." Then, as if he were a proud undergrad reciting textbook material, he mentions Maslow's hierarchy of needs, but then doesn't address these very real practical concerns.

He continued: "There's a sense that affordability is in direct contrast with our moral responsibility to protect the planet. And that is something that unfortunately people have been amplified and used propaganda, misinformation, disinformation, and flat out lies to scare people into saying, oh, no, no, no. We've gotta take care of our household budget and bottom line first and environment second."

Where's the lie? Are Canadians' fears about not being able to pay their rent or eat fear-mongering?

This is smug and fresh coming from the son of a former prime minister, someone who has never had to worry about money a day in his life. More to the point, how does someone save the planet when they're struggling to pay their mortgage and feed their kids?

Trudeau also made the nonsensical claim that women are the most vulnerable to climate change, paying the heaviest price in terms of "economics, quality of life, and even their lives." How could climate change affect a woman and not her father, husband, and sons? Are tidal waves and droughts targeting women, while parting like the Red Sea to avoid male family members? Is there an all female island out there, with ancient Amazonian women, particularly susceptible to climate change?

"In order to build a strong economy, we have to protect the environment" he told the interviewer. Trudeau then said that his government had spent the last nine years "focused not just on fighting climate change, but on demonstrating that it creates jobs," "creates growth," and "directly benefits citizens." But there are many questions left to be answered about green contracts doled out by Trudeau's Liberals for EV battery plants and whether these jobs will even remain in the country. Deals have been made, to be sure, the Liberals are just not particularly forthcoming about who the deals

actually benefit.

Trudeau claims that "putting a price on pollution is the most efficient way of getting people to change their behaviours." Perhaps, but proudly remarking in this recent appearance that the rewards for doing so are unfairly distributed, that, "For eight of ten people, (the government's) price on pollution gives back more money" which he wants to turn around and "give back to the middle class" isn't likely to win support from anyone other than the middle class, which also appears to be shrinking.

Maybe, just maybe, pitting some Canadians against others, is not a winning approach.

Trudeau insists that Canadians shouldn't listen to anyone who promises to put a little more money in their pockets, by cutting the carbon tax, saying it is "exactly the wrong thing for the planet. And it's actually the wrong thing for money in their pockets," referring to the unequally distributed carbon tax rebates. "And that's a lot of what the next year's election is going to be about in Canada." No kidding.

And what does Trudeau think struggling Canadians worried about paying for rent and groceries will use carbon tax rebate cheques for? Why, "insulating their homes" and "taking their bike more often," of course.

Trudeau ends by suggesting that Canadians fears and anxieties are being played on in order to manipulate them into feeling powerless, suggesting he is the leader who treats Canadians like "thoughtful active agents of change" who are "not just blind consumers of politics and propaganda," and that he is not the one pitting people against each other.

No comment.

Despite all of this, Trudeau said he was hopeful about the next election and his climate policies, suggesting it's because he speaks with young people. If he does, he's speaking with only select environmentalists and activists because young people have made it very clear that they are in survival mode.

Ultimately, Justin Trudeau does not understand that a successful approach to climate change or a carbon tax would have to be affordable for all Canadians, without differential treatment. Canadians would have to believe it actually had an affect on climate change. They would have to trust whomever was promoting it and all information about its economic and environmental benefits would have to be transparent.

While a noble thought, Canada and its taxpayers are not personally responsible for saving the planet. Its citizens know full well that many countries will never give up on fossil fuels. Trudeau knows this, too. Why is he trying to deceive Canadians, putting the responsibility on our wallets and at our doorsteps?

TIME CAPSULE



1955 BROOKS AERIAL VIEW

Sudan: Nowhere Worse

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



There are wars in the world worse than those in Ukraine and Gaza. The war in Sudan is insanely cruel and stupid, but you hardly hear anything about it. Why not? Because, like me, other journalists hate writing about it and avoid doing so if they can.

There is nothing good to be said about either side, the 'official' Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) or the rival Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Even the ordinary soldiers are wicked, regularly subjecting the civilian population to gang rape and murder.

And the war is about nothing, absolutely nothing, except the struggle for power between two professional killers. One is General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, commander of the SAF, and the other is General Mohamed Hamdan Dagolo, universally known as Hemedti, founder of the genocidal Janjaweed paramilitary forces and now commander of the RSF.

Both men worked for a long time for the brutal 30-year dictatorship of General

Omar al-Bashir, but then took part in the coup that overthrew him in 2019. Together they refused to hand Bashir over to the International Criminal Court for trial on war crimes charges, and together they seized power back from the interim civilian government in 2021.

But they couldn't agree on sharing power after that second coup. The only significant difference between them was that Burhan belongs

to the elite 'Arab' establishment of Khartoum, the capital, while Hemedti is a tribal 'Arab' from the western region of Darfur, but they would not share either the government in Khartoum or the gold in Darfur.

The shooting started in April of last year and quickly spread across the country. Since then both sides have been frantically recruiting more soldiers, poorly trained and disciplined, who are much better at killing random civilians than each other. The RSF controls the west of the country and much of the capital, Khartoum, while the SAF dominates the rest.

What makes the situation weirder and even more hateful is that this is also a race war in a country where everybody is black, but a majority think they are 'Arab' and therefore not really black Africans despite their appearance.

There was an influx of real Arabs into the region from across the Red Sea in Arabia about 900 years ago. They conquered the place, Islamised a lot of the population, and became the culturally dominant group in the northern part, but there were never a lot of them.

Within a few centuries they were physically indistinguishable from the rest of the population, but those who were Muslim still thought of themselves as 'Arabs', spoke a local version of Arabic – and saw the rest of the population as pagans and therefore eligible to be slaves.

That made a weird kind of sense at the time. The white Muslim empires around the southern and eastern Mediterranean, mostly Arabic or Turkish-speaking, were the main market for African slaves until the arrival of European customers diverted some of the trade westwards five centuries later.

In Sudan, both of those

identities were internalised by people who looked exactly the same: Muslim 'Arabs' who owned and traded in slaves and non-Muslim 'Africans' who were slaves or at least were treated as inferior beings. Fast forward to the 21st century, and those attitudes and divisions are still alive and kicking.

Every government of post-colonial Sudan has been completely dominated by 'Arabs'. The far south of the country, where almost everybody was 'African' and most were Christian, rebelled in 1955 and waged a fifty-year struggle for independence that killed about three million people. It got independence in 2005 as South Sudan, but that didn't solve anything.

The rest, calling itself just 'Sudan', still had a 30% minority of 'Africans' who were seen as disloyal to the Muslim-majority state. Some rebelled and some did not, but all were brutally treated by Omar al-Bashir's regime, which used Hemedti's Janjaweed paramilitary to attempt a genocide of the most troublesome groups in Darfur region.

That brings us up to today, where the current war in Sudan, only 18 months old, has probably racked up 100,000 deaths already. Only the Ukraine war is killing more. 12 million people, more than a quarter of Sudan's population, have fled or been driven from their homes. Hemedti is doing another genocide in Darfur.

The rival claimants for power are both getting financial support and lots of advanced weaponry from abroad: Hemedti from the United Arab Emirates, the Wagner Group (Russia) and Libya; Burhan from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Ukraine and Iran. So you can see why I hate writing about Sudan. It's a shame they can't all lose.



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Local leader to be inducted into Alberta 4H Hall of Fame

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Arlene Good of Brooks will be inducted into the 4-H Alberta Hall of Fame.

This distinguished recognition celebrates Good's enduring contributions and leadership within the 4-H program, impacting countless members and leaders across Alberta.

Her journey with 4-H began as a member in Saskatchewan. She later became a 4-H leader in Alberta where she dedicated herself to the Brooks & Area and John Ware 4-H Beef Club.

"Her passion for rural youth development shines through in her roles as a leader, judge, and mentor. Good has spearheaded numerous programs, including the Newell District 4-H Judging Club, sheep and dairy projects and regional judging workshops. Her commitment to lifelong learning led her to create

educational videos, enhancing accessibility for 4-H members across the province and beyond," states a press release.

As chair of the Alberta Provincial Sheep Show and a pivotal figure in Summer Synergy, Good has been instrumental in expanding these programs, fostering strategic dialogue and strengthening community bonds.

Her efforts have led to increased sponsorships, participation and new learning opportunities for members. Known for her warmth and humour, Good is a beloved chaperone for youth trips, including the recent Setting Sails trip to Scotland where her dedication ensured a memorable experience for all participants.

Good said the induction is a culmination of members, leaders and sponsors.

"To be inducted into the 4H Alberta Hall of Fame is an honour. It is also humbling and it fills me with tremendous pride to receive

4H Inductee



ARLENE GOOD

this accolade," she said.

"The 4-H Alberta board of directors is excited to recognize Arlene for her significant contributions to the 4-H community by inducting her into the 4-H Alberta Hall of Fame. As a long-time leader in our organization, she has demonstrated a deep commitment to improving 4-H programs both locally and across the province," said 4-H Alberta Board Chair Christine Suominem.

The ceremony will take place next November.



DUCHESS - A clean blanket of snow arrived on the weekend! With that comes the crazy roads for a day or so. I hope everyone stayed safe!

Thanks to the organizers of the Duchess Christmas Market and hopefully the attendance wasn't down too much with the sketchy roads.

Congratulations to Kyle and Larae (Pierson) Roberts on the birth of their sweet little girl, Tally Jewel Roberts on October 6/2024 in Medicine Hat, AB, the first grandbaby for Bruce and Connie Pierson. A welcome baby shower will held on Thursday, November 28/2024 at 7:00 pm at the Hardgrass Hub in Pollockville, AB.

Sheila Musgrove and family would like to say thank you to all who sent condolences, baking, cards, and helped in any way in the care and passing of Norman Musgrove. It was all greatly appreciated.

Donate an item to a senior for Christmas

Brooks and District Seniors OutReach and Shoppers Drug Mart are collecting items for seniors during the annual Christmas to Remember Drive. Items will be collected

until Dec. 14. Items requested but are not limited include slippers, pajamas, robes, personal care items, tea, coffee and treats. Gifts will be delivered to seniors on Dec. 20.

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County discusses agreements

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Following an in-camera meeting county council passed a motion to ratify the new collective agreement with CUPE and to defer the Rosemary Fire Agreement conversation for one year.

The last time the county and the village had a fire agreement was in January 2018 which saw the county agree to fund 100 per cent of future apparatus. It was agreed to cost share upgrades to the fire hall, that Rosemary would pay its annual debenture of

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With both Christmas and New Year's falling on a Wednesday, The Bulletin will not publish a newspaper either week.

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As well there will be no parcel pick-up for other parcel companies for that period of time.



The Trees of Hope structure in front of the Brooks Health Centre are lit indicating that the Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society's Trees of Hope campaign is underway. The annual event is an opportunity to remember loved ones while enabling the organization to meet its fundraising goals. Each light is \$15. The amber light represents a memorial while the coloured lights represent Christmas wishes. The list of donors will be published in an upcoming edition of The Brooks Bulletin. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK

RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Garrett Janzen on Nov 27. Kylea Janzen on Nov 30. Danielle Graham on Nov 28. Gail & Sheila Alcock anniversary on Nov 28.

Rainier Community Club-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-SPEC will be at the school Nov 29th for Playgroup from 9:30am to 11am. If anyone has any bottles for recycling they would like to donate to the school please leave them by the quonset looking building. Thank you for your donations. Mini volleyball game in Rolling hills for 4pm on Nov 27th.

Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public during regular school days and Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Come on in and see what is offered for books, games, movies, puzzles.....check it out! There is a JBS Centre family swim pass available for two adults and two children. Borrow it like a book.

Come & Go 90 Birthday Celebration in honour of Arlene Smith on December 14 at the Brooks Seniors Center {former library}. Celebration starts at 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm. We would love to see everyone to celebrate this milestone.

Scandia Lutheran Church will be hosting a children's program Dec 22nd @ 4:30pm. If there are any kiddos interested in being involved please reach out to Kryston Tateson.

Stay in the loop with the Rainier Community Facebook Page for more Alcoma & Community Events! Have an upcoming

event in the County? We are happy to include it in our emails and promote it in our community! Send us an email @ rainiercommunityclub@gmail.com with your information.

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

Please contact Colleen by Sunday @ colleenvandenhoeck@gmail.com

Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - Wow, did mother nature give us some nasty weather, we all knew it was coming one time or another so here we have it. Hoping all the farmers are doing well in this cold snap. We are all thinking of you as you provide us so much.

Helen & Ernie travelled to Calgary Tuesday for Ernie's eye surgery. Hope all is good Ernie and Helen text me to say they made it home safe and sound. Get better soon, bud.

The community of Bow City would like to wish Helene and Ernie a happy 55th Anniversary. What a wonderful milestone.

Helene and Vickie enjoyed an enjoyable evening playing bingo at Carol Molner, which is Helen's daughter last weekend and said it was such a great time. Some won some didn't. It was all in fun and they had a great time.

Joyce and Jerry made a quick trip to Medicine Hat on Wednesday for an appointment. They really hate it when they

have appointments on Wednesday because that's coffee day at Gail and Sheila's. They all catch up next week.

Robin Peterson and I travelled to Pollockville for the craft sale. Could've been a lot better weather but had a nice turn out. On our way home we stopped at the Duchess craft sale, wow was that huge. Thank goodness we got going when we did because the weather was not nice. Thank you for the day Robin. We have great visits.

I also want to say that Robin has a great selection of yarn in her travelling trailer.

The family of Arlene Smith would like to invite everybody for a Come and Go 90th birthday celebration on December 14 from 2 to 5 PM at the Brooks Senior center.(old library). Hoping all will stop in and share this occasion with the Smith family.

Happy 90th birthday Arlene from the community. Joyce Calvert lady

Christmas party is on 14 December. Come and enjoy a great evening thank you

Please share happy news with us to put in the paper. Get a hold of me at

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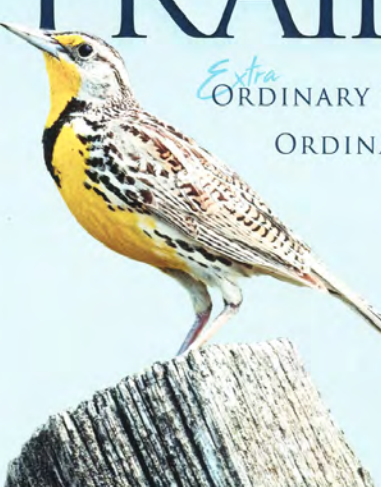
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Did NFU hoodwink Feds for grant... participants will probably be misled about commercial ag



I expect most folks missed an announcement that the federal Liberal government gave \$287,000 to the National Farmers Union (NFU) to establish, in their words, "a new national program aiming to maximize the long-term success of equity-deserving farmers in Canadian agriculture. This program will centralize information sourced from across organizations and offer support nationally for two successive cohorts of 20 farmers to access training, grants, mentorship, and networking." The NFU defines equity-deserving farmers "as, but not limited to, Indigenous farmers; Black and other racialized farmers; women farmers; youth farmers; 2SLGBTQI+ farmers, farmers with disabilities; and farmers in Official Language

Minority Communities; and all farmworkers in these same groups." I admit I was flabbergasted that the aforementioned folks needed this information service, particularly considering the ability of internet searching to uncover information minutia on anything by anybody. Of course, with an extreme far-left organization like the NFU guiding and managing the program, one suspects the information being centralized and disseminated to the selected equity-deserving farmers might be slightly slanted. One suspects information on any group, anyone or anything connected to commercial free-enterprise agriculture will be overlooked by the program's NFU central managers. One is perplexed by the implication of offering support to access training in agriculture. Agriculture colleges across the country are begging anyone to attend their institutions. In fact, some,

like Fairview College, closed their ag vocational training facilities years ago because of a lack of interested students. Heck, there were assistance programs under EI that paid students to attend. First Nations, to this day, will pay their interested young people to attend ag colleges. These same colleges offer numerous short-term courses involving instruction in ag management, technology, and practical skills like machinery maintenance and welding. A simple internet search of ag colleges would show a cornucopia of ag training and education offerings. I suspect equity-deserving farmers are quite capable of gathering such information for themselves. So why is the NFU getting involved? Well, what one might suspect is that ag colleges all teach students about commercial, free-enterprise agriculture, which would be repugnant to the core ideology of the extreme left NFU. No doubt,

the new NFU-inspired program will be dripping with anti-capitalist inferences. And will propagandize to program attendees the glories of communal, gender-affirming, unionized, non-profit, organic, climate-friendly fossil fuel-free farming. However, the NFU makes an astute point about accessing grants. Considering they successfully extracted a large sum of money from the feds for this rather dubious, ideologically suspect program, they sure know how to access grants from dumb governments. Over the last ten years, the federal Liberal government has created hundreds of grants, contests, research opportunities, labour support and, of course, diversity and equity justice schemes - almost all are related to saving the planet from the ravages of climate change. As long as the application has some connection to climate change and diversity, success is almost assured—the NFU

program grant proves that point. To be fair, the NFU isn't the only entity taking advantage of the federal diversity grant bonanza – the Ontario government scored a \$1.5 million grant to help diverse folks get into food processing start-ups. However, everyone in the ag industry should take note. There is every danger that many hundreds of federal Liberal government vague giveaway grants and schemes will be eliminated by a new, fiscally responsible Conservative government. So get in on the grant gravy train right away. If it's an extensive grant application, consultants have sprung up who will create a politically-correct document with all the latest climate change, diversity and equity buzzwords. Meanwhile, the NFU, true to form, has taken several deluded positions that are supposed to help agriculture in Canada thrive. So far, they support

the national postal strike, support railway and port strikes, and as a left-wing political entity, they support the Palestinian struggle against Israel. Naturally, they continue to vehemently oppose all free trade agreements, particularly CUSMA which is so critical to Canadian ag exports. To further their cause as Canada's official representative to the international peasant movement, the NFU, on behalf of Canadian peasants, denounces neoliberalism and militarism – well, good for them. They are also working hard to get the Canadian government to pass legislation to adopt UNDROP. That would be the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and other People Working in Rural Areas. A federal victim grant to Canadian peasants would probably help their cause. You couldn't make this up. *Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.*



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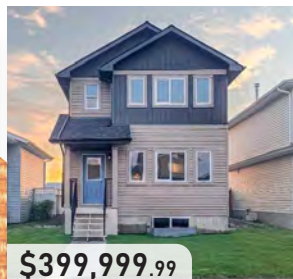


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Local swimmer medals at USA competition

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Reegan Folkerts, a member of the Brooks Barracudas swim team, at the inaugural USA Down Syndrome Swimming and Athletes Without Limits Open National Championship.

Over 100 swimmers representing eight countries participated in the Nov. 7-10 event in Orlando, Florida where 65 records were broken.

Folkerts took second place in the 50m backstroke preliminaries with her personal best time of 52.57 which advanced her to the finals where she finished with a time of 52.26 to finish fourth.

In the 50m free Folkerts shaved off 1.68 seconds from the seed time for a personal best time of 49.95 and in the 50m breast she finished fourth in her division and second place for Canada with a time of 56.67 to earn a silver.



She finished fifth in the 100m back and seventh overall in 50m butterfly.

In the butterfly she shaved off about eight seconds from the seed time swimming her preliminary time of 50.14 and final time of 50.66.

"We're (parents) pretty proud of her," said her mother Mary Folkerts.

Having qualified in the finals in her second meet also earned Folkerts a position as a member of the Canadian Down Syndrome Swim Association.

"This team travels. They've been to Portugal, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. This was an open and there is a worlds where they have many countries involved."

The last world event was held in 2022 in Portugal where 163 swimmers and 25 artistic swimmers from 23 countries competed in the 10th world event.

"This is more of a level playing field for those with down syndrome," Mary said.

Bandits handed second loss of the season

Teddy Toss Friday...

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Bandits were handed their second loss of the season on Saturday.

The Sherwood Park Crusaders defeated Brooks 2-1 at the Centennial Regional Arena.

The Crusaders had a 1-0 lead at the end of the second period and moved into a 2-0

lead in the final period.

At 17:07 of the final period Nathan Free scored the Bandits lone goal thanks to an assist from Nick Peluso.

The Bandits remain in first place in the BCHL with an 18-2 record and 36 points while Sherwood Park is in ninth place with a 13-9 record and 26 points.

The Bandits will have another chance to defeat the Crusaders on Saturday in Sherwood Park.

The last time the Bandits lost was also by one point when they were defeated 4-3 by the Blackfalds Bulldogs in October.

On Friday the Bandits will host the Surrey Eagles in the annual Teddy Toss game.

When the Bandits score their first goal - toss the Teddy onto the ice where they will be collected and delivered to the Smiles for Christmas program.



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Approvals, denials in county's recreation budget

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Discussion during the county's draft recreation budget meeting saw the denial of a Rosemary application and approvals for the EID Historical Park and the Patricia Roping Club.

During the county's council/budget meeting Josh Dyck of Rosemary sought \$15,000 towards the \$60,000 construction of a washroom and sports equipment storage facility at the Village Park.

Councillor Adena Skanderup said she is fearful that the request will increase based on a previous request for the village's sport court that opened in July 2023.

The village originally sought \$85,000 from the county but it increased to a total of \$105,000 for the

\$260,000 project.

"This is \$15,000 now but what's gonna happen?" she wondered.

Council suggested that a port-a-potty be used for a couple of years or people could use the facility at the campground.

The Division 5 and 10 recreation budget was increased by \$30,000 to \$100,000, however, it's expected to be revisited.

The request to increase was made by councillors earlier in the year who stated that much of their funds are directed to Silver Sage.

However, this year Silver Sage donated \$6,950 to the Brooks and District Health Foundation as well as other organizations.

"If they're going to donate it out maybe we shouldn't be donating it in," said councillor Neil Johnson.

The Patricia Roping Club

and Agricultural Society was approved for \$245,061 to replace five main grandstands at the Patricia Rodeo Grounds.

The full cost of the project is \$490,122 and includes the seats, taxes and \$60,000 for groundwork.

Seats in the existing grandstand are no longer up to safety codes.

Kyle Musgrove, president of the Patricia Ag Society, told council the new seats will have a capacity of about 266 people with a total of 10-wheelchair placements.

The request of \$52,905 that was made earlier this year for the preservation of the grain elevator at the Scandia historical park was approved.

The interim budget meeting will be held on Dec. 5.



The proceeds from September's Brooks Elks slopitch tournament was donated to Rolling Hills School's Agricultural Academy. Elks president Brad Biette, right, presents school principal Mike Fieger and school students with \$8,500.

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DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF DECISION

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

DEVELOPMENT AREA	APPLICATION NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF PROJECT	DECISION	APPEAL PROCESS
Special Area No.2	SA2-06-24	Plan 1860BA;Blk 3; Lots 3-6	Existing Residential Development	REFUSED	Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (Note 1)
Special Area No.2	SA2-07-24	Plan 2410544;Blk 1; Lot 1	Existing Residential & Farm Building Development	APPROVED	Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (Note 1)

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Brett Richards
Development Officer

Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - Winter has arrived with a bang once again - hope everyone made it through the past weekend's storm okay!

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

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will offer a worship service with Holy Communion at 10:00 am on Sunday, December 1 with Reverend John Theiss. All are welcome.

The Brooks Choral Society will perform The Sweetest Season Christmas Program at the Brooks United Church on Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm and on Saturday, December 7 at 2:00 pm. Donations will be accepted at the performances. Please visit the website at www.brookschoralsociety.com to reserve your seat.

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

Tilley & District Public Library hours are Mondays 9:00 am to 12:30

pm and 4:00 to 7:30 pm; Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 4:00 to 7:30 pm; Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Tilley Seniors Society luncheon is the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 pm for all members and invited guests.

Two Irishmen are traveling to Australia. Before they leave home, one of their dads gives them both a bit of advice: "You watch them Aussie cab drivers. They'll rob you blind. Don't you go paying them what they ask. You haggle." At the Sydney airport, the Irishmen catch a cab to their hotel. When they reach their destination, the cabbie says, "That'll be twenty dollars, lads." "Oh no you don't! My dad warned me about you. You'll only be getting fifteen dollars from me," says one of the men. "And you'll only be getting fifteen from me too," adds the other.

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.

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well, I was hoping that we wouldn't get that white stuff yet, but it's here and quite cold and with a big dump of snow with it. I guess we'll just have to grin and bear it and get used to it I'm already tired of cleaning it. But now it is very cold!! After all, it is the end of November, we're just lucky to have had such a nice November. But then Christmas is just around the corner, and we're only 28 days away from Christmas day. Oh, my goodness!!

Our deepest sympathies go to Mrs. Betty Hok of Newbrook Lodge on the passing of another one of her siblings, her sister, Helen Huszouski of Red Deer at the age of 100 years, and to all her families and extended families and remaining siblings. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Funeral service for Mrs. Helen Hoszouski will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at 1:00pm at Heartland Funeral Services Chapel, Innisfail.

4415- 49th Street, Innisfail, AB Phone 403-227-0006.

On last Thursday till Saturday Molly Buteau went with the BCHS Girls Volleyball Team to the 3A Provincial Championships. They played 6 out of 12 games and did very well, as they played short-handed. Congratulations girls!

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Bobby Jo (Kozma) Woolford of Cardston, to Dillon Merkl of Brooks, Kirsten Church and to Jesse Malinsky of Lethbridge, all on Nov. 28th; to Everett Buhler on Dec.

1st; to Tom Collins and to Noel Nichols, both on Dec. 2nd and to Shandy Swenson on Dec. 3rd. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday this week. We wish everyone all the very best for many years.

Happy anniversary wishes go t my daughter Kelly and her husband Ron Coughlin of Sherwood Park. We wish you both all the very best.

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Eastern Irrigation District

CALL TO ACTION – WATER AVAILABILITY ENGAGEMENT

The Provincial Government has recently launched an engagement on provincial water availability. Several of the issues as communicated in their "Issue Sheets" would have material impact on irrigation districts and the irrigator.

The irrigation industry needs your help to reinforce our concerns. We need as many people as possible to attend virtual and in-person meetings, and to vigorously respond by email and voicemail of your concerns to Alberta Environment & Protected Areas and our local MLA/Premier.

Go to the **News page** at www.eid.ca for information links and details on meetings and ways to respond.

Meetings are scheduled for:

- **November 26th, 6:30 p.m.** - Southern Alberta public open house (*virtual - link on EID website*)
- **November 28th, 5:30 p.m.** in **Lethbridge** at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge (**CANCELED: Meeting to be held at a later date, place and time to be determined**)
- **December 3rd, 5:30 p.m.** in **Red Deer** at the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame (in-person)

Feedback may be conveyed via:

Environment and Protected Areas:	epa.water@gov.ab.ca	Phone: 587-270-5110 or 403-527-5622	Fax: 587-270-5113
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Thank you, EID Board & Management

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A child gives feed to animals at the White Barn Fun Farm petting zoo that was set up at the Brooks Real Estate Centre for the Santa Parade on Thursday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

No support from county for medical clinic study

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

During county's budget meeting last week council decided not to support a needs study application that would look at a one clinic medical centre.

The province issued a grant application for funding towards a Clinic

Alternative Relationship Plan - a one clinic medical centre which has been discussed by the city-county joint services committee for about three years.

The topic died on the table during a joint services meeting earlier this year when additional funds were requested for a contractor to find more answers.

"That thing crashed and burned a long time ago. There's absolutely no way that's going to come back - grant or no grant," said councillor Neil Johnson, a former member of the joint services committee.

One clinic would allow physicians to focus on their practice rather than on management of an office.

There has been some physicians who have said they support the concept.

There were six one clinic models that were presented to the physicians.

Councillor Greg Skriver told council it was left with the doctors to agree on the best model.

"We hadn't heard anything from them until now that this grant has come out to analyze it more and in a very short time frame," Skriver said.

The application has a short time frame and it has not been discussed by the joint services committee.

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - Huge Thanks to all involved in another successful craft sale in Pollockville at the Hub last Friday. The WI ladies served a fabulous lunch as always I can't tell you how nice it is to have the Brew Crew for fancy drinks and the 4 H for help in carrying and cleaning. The weather was trying to be a little Grinchie but we didn't let it bother too much. The locals always come out to support and for that we thank you all and our vendors are some of our best customers.

Congratulations to Kyle and Larae (Pierson) Robert's on the birth of their sweet little girl, Tally Jewel Robert's on October 2/2024 in Medicine Hat AB. She is the first grand baby for Bruce and Connie Pierson. A welcome baby shower

will be held on Thursday, November 28/2024 at 7:00 PM at the Hardgrass Hub in Pollockville, AB

Please enjoy your holiday parties and get-togethers but drive carefully and choose to not drive drunk.

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

Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - In case you missed the snow day, winter has arrived!! I know it's a pain and cold and all that, but it sure was pretty with the sun shining on Sunday.

Get well and speedy recovery wishes to Bruce Reimer and George Niznik.

Sadie Biette was a lucky gal to score a ticket to the ultimate Taylor Swift concert in Toronto on the weekend. I heard it was a spectacular event.

Christmas kickoff with the Santa Clause Parade, Moonlight Madness, and the Festival of Trees was this past weekend. This was the first time we missed the parade since they started and I heard it was fantastic. Good job to everyone who took place, came out to watch and also to the organizers. The festival of trees looked remarkable when I dropped off ladies club squares for the Silver Bell Tea. The Jingle and Mingle was an almost sold out event and raised a lot of money for the Brooks Food Bank and other local charities. Congratulations to the organizers, this takes a lot of man power and hours to pull off.

Ladies Club 12 Days of Christmas Raffle tickets are out there for sale. Get yours from a member before they all sell out. Draws begin on the 12th!

The annual Cassils Community Christmas supper is Sunday December 8th doors open at 5:00 with supper @5:30. Anyone who is available to set up and prepare for the meal meet at the hall that morning at 10am. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be stopping by for a visit. Parents are invited to have wrapped gifts marked with names under the tree for the little ones (or big ones!). Surname A-M please bring a salad and N-Z a dessert. This is a community meal for families of current and past Cassils and Antelope Creek residents. It's a wonderful time to catch up with neighbours and friends during the holiday season. For more information please reach out to Crystal

at 403-793-0195.

This is also when community memberships are due for the year. \$50/family or \$25/individual. Payable at the Christmas supper or contact Joan for more information @403-793-0826.

Anyone with news or information to share please

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Eastern Irrigation District APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY GRAZING PRIVILEGES



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Application forms, entry, breed of bull and other entry requirements may be obtained by contacting the association representative listed below.

Forms are **NOT** available at the District Office.

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Greg Andrew - 403-633-6337
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Tracy Hall - 403-363-5934
Gerri Christman - 403-793-0966

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Kathlyn Peltzer - 403-793-1529

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Bruce Niznik - 403-362-3868
Curtis Harbinson - 403-363-4777

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Daniel Doerksen - 403-641-2886
Dorie Pickett - 403-641-2485

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Ron Schmidt - 403-633-1207
Barb Fraser - 403-362-4992

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Joey Stadnicki - 403-363-5808
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Tyson Hemsing - 403-363-0761
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ROSEMARY GRAZING ASSOCIATION

Leonard Retzlaff - 403-501-9333
Paula Dame - 403-378-3903

TILLEY GRAZING ASSOCIATION

Matt Vossepoel - 403-363-5255
Ruth Daniels - 403-363-4432

Applications **must be** completed and submitted to the Association by **November 30, 2024**.

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Go to www.eid.ca to view:
Policy Governing Eligibility and
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Classifieds

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Call 403-362-5571

obituaries



PFAHL - Dale David Pfahl, age 67, passed away on November 9, 2024 in Black Diamond, Alberta after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Dale was born on June 26, 1957 in Hanna Alberta to Wilbert and Hilde Pfahl, and raised on the Four Winds Ranch where he was surrounded by a loving extended family. After graduating, he went on to study Range Management at Olds College. Dale translated his education into a career as a Brand Inspector, Lease Rider, and rancher, but most of all a cowboy. Dale was an accomplished team roper and a Canadian

Champion Ranch Roper. He loved the camaraderie of these communities.

Dale met his wife Lacey Cooper, in Brooks and they married in 1982. They started working towards their dream of owning land and building a cattle operation by purchasing a parcel land near Brooks. They welcomed son Carson in 1991.

Needing to expand, Dale, Lacey and Carson purchased a larger property near Rolling Hills, Alberta, where they eagerly embraced the community for many years. Recently, they purchased a property in the foothills near Black Diamond, Alberta.

When away from his ranch, Dale was also an avid skier, silver smith, and traveler, going to corners of the world including Argentina, Australia, Uruguay, Spain and Portugal to share his love of the horse trade with other craftsmen.

Dale will be remembered as the loving, kind family man he was, and as a loyal friend who was never far from a rope or horse.

Dale is survived by wife Lacey Pfahl, son Carson Pfahl, mother Hilde Pfahl, brother Devin Pfahl(Darlene), sister Lynette Lilledahl, and his beloved nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by His father Wilbert Pfahl, uncle Ivan Pfahl, and brother-in-law Wayne Lilledahl.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Prostate Cancer Foundation Canada.



obituaries



WILLARD - Della Elaine Willard of Brooks, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at the age of 79 years. Della was born in Olds, Alberta on February 27th, 1945 to Fred and Lena Wombold, the youngest out of 4. The Wombold family moved to Duchess when Della was 5, she attended the Duchess school, graduating in 1963. She married Dannie Willard of Duchess and had 3 children, Denise, Darcy and Daniel. The family lived in Calgary, a few years before Della and her children moved back to Brooks. In September of 1980. Della had various jobs over the years, before deciding at the age of 50, to go back to school at Bow Valley College in Calgary, where she obtained a Business Administration Certificate. Della went on to work for a few years at a UPS office at the Calgary Airport. Della's retirement years were spent back in Brooks closer to her children and grandchildren. Della is survived by her children, Denise Aman, Darcy Willard and Daniel (Cindy) Willard; grandchildren, Christopher (Tracy), Meghan (Chris), Brynn, Tiffany (Spencer), Teddy-Lena (Desmond) and Stanley (Loretta); two great grandchildren, Kate (Charlie) and Skyla; two sisters-in-law, Doreen and Joan and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, all her siblings and her son-in-law Rob. She will be lovingly remembered by her family and friends as a kind lady, who loved to smile, drink coffee, visit and play cards. Funeral services were held on Monday, November 25th at 2:00 PM from Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor Maggie Theiss and Rev. John Theiss officiating. Interment followed at Brooks Cemetery.

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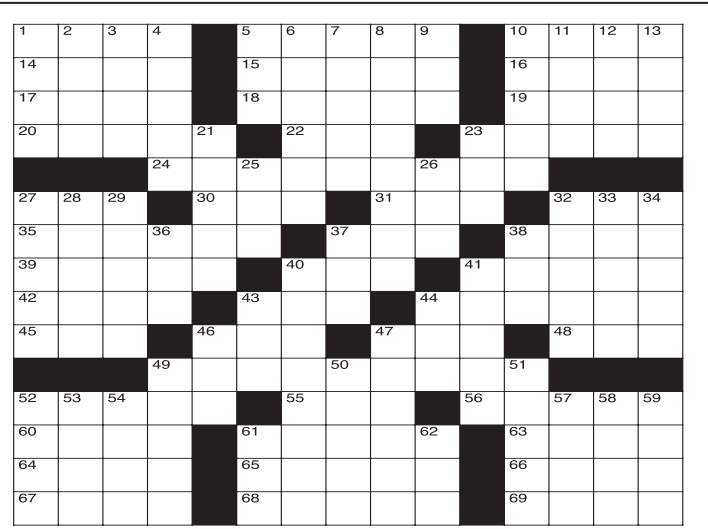
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- 14. Combining form meaning "different"
- 15. Current unit equal to 10 amperes
- 16. Older
- 17. Large, stocky lizard
- 18. Ringworm
- 19. Actor Pitt
- 20. Indian hand clash cymbals
- 22. Data at rest
- 23. Jeweled headdress
- 24. Indicators of when stories were written
- 27. Check
- 30. Cigarette (slang)
- 31. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
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- 35. Delivered a speech
- 37. A place to bathe
- 38. Postmen deliver it
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- 45. Fellow
- 46. Mark Wahlberg comedy
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- 60. Evergreens and shrubs genus
- 61. Filmed
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 65. Pores in a leaf
- 66. U. of Miami mascot is one
- 67. Snake-like fishes
- 68. Pretended to be
- 69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Piece of felted material
- 2. Ancient Greek City
- 3. Aquatic plant
- 4. Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)
- 5. Body art (slang)
- 6. One who follows the rules
- 7. Ordinary
- 8. Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one's title
- 9. Relaxing space
- 10. Japanese socks
- 11. Indian city
- 12. Rip
- 13. Icelandic book
- 21. Satisfies
- 23. Where golfers begin
- 25. Small amount
- 26. Snag
- 27. Determine the sum of
- 28. A distinctive smell
- 29. Exposed to view
- 32. Stain or blemish
- 33. Small loop in embroidery
- 34. River herring genus
- 36. Large beer
- 37. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 38. Partner to cheese
- 40. At a deliberate pace
- 41. Gurus
- 43. Of each
- 44. Angry
- 46. Popular beverage
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Blocks
- 50. Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)
- 51. Polio vaccine developer
- 52. A (usually) large and scholarly book
- 53. Popular soap ingredient
- 54. NBAer Bradley
- 57. Popular movie about a pig
- 58. Musician Clapton
- 59. Not a sure thing
- 61. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 62. Father

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to veterans.

V N Y A

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Answer: Navy

GUESS WHO?

I was a corporal in the United States Marine Corps born in New York on November 10, 1981. I was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for serving with the 3rd battalion 7th Marines during the Iraq War — the first Marine recipient of this commendation during that conflict.

Answer: Jason Dunham

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CRYPTO FUN

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Solve the code to discover words related to veterans. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = E)

A. 12 26 17 26 22 9 14

Clue: One who served in the military

B. 25 26 22 12 7 11 26

Clue: Participation in the military

C. 25 5 14 5 22

Clue: Show of respect

D. 12 9 3 5 22

Clue: Strength of mind or spirit

Answers: A. veteran B. service C. honor D. valor

MILITARY SERVICE WORD SEARCH

P	G	Y	R	T	N	U	O	C	D	I	E	M	B	Y	U	P	I	N	D
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B	S	H	Y	R	A	T	I	L	I	M	P	Y	U	I	B	T	S	H	D

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ACTIVE
- ARMY
- CHIEF
- COMMANDER
- COUNTRY
- DEPLOYMENT
- DISCHARGE
- DRILL
- DUTY
- GUARD
- INACTIVE
- LIBERTY
- LIEUTENANT
- MARINES
- MILITARY
- NAVY
- OFFENSE
- OFFICER
- OPERATION
- QUARTERS
- RESERVE
- SERVICE
- TOUR
- VETERAN

PUZZLE SOLUTION

B	E	A	M	T	A	B	E	S	T	A	T	E
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O	L	E	A	T	A	P	E	D	B	A	R	I
M	O	A	B	S	T	O	M	A	I	B	I	S
E	E	L	S	P	O	S	E	D	N	E	C	K

Sudoku

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								2
	8	2				4		
	3	1			2	5	6	
				9	6		8	
5			4		1			
						8	5	
2		9						

Level: Intermediate

ANSWERS

8	2	6	1	7	3	9	4	5
4	1	5	2	6	9	3	7	8
3	9	7	5	8	4	6	1	2
6	8	2	7	1	5	4	9	3
9	3	1	8	4	2	5	6	7
7	5	4	3	9	6	2	8	1
5	6	8	4	3	1	7	2	9
1	4	3	9	2	7	8	5	6
2	7	9	6	5	8	1	3	4

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, be careful what you ask for, as things have a funny way of coming true for you this week. Censor your thoughts for now, and perhaps hold your cards closer to the vest.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may have a lot of anxious thoughts right now. Friends provide a welcome diversion later in the week, and you also may want to put in more hours at work to stay distracted.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, plans aren't panning out as you'd hoped, so consider other opportunities. Stop and consider all the possibilities as soon as possible and then make a decision.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Thoughts of love and relationships are on your mind, Cancer. However, you will have trouble expressing just how you feel to others. Think through your words before saying them.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, you are a whirlwind of activity, and this causes a bit of disruption to a normally organized week. Others may remark on how you seem to be all over the place, but you know your limits.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

It's hard to imagine fitting anything else into your packed schedule, Virgo.

Somehow you manage to do it. But the effects could prove stressful. Try lightening your load this week.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

It's time to plan and prepare, Libra. Take out a pen and paper and start making lists or use a digital planner. It's the only way to remain organized with so much going on.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Matters at home are a priority this week, Scorpio. Focus your attention on tacking things around the house and you'll have more time to devote to fun down the road.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

It might be time to pinch some pennies, Sagittarius. This week you could come up a bit short, and it doesn't bode well for the rest of the month. Consider new revenue streams.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, things turn out to be calm this week, and it is surprising how much you can accomplish. This slow pace is just the reprieve you've needed.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, there's not much you can do about a particular problem, so it may be better to stop thinking about a solution. Put your attention toward something you can control.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

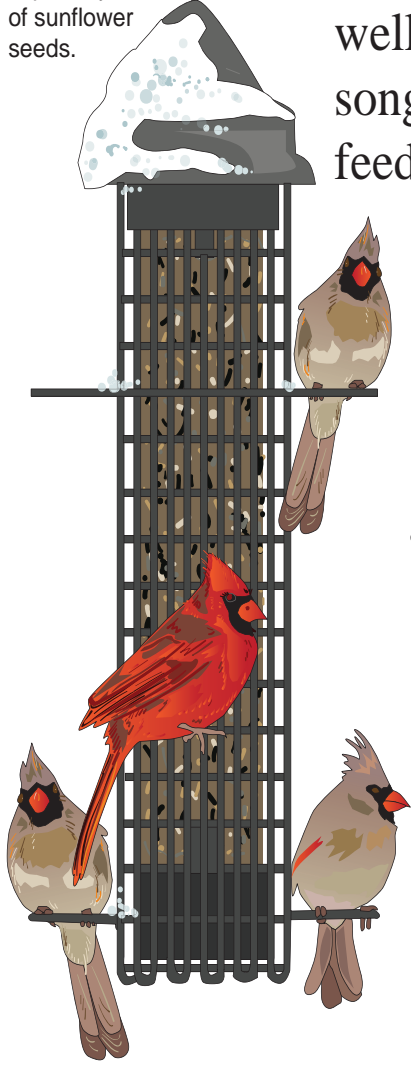
Pisces, a few minor tweaks to your schedule and you could be able to tackle a number of tasks this week. Enjoy the productivity.

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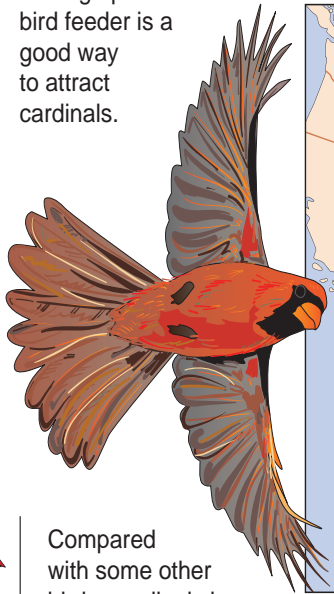
CARDINALS

Cardinals are especially fond of sunflower seeds.



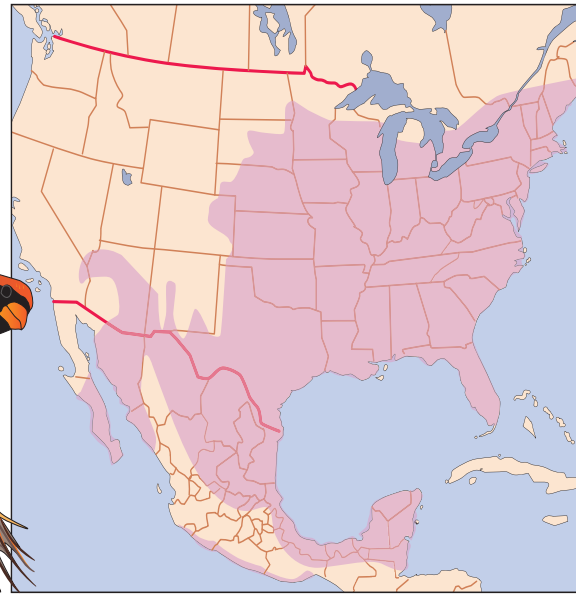
Unlike many birds, cardinals have adapted well to habitat encroachment. These pretty songbirds are often seen enjoying bird feeders in parks and backyards.

Putting up a seed bird feeder is a good way to attract cardinals.



Compared with some other birds, cardinals have short, round wings. They tend to prefer short flights.

The yellow northern cardinal lacks the enzyme that converts yellow pigments in food to the red pigments in the feathers of most of its species.



Where in the world

Northern cardinals are found in southern Canada, through the eastern United States from Maine to Texas and south through Mexico, Belize and Guatemala. Its habitat includes woodlands, gardens, shrub lands, and wetlands.

The Northern Cardinal has been introduced farther west in places like Southern California and even Hawaii. A small population can be found in California.

In a word

The **cardinal** was named for the male's brilliant red plumage, which reminded European settlers of the rich red vestments of Catholic cardinals.

A flock of cardinals can be called a college, a conclave or a radiance.

All in the family

There are about 18 subspecies of northern cardinals. All are easily recognizable as cardinals, but there are subtle variations in size and color intensity.

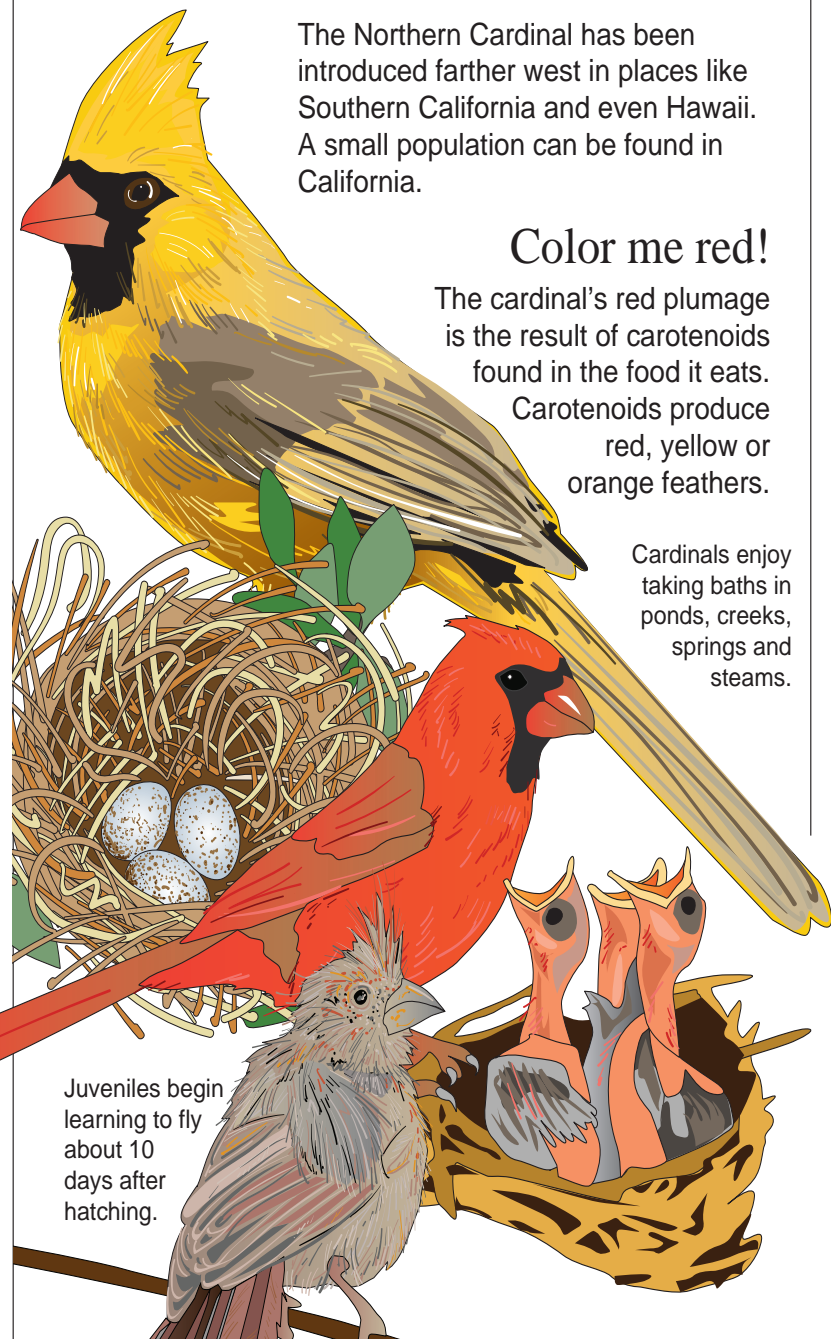
Cardinals are related to grosbeaks, sparrows and finches. Northern cardinals are common in North America. Other species of cardinals are found in South America.

Food for thought

The northern cardinal is an omnivore. It eats mainly seeds (especially sunflower seeds), nuts and fruits, but also a variety of insects.

Behavior

A cardinal can be aggressive and will violently defend its territory. It will even attack its reflection, sometimes spending hours attacking what it perceives as an unwelcome intruder.



Juveniles begin learning to fly about 10 days after hatching.

Cardinals enjoy taking baths in ponds, creeks, springs and streams.

Color me red!

The cardinal's red plumage is the result of carotenoids found in the food it eats. Carotenoids produce red, yellow or orange feathers.



Scientists believe female cardinals sing to tell their mates to bring food.

The male northern cardinal is famous for its distinctive crest, beautiful red plumage and black mask. The female is a softer reddish brown.

Did you know

Northern cardinals do not migrate. They usually live within a mile or two of where they were born. Cardinals will not use the same nest twice.

The northern cardinal forms large flocks in the winter.

The northern cardinal is the official bird of seven U.S. states, the most of any bird species. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia have all designated the northern cardinal as their symbolic bird.

Cardinals are amazing songbirds. Unlike most female songbirds, the female cardinal likes to sing, and her songs tend to be more elaborate than the male's.

One cardinal may have more than two dozen song variations, and different geographic populations often have quite different songs.

In the 19th century, northern cardinals were kept as pets. Today, cardinals are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

While most northern cardinals live less than three years, the longest lifespan for a cardinal was recorded at over 15 years.

The northern cardinal is the mascot of many prominent sports teams and schools, including the St. Louis Cardinals, the Arizona Cardinals and the University of Louisville.

Planting blueberry, mulberry and blackberry plants and evergreens is a good way to attract cardinals.

Bringing up baby

The female cardinal builds the nest out of twigs, pine needles, grass and other plant material.

A clutch of three or four eggs is laid, and two to four clutches may be produced each year. The eggs are of a bluish beige color, marked with touches of olive-brown.

Cardinal eggs have an incubation period of 11 to 13 days. The female will stay with the eggs until they hatch, and the male will bring her food.

Cardinals are good parents. The male helps feed and care for the mother and her babies.

Some mated pairs stay together for life.