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The CPKC Holiday Train pulled into Tilley and Brooks on Sunday evening providing entertainment for hundreds of people. The program is a way for CPKC to give back to communities while raising awareness of food banks and providing much needed funding. The company donated a total of \$9,000 to the Brooks Food Bank and \$2,100 was collected through donations at both events. "We're absolutely grateful with their continued effort to support food banks all across Canada and the fact that they're able to stop in Tilley and Brooks and make it an event every year and help out the food bank every year is really amazing," said manager Aurora Champlone. Funds are used to help restock shelves while providing items for hampers including Christmas Hampers. Champlone said this year at least 120 hampers will be picked up by clients beginning on Dec. 16. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Rural postal workers frustrated with CUPW ultimatum

SANDRA M STANWAY
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Postal workers in rural offices find themselves in a frustrating predicament as a new directive forbids them from delivering local mail, packages and even lifesaving drugs.

"It is absolutely the most frustrating thing we've gone through," said Xan Moffatt-Toews, president of the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA) union for Alberta, NWT and Nunavut.

She said the current strike has been particularly restrictive. On Dec. 2 CPAA members received a directive from CUPW that they are not to accept any local mail such as the Brooks Bulletin.

A no-strike clause has been part of the CPAA since it was formed in 1902 and while they are negotiating their contract there is no intention to change that but their Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) co-workers have been picketing since Nov. 15 and CUPW is preventing CPAA members from participating in many things such as parades, citing safety concerns for when they're in public except when they are "pushing mail," Moffatt-Toews said.

She said if CPAA doesn't observe the rules from CUPW they can be disciplined or terminated.

She said Ottawa doesn't understand the unique challenges rural postal workers face and they often go unrecognized until they can't work.

While the CUPW's directive has halted many vital services especially in rural or isolated communities it also could be harming its residents who depend on the quick

delivery of lifesaving drugs, who help prevent seniors from being scammed and who are checked on when they have not picked up mail as part of their routine.

"Those drugs come through the mail from the cities and we have to deliver them right away. We're not allowed to do that anymore. I'm really praying and hoping they're getting them through Loomis or DHL because those drugs are usually for people who are not able to drive to get them," she said.

While the CUPW-operated Brooks Post Office is closed, others such as Bassano, Rosemary and Rolling Hills remain open but workers can't do much and during the holiday season it can be difficult.

Some children are hoping their letters reach Santa so some libraries have stepped in to ensure they reach the North Pole.

"Some people are still doing them. I don't think the kids should lose. They don't have anything to do with the adult temper tantrum. I don't think they should have a problem with this. It's Christmas."

Santa confirmed that he is getting Christmas emails.

"I'm getting lots of emails this year. Thank you to all you children. Keep in touch with me and Merry, Merry Christmas," Santa said during Friday's visit to the community.

In addition to picking up The Bulletin at the office, 124-3rd Street West, it can also be picked up in Brooks at Always \$1, Red Basket, Safeway, Shell gas station, Shoppers Drug Mart, 7/11 downtown, Lori's Corner Store and Home Hardware.

In Bassano it's available at IDA and Emme's Esso and at a convenience store in Duchess and Tilley and at the Rolling Hills Arena.

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County approves 2025 interim budget

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County council on Thursday approved the 2025 interim budget with few changes from the meeting last month.

As a result of the last budget meeting administration has moved and added budget items.

Removed items include the splash park at Emerson Bridge Park and inclusions include the Patricia Rodeo grandstands, funding for four rail crossings, additional staffing including a deputy fire chief, a \$2 per ride increase for the mini bus, a two percent cost of living adjustment for employees.

The assumption remains that the county will increase municipal property taxes by about 2.49 per cent and utility rates will increase by three per cent.

Either an engineered or dirt hill pump track at Emerson Park Bridge will be discussed next year for the 2026 budget.

"Currently, administration's impression is it will be a dirt bike track of some kind but nothing in the budget for the 2025," said county CAO Matt Fenske.

The majority of councillors approved an increase for the Division

5 and 10 recreation committee of \$85,000.

It had been discussed during previous budget meetings to increase the amount to \$100,000 to cover increases at Lake Newell Resort and Silver Sage.

Councillors Dan Short, Adena Skanderup and Amanda Philpott voted against the increase.

Short said he doesn't agree with allowing the recreation committee to be simply approved for extra funds while Rolling Hills had to go through extra work that included an agreement.

"I'm not okay with that at all," he said.

"We need to be treating all of our divisions equally."

Councillor Lynette Kopp said while Rolling Hills has an ag board Divisions 5 and 10 do not so the rec board makes the decisions.

"If we want to try and get everybody being handled the same way we need to do some policy changing then with the way that board is," she said.

The concern regarding Silver Sage is that the organization which receives municipal funding donated to other organizations.

"That was definitely an oversight," said councillor Neil Johnson.

"They're out trying to raise their profile because

they're going to be into pretty heavy fundraising to get the plans that they made.

Upgrades at Silver Sage are to be presented to the county and the Eastern Irrigation District as part of an agreement.

"That wasn't intentional. It was just nobody even thought of it."

Fenske suggested that the rec funds for Lake Newell Resort Community Association remain as they are until they can work on an agreement.

"They're not in a position where they wanted to enter into that for 2025 but it is an ongoing conversation.

"Their preference was to leave it with the established rec board so that board would still meet, review the applications, award grant funding as the rec board saw fit," he said.

Fenske said the approval of the interim budget will allow staff to begin drafting tender documents.

"We assume what is being approved in interim will be the final. We don't roll back what's been approved in interim," he said.

The final budget will include the property tax revenue and any additional spending that council has approved between January 1st and the approval date of the final budget.

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Christmas lights shine on a home in the Lake Stafford area. | SM STANWAY PHOTO



A home looking out onto Lake Stafford shines brightly for the holidays. | SM STANWAY PHOTO

County updates 2025 fee schedule

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Annual changes were approved to the county's fee schedule effective Jan. 1 including increases to utilities and fire charges.

The updated Alberta Transportation billing rates and fees charged to property owners and collected through insurance for emergency services have increased by \$20 per unit per hour to \$720 for engines, pumpers, rescue units.

A command unit has increased by \$5 per hour per unit to \$210 per unit per hour.

The base charge for those on the rural water distribution system will be \$30.17 and the consumption fee is up to \$36.52.

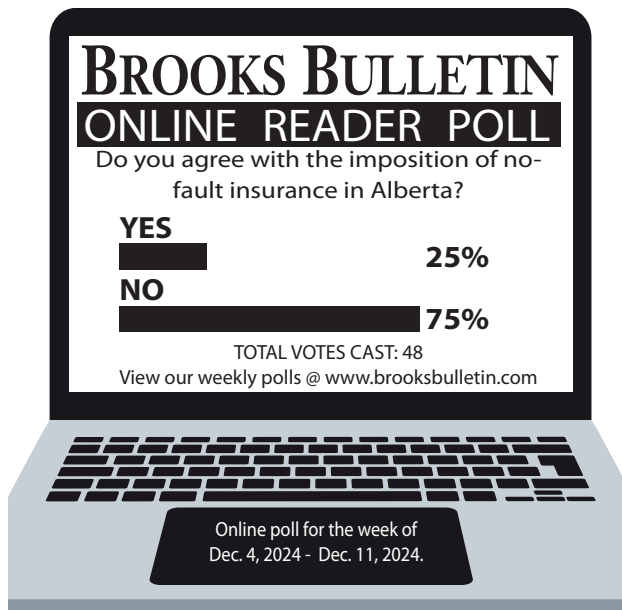
In the hamlets, the base charge for the water system is \$40.29 and a consumption charge of \$2.65. The sanitary sewer charge will be \$31.84.

Dust abatement is now \$3.08 per linear metre up to 300 metres or 65 per cent of the full cost up to the application deadline.

The non-residential application rate is \$4.74 per linear metre. The county is making changes to the dust abatement policy that will likely see putting product in subdivisions.

An additional fee has been included for the mini bus if rented for activities outside the county.

The fee is \$50 per hour plus 95-cents per kilometre and a \$34 administration fee.



PUBLIC NOTICE

REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES DECLARATION
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Due to the Canada Post mail strike, expiry dates for the interim driver's licence issued from November 1, 2024 to January 14, 2025 are extended to expire on February 15, 2025. Albertans with interim driver's licences can continue to operate a motor vehicle while awaiting the final driver's licence card once mail service is reinstated. Motor Vehicle Services continue to be delivered through Alberta's Registry Agents and online.

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County write-offs

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to the annual fee schedule. "Where possible action is taken to engage a collection agency to assist in recovering payment for the outstanding accounts," reported Stephanie Hanson, the county's controller.

County council has agreed to write-off \$86,758 in property taxes and \$141,277 in other receivables including fire response and permits during last week's meeting.

The county invoices for various services according

The write-offs will reduce the county's unrestricted surplus.



Public Notices

Next Council Meeting

- Monday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m.
- 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

Regional Assessment Review Board - Board Members Needed!

Board positions are available for citizens of the City of Brooks, County of Newell, Town of Bassano, and the Villages of Duchess and Rosemary who are interested in serving as a member of the Regional Assessment Review Board.

Members are required to take online Provincial training to learn the applicable legislation in relation to fair and equitable property assessments.

Once trained, the members of the Regional Assessment Review Board will hear appeals as required for all member municipalities. The appeal hearings will be organized by Assessment Review Board Clerks and the members will be called upon in accordance with the nature of the appeal.

Members will receive remuneration for both training and hearing participation.

Residents interested in serving on this Board are requested to contact:

Cathy Slaney
Financial Planning Supervisor
Email: cslaney@brooks.ca
Phone: (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!
- Haven't signed up for e-billing and need a copy of your bill emailed? Contact us at utilities@brooks.ca.

Late penalties will apply after the due date.

2025 Election

Notice of Nomination Period

Local Authorities Election Act

LOCAL JURISDICTION: CITY OF BROOKS, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that the Nomination Period for the 2025 Municipal General Election begins on January 1, 2025 and runs until 12:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, September 20, 2025, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below between the hours of 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from January 2, 2025 - September 19, 2025 and 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Nomination Day (September 20, 2025).

Please note that due to the New Year's Day Holiday nominations will be accepted starting January 2, 2025.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies
Mayor	1
City Councillor	6

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

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DATED at the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta, this 3rd day of December, A.D. 2024.

Amanda Peterson
Returning Officer

Please note that City Hall is only open Monday – Friday; therefore, nominations will not be accepted on weekends and/or holidays.

Nomination Package Available January 2, 2025

Interested candidates for the position of Mayor or Councillor are invited to pick up a City of Brooks 2025 Municipal General Election Nomination Package at the City of Brooks Office, 201 – 1st Avenue West beginning on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

2025 Municipal General Election Nomination Packages will also be available on the City's website at www.brooks.ca.

Nomination Forms must be returned to the City Office on Nomination Day September 20, 2025 between 8:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

COMMENT

As Hamas fans parade around, Canadians sit in silence

CASEY BABB
NATIONAL POST

For roughly fourteen months — since Hamas carried out their horrific terrorist attacks in Israel on October 7 — adoring fans of the group have said and done things across Canada which should have the entire country up in arms.

From planning a vigil for slain Palestinian terrorist Yahya Sinwar in Mississauga (who the Mayor of Mississauga likened to Nelson Mandela) to calling for Jews to “go back to Europe” to physically assaulting Jews, burning Jewish effigies and calling for the death of Zionists (extremist and progressive code for Jews), Canada’s nationwide Hamas fan club has been intoxicated by Jewish trauma and the idea that they, too, can play a role in punishing Jews for daring to exist.

Yet, despite the fact people know these terrible things are happening, few outside the Jewish community seem concerned.

My sense is that this isn’t because people don’t care or because they support these jihadi Neanderthals. It’s because Canadians — and most other people throughout the West — have been taught how they ought to view themselves and others — and sadly — this has left most Canadians muzzled — afraid to speak up on issues that matter most.

For at least the last decade, Canadians have been taught several things — directly and indirectly — which are slowly stripping us of the ability to think clearly.

The first, and perhaps most supreme, new social and ideological law of the land appears to be that as an Anglo-Saxon nation, we’re inherently racist settlers, undeserving of our country. We’re urged not to take pride in our great nation — but to apologize for the misgivings of previous generations and our illegitimate occupation of this land. As Adam Kirsch notes in his new book, “On Settler Colonialism: Ideology, Violence, and Justice,” the only way Americans, and by extension, Canadians, can now affirm our virtue is by confirming our guilt. Objecting to dangerous and perverse trends afflicting our country is sacrilege. Who are we, as a people who don’t belong in the country we were born in (akin to Israelis), to dare and speak up about preserving something we are not entitled to in the first place?

Further, and tethered to this new way of thinking is another supreme diktat — all elements of

every society, culture, and people are to be respected and, in fact, celebrated. Anything short of this is racist. As American antiracism guru Ibram X. Kendi has repeatedly opined — being “not racist” isn’t a thing. You’re either racist or you’re antiracist — actively working towards racial equity as a solution to virtually all issues. If you aren’t doing this — you are, of course — part of the problem.

Ultimately, because our society has become so obsessed with racism and division as opposed to harmony and collectiveness, it’s understandable that the majority of Canadians are more comfortable watching their country die than they are speaking out about things like extremism, fanaticism, and Jew hatred. Doing so could — God forbid — lead to someone being called “racist” or “intolerant” — currently the most feared words in the English lexicon.

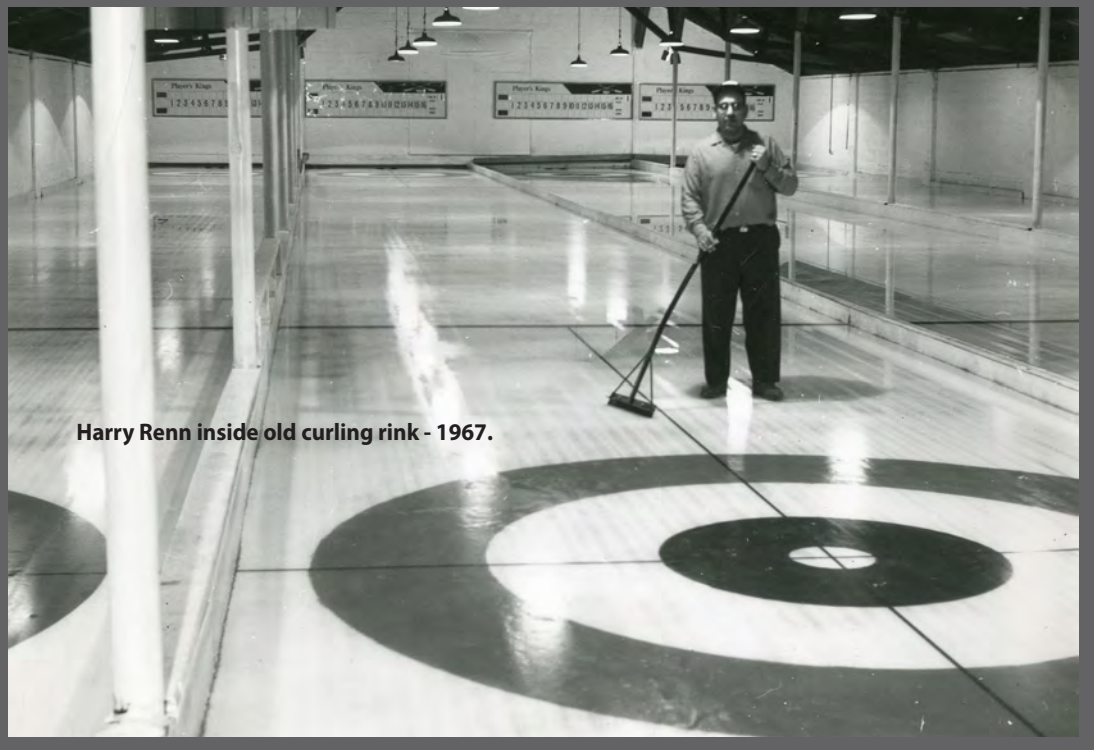
Finally — and inextricably linked to the previous two points — many Canadians have come to believe that there isn’t any distinct national identity here. Even our leaders have declared publicly — in the most high-profile of places — “There is no core identity, no mainstream in Canada.”

It is no wonder, then, that so few take issue (publicly, at least) with things like terrorist cosplay, chants of “death to Canada,” and Nazi salutes at protests. We’ve been gaslit into believing our country has no national ethos while simultaneously being told we’re racist settlers who are in no position to dictate the terms of our country’s trajectory.

At the end of the day — some very rotten things are happening here — and while many are likely mortified — few have dared to say anything. We know that rabid antisemitism always leads to the destruction of societies and other minority groups. We know when narratives or activities are dangerous, destabilizing, and anti-Western. And we know what are and are not signs of a burgeoning society. And still — indulging our cult of guilt, keeping our mouths shut, and respecting even the most heinous phrases and actions are what we’ve come to learn and embrace.

If Canadians want any chance of preserving whatever part of this country they love and cherish — if they want their grandchildren to enjoy the same things that they once did — they’ll need to wake up, speak out, and stand up for what they believe in and what they want this country to look like. If they don’t — we’ll likely lose it all.

TIME CAPSULE



Harry Renn inside old curling rink - 1967.

South Korea: What Did the Army Do?

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



The South Korean president’s declaration of martial law on Tuesday came out of a clear blue sky.

President Yoon Suk Yeol’s television broadcast made no sense whatever because there was no need to “to protect the country from North Korea’s Communist forces and to eliminate anti-state elements.” It “felt like the coup d’état in Myanmar”, as one Seoul resident put it.

South Korea is a very long way from Myanmar both geographically and politically. Myanmar is an impoverished Southeast Asian country which has spent almost all its post-independence history under the mafia-like rule of a predatory army. South Korea is a rich East Asian country that has been civilian-ruled and fully democratic for four decades.

There was no threat from “North Korea’s Communist forces” beyond the standing menace of its swollen armed forces, which has endured since an armistice ended the Korean War 70 years ago. As for the need to “eliminate anti-state elements”, Yoon may have been referring to the opposition parties, which were consistently thwarting his policy initiatives.

Yoon had other political problems, including a looming investigation into his wife’s alleged influence-peddling and stock manipulation, but nothing huge enough to warrant what would have amounted to a coup d’état. “It was very impulsive. Maybe he’s not in his right mind,” speculated Joon Hyung Kim, an opposition member of the

National Assembly.

Even more bizarrely, Yoon cancelled martial law within a few hours of his late-night declaration, as if he was shocked by the almost unanimous public rejection of military rule. Could he have been so ignorant of the country he was living in? It would seem that the answer is yes.

South Korean politicians and ordinary citizens both mobilised with admirable speed. Hundreds of thousands of civilians were in the streets in hours, while politicians of all parties headed immediately to the National Assembly. Even Yoon’s own party condemned his actions.

By Wednesday morning enough politicians had struggled through the police lines to constitute a quorum. (The police had tried to force their way into the building but had been repelled by parliamentary officials.) First the members of the National Assembly cancelled martial law by a unanimous vote, and then they voted to impeach the president.

It was an exemplary defence of democracy, and South Koreans of all political colours should be congratulated for their actions. With the partial exception of the many senior members of the military and police forces who largely obeyed Yoon’s orders until he panicked and cancelled them.

You can sympathise with their dilemma. The president is the commander-in-chief of the armed forces and he might have information unavailable to the soldiers that justifies his orders. Even if he does not, disobeying the orders of a lawful superior officer is a fateful and irrevocable step. If you are wrong, you may be charged with treason and rebellion.

What the South Korean military and police seem to have done in practice was to obey all of the president’s orders up to but not including the use of lethal violence against the civilian

population (which Yoon may not have ordered in any case).

Happily, the rapid reaction of the civilian defenders of democracy made further debate within the South Korean armed forces unnecessary, but what might happen if such a dilemma arose in a democracy with a deeply divided and fiercely partisan population? A democracy like the United States, for example.

Speculation on this topic was building even before Donald Trump’s return to the White House became certain, but seeing just such an event play out in a stable country like South Korea sharpens the focus considerably. Which way would the US armed forces jump if Trump gave a similar order?

Like the Korean constitution, the US Constitution strictly subordinates the military to elected civilian authorities, but Trump will be just such an authority. He regularly generates fantasies just as far-fetched as Joon Suk Yeol’s justifications for declaring martial law nationwide, and the American military authorities would face the same dilemma in deciding whether or not to obey him.

One suspects that the US armed forces would initially respond rather like the South Korean army did, obeying the president’s orders in general but stopping short of using lethal force. However, it would be much harder to maintain that stance for more than a few days in the United States, where the population is heavily armed.

Trump’s rhetoric is often extreme but his actions are usually much less so. In a weird way, the fact that he now effectively controls both Houses of Congress and the Supreme Court means that a resort to radical measures like martial law becomes less likely, so lying awake worrying about it would be excessive. But the Koreans weren’t lying awake either.

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The Brooks Choral Society performed *The Sweetest Season*, a series of Christmas songs, by the adult and children's choirs as well as a ballet solo from the Nutcracker during performances over the weekend at the United Church. Choir members are Brooklynn Allen, Rebecca Baron, Teanna Corozel, Colleen Davidson, Ashleigh Deis, Josie Doerksen, Lucy Doerkson, Geneviève Dupont, Carly Ferns, Michelle Gall, Inge Hoekstra, Maria Johanna Kamba, Travis Keenan, Estelle Kleiboer, Felicity Kleiboer, Thea Kleiboer, Kylee Labor, Lexi Liboiron, Olivia Liboiron, Gwynne Libo-on, Deanna McWhirter, Evelien Meyer, Jeanne Morishita, Kimberly Nagel-Penner, George Nshimimana, Alla Pereiatenets, George Retzlaff, Henry Retzlaff, Sienna Ryckman, Arlo Veroba, Georgia Veroba, Asher Weenink, Caleb Weenink, Elise Weenink, Jesse Weenink, Tessa Weenink and Lillian Zagorsky. Maria Drost, conductors and Michelle Retzlaff, pianist. Mabel Rousseau, dancer. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Perspective

DEVOTIONAL
THOUGHT OF
THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

**NATHAN RAMER,
DUCHESS MENNONITE
CHURCH**

I had a friend when I was in college that liked to get a rise out of pseudo-feminist young women by saying that "God has no female characteristics." Usually it would have the desired effect, though it never came to blows. After listening to their response, or stemming the tide of their reaction, he would then say that "God has no male characteristics either. People have Godly characteristics." And it was a good point. Our idea of God is so wrapped up in who we are that we start at the wrong point. God was first, and people were made in His image. The qualities of both men and women that are good, noble, honorable, etc. are from God. He is why we

have them. We like to look at God and assign onto Him the characteristics that we see in ourselves and each other. But God is the source. It is like the sculpture thinking that the sculptor has some features that are common to sculptures. It may be true, but the starting place is backwards.

The Christmas season is upon us, and sometimes we lose perspective on what we are celebrating. Christmas is a time of love, of family, of giving, of peace. These are what make Christmas such a wonderful time of year. But we often get distracted by these things and forget why Christmas is a time for them. Forgetting the source of the Christmas spirit will eventually kill it. When Christmas is only a time of gifts, a time of family, a time of music and decorations, then it slowly becomes meaningless.

Take time to consider why we

remember and celebrate the birth of a baby in a barn two thousand years ago. Ultimately, that day was when the source of the things we love and hold most dear came down and began to live with us. His life and death bridged a gulf between man and God that we had created. Immanuel, God is with us.

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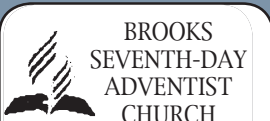
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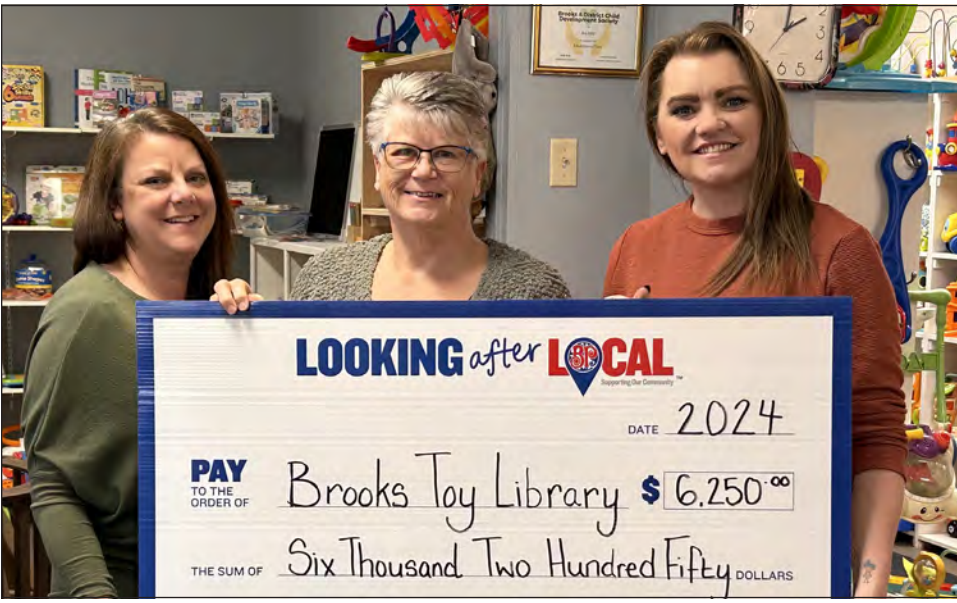


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Brooks Toy Library sales from Boston Pizza kids meal cards bought just from the Brooks area raised \$6250. They were 25th in all of Canada with their sales. Pictured is Robyn Selk, assistant manager of Boston Pizza, Debbie Kowal, coordinator for the Toy Library and Zoe Jamieson, Manager of Boston Pizza. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



Chrissy Jackson, second from left, and Debbie Kowal, third from left of the Brooks Toy Library, are presented with \$5,000 from representatives of the Brooks Chapter of the Community Foundation of Southeast Alberta (CFSEA), Dave Andrews, Karen Kallen and Leona Ferguson. Funds were received through CFSEA's fall community grant funding to help with program expenses. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



BUFFALO - Just a quick note to any readers who do not read Facebook. The Jake Mathews Concert originally set for December 7 has been postponed to February 28, 2025. There will be a ham supper before the show. We hope you will be able to attend this event. Any tickets already purchased will be honored.

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County regional fire chief Stewart Luchies and reeve Arno Doerksen, back left, with Jim Aleman, Brad Deschamps, Darren Cockerill and John Ketchmark. Luchies presented Aleman and Cockerill of Canadian Natural Resources Limited and Ketchmark and Deschamps, representing the Eastern Irrigation District plaques in appreciation of their continued support of fire services. Both organizations have supported fire services for many years and in 2024 both organizations helped the county with the HALO fundraiser and the purchase of the city's regional safety trailer. In addition, the EID was acknowledged for providing land for wildland training and no-charge internet to the fire halls. | SANDRA M. STANWAY PHOTO

Snow will not be cleared by county from Kinbrook Path

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county will not clear the snow this season on the path between Township Road 18-2 and Kinbrook Provincial Park. Mark Harbicht, the county's manager of municipal services said the

work has not been complete. "The top soil has not all been pulled in against the asphalt and things like that," he said. "It's got road closure barricades up and the public is encouraged to stay off it at this time being incomplete and under construction." As for the new 4.3 kilometre path at Lake

Newell Resort, Harbicht said the tender has closed. He said it may be in front of council at the Christmas meeting depending on the bid amounts. "Great to have that one moving forward." Harbicht said the path has not officially been turned over to the county.

Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Investigation continues after driver flees

On Dec. 3 at 8:11 a.m. Brooks RCMP responded to a call of an abandoned vehicle that was still running in the middle of 3rd Street West and 8th Ave.

The driver had fled from the vehicle which had been involved in a minor collision and was unable to move due to damage to the front wheel.

The vehicle is not registered or insured and the investigation is ongoing.

Sleepy men refuse to leave Tims

On Dec. 4 at 2:58 p.m. police responded to Tim Hortons where two unwanted men were refusing to leave and when police arrived they were sleeping at a table.

Police advised the men to leave which they did without incident.

Upside down licence plate

Brooks RCMP issued the owner of a vehicle with a ticket for having installed his vehicle licence plate upside down.

Police responded to the Dec. 4 incident during which time they were told by the owner that he purposely installed his plate upside down.

VIN scratched from abandoned vehicle

On Dec. 5 Brooks RCMP received a report of an abandoned trailer on private property.

When police arrived they found that the sticker with the VIN number had been deliberately scratched out.

The trailer has been seized and the investigation is ongoing.

Fence cut

On Nov. 28 at 3:11 p.m. RCMP received a report that someone was cutting a fence at Rhino Storage where three storage units had been broken into.

Police arrived and collected evidence. An



investigation is underway.

Fire at medical clinic

A suspect was arrested following a call for a fire in a bathroom garbage can at the Newell Medical Clinic.

On Dec. 1 at 6:17 p.m. cleaning staff at the clinic reported the fire.

In the bathroom police found shoes, a backpack, and a jacket that were left behind alongside a melted garbage can.

A suspect was located and arrested for break and enter and mischief.

Early morning door knocks

On Dec. 1 at 3:44 a.m. Brooks RCMP received a report of an unknown male knocking on doors in the Uplands area.

Police attended and found a heavily intoxicated man who was later arrested for public intoxication. He was released when sober.



The Duchess fire department responded to an early morning fire. County regional fire chief Stewart Luchies said the investigation is underway for the 4 a.m. Dec. 1 fire that caused \$1 million in damages. The 60x80 foot shed contained multiple straw bales. Brooks RCMP reported that the shed containing the bales was fully engulfed upon their arrival and part of the roof had collapsed. Foul play is not suspected. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

County discusses joint services and Eco.Dev. options

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council sitting as members of council committee considered proposing a change to the joint services committee.

The committee was developed by former Brooks mayor Martin Shields and former county reeve Molly Douglass about 15 years ago as a way to discuss collaborating on projects while eliminating duplication.

It was an idea that was created years before the provincial mandate that required municipalities with common borders to have intermunicipal collaboration framework agreements.

Over the years joint services has morphed into a political committee where much of the time is spent on economic development whether it's ideas for new projects, spending money or hearing reports from programs.

The joint services portion of the committee is usually fairly short and often includes presentations from agencies like school districts and the EID.

The city and county each pay \$180,000 per year while the other municipalities do not pay but are at the table and fully participate including voting and benefiting from projects.

"Has joint services in its previous iteration kind of run its course and is it time

to think of casting a new vision for intermunicipal meetings?" CAO Matt Fenske asked county council.

"Does committee of the whole think it would make sense to split economic development out from the intermunicipal collaboration piece?" Fenske asked.

One idea is to have an economic development committee where all members are paying partners.

"I have observed frustration more than one time where there's a vote on a matter to be considered within the budget and the county has lost the vote because non-contributing partners were able to vote," he said.

A recent example is the farmers' market which is held in Brooks but is operated by the Rosemary Ag Society with \$2,500 from joint services.

Fenske said while the farmers market wasn't a large amount, it is the principle of who has the authority to decide spending priorities.

"I would recommend that there should be some skin in the game," he said.

The issue of payment has been discussed over the years with the municipalities but there have been no takers, said councillor Kelly Christman.

"I think it's going to take us to recommend a change to the city and/or the contributing partners and

see where it goes because there's not a willingness coming forward from the other partners at the table that are presently not paying," she said.

Councillor Holly Johnson said there wouldn't be buy-in if you're getting something for free.

"Why would you want to give that up?" she asked.

Councillor Greg Skriver agreed with a separate Eco Development committee, but he wonders how it would affect a non-paying municipality.

He said there are often issues that may affect the small communities.

Reeve Arno Doerksen believes it might be easier to change the joint services terms of reference to requiring payment for membership.

"We're sort of pulling people together around these issues who live in the other municipalities. Let's pull them all together. Let everybody pay and be able to (discuss) issues at one table. That it's efficient," he said.

In addition to the local economic development discussions at joint

services, the majority of the municipalities are paying members of the southern Alberta regional economic development committee, Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP).

"If we have some kind of a committee for our economic development, we can keep to the local ideas as well. That's not a regional-wide approach like PEP is going to take," said councillor Dan Short.

Christman said while it's not necessary to meet monthly to hear the same information maybe the name of the committee should change.

"Let's talk about our ICF (intercollaboration framework agreement) with the city," she said.

"Call it an ICF meeting. Call it something else besides economic development," she said.

The conversation will continue as municipalities are expected to review the joint services terms of reference in early 2025.

The county is desirous to meet with all councillors in an informal setting so everyone can get to know each other.

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Bassano RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Police urge motorists to drive for road conditions

As a result of the numerous collisions that have occurred in the Bassano detachment area RCMP Sgt. Joe Schmidt is urging motorists to drive for the road conditions.

"Bassano RCMP responded to numerous motor vehicle collisions, a rollover and serious injury incidents during the last cold snap between Nov. 17 and 21," he said.

He said the blowing snow and icy road conditions made for treacherous driving on Highway 1 between Bassano and Gleichen.

"I can't emphasize how important it is. If you need to be travelling on the highway in such conditions, slow down and leave an increased distance of space between you and the next vehicle - especially if you're driving a commercial vehicle.

"Your vehicle's stopping and control capabilities are drastically different in these conditions - and no, it doesn't matter if you have a 4x4 or not."

A most significant incident during the stretch



of time occurred on Nov. 18.

Bassano RCMP attended a multi-vehicle collision near Range Road 205 which resulted in the death of a 51-year-old man from Redcliff who had been driving a one ton pick-up towing a skidsteer on a trailer.

Police reported that the driver did not stop or slow down in time and collided with two vehicles before hitting a pair of stopped semis.

RCMP reported that witnesses and evidence determined that traffic was at a standstill on the hill toward Cluny and semi trucks were spinning out due to the icy and snowy road conditions.

The road conditions and subsequent investigation caused Hwy. 1 westbound to be shut down for eight hours.

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Fake meats demand crashes... but marketers and manufacturers aren't giving up



If you bought shares in fake meat companies, you are more than aware of the market's collapse for plant-based meat products. Some companies have lost up to 75% of their share value, laid off thousands of employees and even gone bankrupt. That's a long way from the giddy heights of 2019 when fake meat companies were the darlings of the investment world, and mainstream media were predicting real meat would soon be history. Retailers were falling over themselves trying to get fake meat into their stores - many deviously placed fake products next to real meats to fool the consumer into thinking the products were similar. True enough, consumers got caught

up in the hype and virtue signalling about how fake meats would save the planet. Folks by the millions tried the brave new world of plant-based meats and found the flavour wanting and more expensive. Those are two negative consumer responses that kill off new products. Despite those responses, changing consumer-entrenched eating habits is still hard. For instance, in a previous life I was involved in the lamb industry and tried to promote more lamb meat consumption. Taste testing was the focus of the promotion, and interestingly, it was quite successful. Yet consumers had pre-conceived negative notions about eating lamb that were very hard to overcome. What didn't help fake meat marketers was that they couldn't get around the negative that fake hamburgers were a chemical soup of up to 30 different ingredients.

Although advocates liked to imply that fake burgers were healthier, consumers didn't quite fall for that ploy. In the eyes of consumers, at least real meat burgers were made of one ingredient: "real meat." It also didn't help that the big meat retailers, the fast-food chains, were less than enthusiastic in promoting a fake product that was utterly opposed to the genuine product that was central to the very existence of their corporate identity. MacDonalds came to the bandwagon late, and their reluctance proved to be insightful. With their vast advertising power and presence, it seemed that fake burgers were irrelevant to their corporate master marketing plan. As the fake demand faltered, it was quickly off their menu - the same fate faced their brief interlude into offering salad on their menu. After seeing the fake

hamburger demand quickly decided that diversification was the answer. Thanks to clever food scientists, fake pork, chicken, and fish products were soon on the market. Most of those products didn't last long as consumers seemed to be no more interested in those fake products than in counterfeit burgers. But God bless fake food entrepreneurs; they certainly keep on trying - despite all their setbacks in creating and maintaining demand for a bedazzling array of fake meat or fish products. Research continues to develop lab-grown (also called cultured) meat, which is almost identical in molecular structure to the genuine product. It continues to show promise but has a negative "artificial" connotation. The latest fake food product to become the centre of marketing hype is a product that

has actually been around for 70 years or more - its fake butter. Some might recall that product used to be called margarine; however, as promoters point out, margarine could contain small amounts of animal products. Be that as it may, making margarine entirely from vegetable oils was always cheaper. The much hyped allegedly new plant-based butters are, for all intents, the same as the old margarine varieties. It's a rather old story, but it was approached differently back in the day. When margarine (now called plant-based butter) came to the market many decades ago, it was attacked by the dairy industry as a butter-like imposter that confused consumers. Back then, the dairy industry lobby successfully got governments across North America to outlaw the sale of yellow-

coloured margarine - it could only be sold in the white form, and even the package size had to be different. According to the dairy lobby, consumers were too dumb to know the difference if butter and margarine looked alike. Actually, they could probably figure it out, as margarine was usually cheaper. The absurd colour ban was repealed everywhere in the 1990s. Quebec was the last jurisdiction in North America to enforce the margarine colour ban - it was only rescinded in 2008. Incredibly, the Supreme Court upheld the Quebec ban in 2005. That same Quebec-centric national dairy lobby now implies that milk would be unsafe without national dairy supply management. Yeah right. *Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.*



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Susan Grove, Bentley Colbens, Mike Mandeville and Bill Herman were the winners of the 2024 Farmers Bonspiel. The spiel attracted 12 teams this year to the Brooks Curling Club. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Funds continue to help health foundation purchase items

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Aarit Hok Pediatric Foundation has raised about \$300,000 for the items at the Brooks Health Centre.

The foundation was created by Aarit's parents following his death in 2022 at 18-months when it was found that there were tools and equipment needed in the emergency department.

In her presentation to city council last week Diane Declercq, chair of the health foundation told council some of the recently purchase items include GoTalk machines for non-verbal children, an ECG and x-ray machine for children and smaller adults.

Those items are in addition to two infusion pumps, blood pressure monitors, oxygen monitor, ventilator attachments, and specialized intubation equipment.

Declercq said the health foundation has also funded therapeutic recreational activities and wheelchair accessible tables for long term care.

"We're working in partnership with organizations in our community to bring six more in. That'll be another investment of about \$16,000," she said.

Working with a community organization, the foundation is hoping to

upgrade two palliative care units in Unit A.

There is also a SIM lab in development that will allow staff to hone their skills.

"We're still waiting to get the final drawings and approval for that from Alberta Health Services. That is going to be a real asset to our hospital.

"That will help us with retention and training of physicians and front line workers," she said.

The foundation is also looking at enhancing some of the spaces in the hospital including the emergency family room, doctor's lounge and upgrading the maternity area.

"We just find projects and we try to work in partnership and look at things we can do to help improve and make our patient and family experience good at the hospital."

She said it's believed that the foundation has raised about \$6 million since it was formed in 1996.

While the foundation has been active and the province recognizes their importance, Declercq said there are some changes ahead that include "refiguring some stuff between Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services.

"We're still here and we will still be here. We're just not sure of the structure at the end," Declercq said.

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Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will offer a Candlelight Christmas Eve worship service with Holy Communion at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 23 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.

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has no-els.

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also email.

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One Tree World

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ONE TREE - Wow! The time is just flying by so fast and there are only 14 days left to Christmas Day. I hope everyone is more organized than I am. The snow that arrived on Sunday morning to make it really yucky, was not very welcome, as now it's going to be icy, so be careful everyone, as you don't want to fall and break an arm or hip or wrist. So take extreme caution.

***NOTE** Just a reminder that it is the Brooks United Church Thrift Sale THIS Thursday, December 12th from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Come and see what you think you need or must have. Everyone is welcome.

I'd like to say a Big Thank You to the Brooks Hotel for serving a delicious Turkey dinner along with delicious desserts for our group, the UCW ladies & Thrift workers. It was very much enjoyed by all of us. I'd like to thank the ladies that helped me set up on Wednesday afternoon and set the tables and then on Thursday take them down and fold all the tablecloths, etc. Also thank you to the two gentlemen that put all the tables back and ready for the next event.

Many folks attended the Brooks Choral Society Concert of Christmas Carols

on Friday evening at the Brooks United Church and enjoyed it very much. It was also performed on Saturday afternoon. I'd like to congratulate the lovely ballerina, Mabel Rousseau on her performance. It's too bad she wasn't on the stage, as most of us folks couldn't see her. All in all it was a great performance by all. Kudos to you all especially the little ones they were so cute and to your conductor Maria Dorst on a wonderful job.

Note the Seniors Outreach members are selling 50/50 tickets, so hopefully folks will be generous for this cause, as they take "Meals on Wheels" to several seniors, and do their senior members Income tax and fill out government forms for them, also they organize housekeeping for those who need help with it. This is just a few of the things they do. Everyone, who is 55 years and older are welcome to come and join the Seniors Outreach group.

Birthday greetings this coming week go out to Dianna Visser of Cheadle, to Emma Sinclair and to Benjamin Huggons of Sundre, all on Dec. 12th; to my sister-in-law Jean Zvolensky of Medicine Hat on Dec. 13th; to Greg Patterson on Dec. 14th; to

Jason Church and to Shelly Airth, both on Dec. 16th and to Ed Gillen of Drumheller on Dec. 18th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday. We wish everyone all the best for the years ahead.

There aren't any anniversaries that I know of. "Just for laughs"

Jimmy: Hey Billy, Where'd you get the red pick up truck?

Billy: Well it's a bit of a long story, you remember Jenny from down the way?

Jimmy: I sure do! She's quite the looker! What about her?

Billy: Well, you see she asked me to last nights dance. So we went, and we had a good old time, dancing and drinking and afterwards, we took a drive up to Look Out Point!

Jimmy: You went to Look Out Point with Jenny! I know what goes on there!

Billy: Well, we sat there on the tailgate for a while and looking at the stars, and then Jenny finally got up and tore her clothes off down to her skivvies and said, Billy you can have anything you want! So I took the truck.

Jimmy: That's good thinking, as her clothes probably wouldn't fit you.

Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Starting to close the door on 2024 with December up on the calendar. Why does this always seem so shocking? Irregardless it's here and I hope that you find time during the busy preChristmas season to slow down and enjoy the moment you are in.

Eva Niznik along with Kamryn Trembecki of Brooks were in Regina for 5 days 2 weeks ago for Adventures in Agriculture sponsored by the Rotary Club. They were chosen by the local rotary club to attend this excellent opportunity of learning and networking in ag business, leadership, public speaking and ag research. Congratulations girls and

thank you to the generosity and support of the Rotary Clubs to offer this.

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 was held Sunday with a great crowd of around 120 and 32 kids sat on Santa's knee!! Thank you so much to the Ladies Club, the board and all who helped. It's always a nice time to see long time neighbours and meet new ones. It was fun to step out of the hall and watch the Holiday Train roll past too!

This is also when community memberships

are due for the year. \$50/family or \$25/individual. Payable now by contacting Joan @403-793-0826.

Speedy recovery wishes to both George Niznik and Bruce Reimer. Hopefully it's quick healing and on the mend for you!

The Cassils Craft sale this past weekend hosted by Burnt Earth Pottery was a big success. It was such a cozy, buzzing atmosphere with lots of people visiting and enjoying the tasty concession!

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 wonderful week!

Bassano Banner

BASSANO/GEM/ROSEMARY
TOM McPHAIL



BASSANO - Congratulations to the Doerksen brothers, Daniel, Lorin and Barry, who together with their families, operate the Gemstone Cattle Company. They were recently selected as a winner at Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Program. We are all so proud of our local boys.

I recently posted a reminder of the Bassano Royal Purple's 60th anniversary celebration honoring three charter members Darlene Kirwan, Verna Heryford and Ruth Lassiter. This was held on November 19th with several current members also in attendance. These volunteers continue to contribute to the entire district.

Warm congratulations to our three couples celebrating anniversaries in the last weeks of December. They are Greg & Connie Long, Kent & Nancy Lassiter and Jack & Myrna Chartrand.

So many birthdays this month, far too numerous to list here. Ok, a couple of exceptions: Ed Chapman on Christmas Day, Reo King and Sandra Neighbour. I know, that is three. Wishing all of you birthday greetings during this festive season.

My regular contact information remains the same, tom1942@hotmail.com or by cellphone 403-409-1101. You have to contact me as I have not been getting around town recently.



NOTICE

2024 LEASE RENTALS AND AGRICULTURAL PERMITS ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 31.

Payments for 2024 lease rentals and agricultural permits will be accepted with no penalties until the end of day (4:30 pm) on Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

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

All mailed payments **must be postmarked** and online payments **must be processed** on or before December 31, 2024 to avoid penalties.

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

- Special Area No. 2 (Hanna) - 403-854-5600
- Special Area No. 3 (Oyen) - 403-664-3618
- Special Area No. 4 (Consort) - 403-577-3523

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16	17	18	19	20 Regular Sale 9:00 am	21
23	24	25	26	27	28
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Bandits earn pair of wins in back-to-back games in B.C.

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Bandits earned two wins over the weekend in back-to-back matches in B.C. The Bandits defeated the Vernon Vipers 6-3 on Friday and the defeated Salmon Arm Silverbacks 5-0 on Saturday. Bandits newcomer Caden Drury who was announced on Thursday as having been acquired by the Bandits made his league debut on Friday in Vernon where he opened with a hat trick. The 20-year-old

was acquired from the Melville Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League and was the league point leader having collected 37 points in 25 games including 15 goals and 22 assists. Drury hat trick started with the team's opening goal at 6:08 of the first period. He had a powerplay goal at 10:09 and his third goal, and the team's final, was at 13:36 of the second period. Also scoring were Nathan Brown, AJ Lacroix and Nick

Peluso. On Friday the Bandits had three powerplay goals against the Silverbacks. Parker Lalonde opened the scoring in the first period which was followed by one from Michal Liscinsky. A pair of powerplay goals in the second period were scored by Keith McInnis and Nick Peluso while Isaac Johnson scored on a PP in the final period. After losing two in a row to the Sherwood Park Crusaders, the Bandits will see if they can get by them on Friday in Sherwood Park.

Many programs offered by Newell Adult Education

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

After 40 years the Newell Adult Education Centre continues to offer programs to keep minds active while helping people to make their way in the workforce. Last month the education centre held its annual general meeting to highlight some of the changes and successes from the past year. The focus of the centre is literacy and foundational learning which is made up of basic literacy, including English as a Second Language, numeracy and transferable skills while its goal is to provide a workspace where staff can deliver, literacy and foundational learning to members of the community. Board chair Kelly Christman said the Newell Education Centre serves residents in the county and is similar to Brooks Community Adult Learning Centre which supports city students. One of the main changes is that the sub-office in Duchess closed in September but the main office remains open in Bassano. "We just wanted to try it

to see if it would increase traffic. We found that it wasn't worth having two offices. The volunteers are across the county," said Christman. The centre is made up of a seven member volunteer board which focuses on governance and results, two trained managers, one for literacy and one for programs who supervise the volunteers and the volunteers who are paired with students throughout the county. Over the past couple of years the operation numbers have continued to increase and as of June 30 there were learners between the ages of 18 and 55. Adults who are interested can register for basic literacy, numeracy, digital and transferable skills. There are courses for PAL certification (Possession and Acquisition Licence) as well as human interest courses such as stain glass window making as well as cooking classes which have included perogies. "They do those courses as well to invite and to encourage and to meet people that may need basic literacy or for fun," said Christman.



RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Thys Wisse on Dec 13, Arlene Smith on Dec 16, and Val Haag on Dec 16. 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. Dec. 2 - Brooks Bandits Visit Alcoma School News- 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. Dec. 12 - Rolling Hills Skating @ 11:55 am Dec. 13 - Alcoma Community Kids Club Dec 13 - SPEC Playgroup 9:30 to 11:00 am, Dec. 17 - Christmas Concert Doors open @ 5:30pm, Play starts at 6:00 pm all are welcome to watch the play and enjoy hot beverages with dessert. 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

**Eastern Irrigation District
Penalty Notice**

Irrigators of the Eastern Irrigation District are hereby reminded that a **penalty of 8%** will be added on the **1st day of January 2025** to all amounts remaining unpaid on the collector's roll as of the 31st day of December 2024. [s. 132, Irrigation Districts Act] [Rate Bylaw #971 (2024)]

The Office of the Eastern Irrigation District will be closed at 5:00 pm on December 20, 2024 through and including January 1, 2025.

Payment may be made by cheque, cash, credit card, or online through your financial institution. A payment drop box is also located at the front of the District building. All payments mailed to the District that are postmarked by the 31st day of December 2024 will be deemed to have been received by the District as of that date.

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MUNICIPAL 2025 ELECTION

NOTICE OF NOMINATION PERIOD - 2025 LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION

Residents of the County of Newell are hereby notified that the Nomination Period for the 2025 Local Authorities Election opens January 1, 2025 and will remain open until 12:00 PM (noon) local time on Nomination Day, September 22, 2025.

The positions open for election during the October 20, 2025 Local Authorities Election are nine (9) Councillors for Electoral Divisions 1 through 9.

A detailed Candidate Information Package, which includes the prescribed nomination form, will be available on the County of Newell website on January 1, 2025:

countyofnewell.ab.ca/2025-municipal-election

Paper copies of the Candidate Information Package are available upon request.

- ✓ **Completed nomination forms** must be submitted to the Returning Officer between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.
- ✓ **Address:** 183037 Range Road 145, Brooks, AB
- ✓ **Nomination deadline:** September 22, 2025 at 4:30 PM

(*Please note that County Offices will be closed on January 1, 2025)

If you are interested in serving the County of Newell ratepayers, please consider running for municipal office in the upcoming election.

Division	# of Councillors
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	1
6	1
7	1
8	1
9	1

NOTICE

**DEC. 19
2024
11:30 am**

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED LAND USE AMENDMENT BYLAW 2085-24

PURSUANT to sections 230, 606, and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M26, 2000, as amended, the Council of the County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw 2085-24 being an amendment to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw 2016-21.

The land that is the subject of the proposed land use bylaw amendment is legally described as **A PORTION OF MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 15 TOWNSHIP 19 SECTION 5 QUARTER NORTH WEST CONTAINING 1.2 HECTARES (3 ACRES) MORE OR LESS**

THE PURPOSE of proposed Bylaw No. 2085-24 is to redesignate portions of the above-noted lands from Agriculture, General District to Residential, Rural District to allow for a future subdivision.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing to contemplate the proposed Bylaw No. 2085-24 will be held in the County of Newell Council Chambers at 11:30 a.m. on the 19th day of December, 2024.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the County of Newell office during normal business hours.

Anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw should contact the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 16th day of December 2024. Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the public hearing.

Council Chambers or the live stream
countyofnewell.ab.ca/2024-reg-mtgs

Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - So sorry I missed last week. My apologies.

December birthdays, go out to Oakes Calvert on the 11th, Wanda Smith on the 17th, Carrie Palko on the 23rd, Sage Ellefson on the 24th and the Christmas baby Valerie Gillespie. Have a great birthday all

Want to say a big thank you to Brad Palko for bringing his quad over to the hall to help me get in. And great big thank you to Kevin Voutier for coming

and doing the great job of the snow blowing. Thank you again.

Carrie Palko was my chauffeur to Medicine Hat for my appointment Tuesday morning. Thank you, Carrie. You're such a great help. Love you for it. And we actually did not do much shopping, greenhouse Fabricland and Burger King. We were home by 1 o'clock. That's not like us thank you girl. You are the best. Brad and Carrie are always there to drive us and mom and dad

for our appointments. Can't appreciate them enough.

The family of Arlene Smith would like to invite all to celebrate a milestone birthday for Arlene. It is her 90th and she and the family are celebrating at the seniors center (old library) in Brooks. It's a come and go tea December 14 from 2-5pm. Come and help the family celebrate. All welcome.

We enjoyed our crazy ladies cards at Aunt Fays on Tuesday. What a great time

with laughter.

I attended the day with Robin Pederson and her Wild Rows yarn at the SJ's craft sale. Lots of vendors. Thanks to the students for all the help. Pulled up and 6-8 students were there helping carry in and the same at the end of the day. Well put on. Thank you.

Alex and Mitch Palko were day guests at Brad and Carrie's on Friday to go do a couple hours of fishing. Alex was the only lucky one.

Navy and Oakes Calvert participated in the rodeo at the Silver Sage, Gramma Vickie said they both did well in both their races events. Stratton was playing

hockey in Drumheller.

Joyce Calvert's ladies Christmas party is on Saturday December 14 at 7:30. Come and enjoy an evening of laughs.

Please get a hold of me with any news you'd like to share at 403-363-7496 by Sunday evening.

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - I offer a big shout out to our acreage owners along the Duchess Highway, whose lights and Christmas spirit, make people like me smile as we pass. There are also some very nice lights right here in the Village that also enhance the Christmas spirit.

Duchess U-13 Storm had a successful home tournament! They won the gold medal! Congratulations to you all!

Duchess School is holding their 'Winter Family Festival' on December 18th, starting at 5 pm. Pop over for hot chocolate and a host of activities!

Many are celebrating birthdays as we round up to the middle of December: Cindy Bartman, Marilyn Fehr, Brenda Morris, Eric Harbinson, Ed Gillen, Cathy Safronovich, Mike Nakamura, Randy Pierson, Darren Drader.

Have a great week and remember to call or text me at 493 793 1630 with your news items. You

can also email louie63@hotmail.com.

Quote: "Little by

little, day by day, what is meant for you, will find its way."

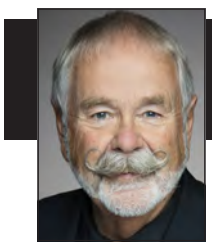
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FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

MP FOR BOW RIVER CONSTITUENCY

Conservatives Will Put Canada First

Despite campaigning on the issue for years, the Liberals were seemingly shocked when President-Elect Donald Trump announced his intention to tariff Canadian imports by 25% unless we clean up our border issues like drug trafficking and illegal migration.

To be clear: the threat President Trump made was unjustified, against a Canadian economy that is weak and shrinking after 9 years of Justin Trudeau.

However, one thing is also clear: President Trump is putting America First.

That's why Canada needs leadership that will put CANADA FIRST.

Conservatives will put Canada First.

The USA is the world's largest economy, and responsible for \$1.2 trillion of Canadian trade. Tariffs of this magnitude would pose significant challenges to the Canadian economy.

With that in mind, the federal government needs to get real about having a plan to put Canadian interests first.

After nine years of Trudeau, everything is

broken.

o Our GDP per capita is smaller than it was when he took office.

o We have the most indebted households.

o We've had the worst housing inflation.

o Food prices have risen 37 percent faster in Canada than in the United States.

o Our economy is teetering on the brink of collapse.

o And now we face this renewed threat.

Justin Trudeau must put partisanship aside, not just for the sake of Team Canada, but for the sake of our people and fully reverse his liberalization of drugs by banning them and prosecuting those who traffic in them.

He must rebuild our military and secure our borders against the illegal importation of fentanyl. That is necessary now more than ever.

Finally, he needs to accept that he cannot go ahead with quadrupling the carbon tax to 61 cents a litre.

President Trump has the right to put his workers and his nation's security

first. Pierre Poilievre will also put Canada's workers and Canada's security first.

Canadians need a Prime Minister with the brains and the backbone to stand up for this country. A Prime Minister that will rebuild our security, our military, and our economy. Let's bring it home.

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

- Email: Martin.Shields@parl.gc.ca
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Brooks & District

Fish & Game Association

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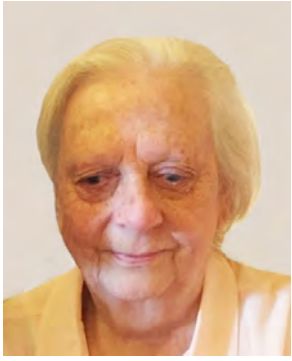
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obituaries



VANDERYAGT - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Mary Anne Vanderyagt of Brooks, Alberta on Wednesday, December 4th, 2024, at the age of 79 years. Mary Anne passed away in her own home, surrounded by the love and care of her daughter Dorothy Byng, who devotedly served as her primary caregiver after the passing of Mary Anne's beloved husband, William. Mary Anne was born on July 12th, 1945 in Toronto, Ontario. She met William in the late 1970's while both were working with the Cub Scouts of Canada. Their

shared dedication to community service blossomed into a lifelong partnership. The two were married in 1982 and enjoyed nearly 40 wonderful years together, until William's passing in 2021. Mary Anne worked at The Globe and Mail, while William was a member of the Toronto Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Division. A short while after retiring, the couple moved out west to be closer to their daughter Dorothy and her three sons, cherishing their family bonds in their later years. Mary Anne will be remembered for her warmth, creativity, and passions that enriched the lives of those around her. She delighted in preparing elaborate family meals, complete with homemade desserts that became fond family memories. Mary Anne and William loved traveling around Ontario and participating in historical reenactments of the War of 1812, with Mary Anne skillfully sewing period-accurate clothing for their roles. Her talent for crafting extended to intricate cross-stitching projects that remain treasured keepsakes. Though she was blind, Mary Anne never let it limit her love for stories, often immersing herself in audiobooks on her Victor Reader, provided by the CNIB and our local library. She also had an enduring passion for the music of her youth, filling her days with the melodies of the oldies she adored. Mary Anne is survived by her four children, Dorothy, Thomas, Janet, and Bruce; her grandchildren, John (Jay), David (Crocket), Ian, Sam, Morgan, Jackie and Kevin; her many great-grandchildren, who brought her immense joy every time they visited, as well as many extended family and friends. She leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and creativity that will forever be cherished by those whose life she touched. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In memory of Mary Anne, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to Canadian National Institute for the Blind, #100, 410 Stafford Drive South, Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 2L2.

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notice

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coming events

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Sun., Dec. 15
 7:00 pm
 Gem Community Centre
49-50p

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS
Mon & Sat
 8:00 pm Brooks United Church, 507 - 3rd Ave. W., Brooks
Tues. & Thurs.
 8:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church
Wednesday
 8:00 pm Bassano Health Centre
 608 - 5th Ave. Bassano
 811 Cassils Rd. W., Brooks
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Stephen Benci
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About My Son
The days will always be brighter because he existed. The nights will always be darker because he's gone and no matter what anybody says about grief, and the time healing all wounds, the truth is there are certain sorrows that never fade away until the heart stops beating and the last breath is taken.
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The Brooks Bulletin has a selection of verses and memorial tributes to remember your loved ones with.

Sample verses:
Mother or Sister
 On year has passed since that sad day, When one we loved was called away, God took her home, it was His will, But in our hearts she liveth still.

Father or Brother
 We often think of days gone by When we were all together, A shadow o'er our lives has cast, Our loved one gone forever.

Wife or Daughter
 No one knows our heartaches, Only those who have lost can tell Of the grief that we bear in silence For the one we loved so well.

Husband or Son
 Nothing can ever take away The love a heart holds dear, Fond memories linger every day, Remembrance keeps him near.

Child
 He has gone to be an angel, Secure in our Father's care, And his dear little feet now patter along The beautiful streets up there.

Friend or Kin
 We cannot, Lord, They purpose see, But all is well that's done by thee.

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