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Kyle French, 9, slides down the toboggan hill at Duke of Sutherland Park on Saturday.
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SAEWA chooses Global Green

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The Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association has selected a new vendor and has submitted a letter of intent to Global Green.

"A major factor (their selection) is the lower tipping fee," said Ray Juska, SAEWA board chair and Brooks councillor.

Another major factor is that SAEWA or its member municipalities will not have to worry about the hundreds of millions of dollars that was estimated for construction.

"We don't have to pay anything. We just have to supply the waste at a fixed

price," Juska said.

"One of our biggest challenges before was coming up with the money. Here, they'll supply the money."

Global Green can also construct smaller facilities which will help reduce the cost of transportation.

Juska said there could be sub-regional plants with one at the Newell Regional Landfill and another in areas such as Banff-Canmore with a large population.

"That makes a big difference that you're not transporting waste long distances," he said.

The tipping fee is held confidential until the memorandum of understanding is completed.

Based on a previous selection where a vendor was selected but was later withdrawn, Juska said they have now done everything they could to help prevent that situation.

"We started with four likely candidates and narrowed it down to three. Then we went through an intensive interview process with the candidates and their representatives," he said.

A member of SAEWA said Global Green has accepted the letter of intent and looks forward to working towards both the company and municipalities' goals.

SAEWA has been working towards the project for over 15 years.

EID increase acre costs

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The annual increase of the cost of acres within the Eastern Irrigation District were approved by the board and is effective as of Dec. 1, 2024.

The district has agreed to a two per cent annual increase for added acres.

Conversion acres have increased by \$15 to \$765 per acre, infill and efficiency acres that are added to the assessment roll increased

by \$30 to \$1,530 per acre and anything over 50 acres or new parcels will increase by \$72 to \$3,672 per acre.

The board may discuss the two per cent annual increase before next December noting that the increase may become prohibitive over time.

Through the sale of new irrigation acres that are added to the district's assessment roll, monies generated will be used to repay the Canada Infrastructure Bank loan that was lent to districts

for the modernization of irrigation in southern Alberta. In 2020, the province, the CIB and the districts invested \$815 million to upgrade irrigation systems. The following year another \$117.7 million for the modernization of irrigation systems was announced in 10 irrigation districts.

For approved projects water delivery will begin when they have final approval by the district manager.

BELA shares Festival of Trees proceeds with food bank

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The annual Festival of Trees raised \$40,000 of which \$25,000 will go to the Brooks Food Bank and \$15,000 will go to the Brooks Early Learning Academy (BELA).

"It went really well. We had a really good week," said Carmen Powell, an organizer with the festival.

While BELA hosts the event they do look to the community for another group that provides programming or supports for families in the area in which to share the proceeds.

"The food bank was such a natural fit for us this year because we know

that they're under a lot of pressure and we wanted to give them as much support as possible. This group works tirelessly to support those struggling with food insecurity," she said.

"We were really excited to have been chosen. It's a long-standing tradition in Brooks and every year they choose somebody different. We were really thrilled that they considered us this year," said Aurora Champlone, executive director of the food bank.

She said the food bank has seen a large increase in clients at about 1,200 which is higher than it was pre-COVID and current COVID.

"It has been steadily crawling up," Champlone

said.

This year alone 170 new households, about 400 people, registered for the food bank.

"Trying to keep going with those donations to be able to feed all of the new mouths is definitely an ongoing issue."

This year the food bank's priorities are any type of canned food and more personal products such as soap, shampoo which are at an all time high for requests.

The school will use the funds to help cover expenses, purchase supplies and equipment that students need to keep the fees low for families and to help cover gaps in government funding.

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Teddy Bears rain down on ice after Bandits goal

Bandits 0-2 on the weekend. Third straight loss.
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For the first time this season the Brooks Bandits were handed back-back-to-back losses.

On Friday Teddy Bears flew from the stands early in the first period thanks to a Bandits goal by major junior player Julian Fantino in his first BCHL match.

The annual Teddy Bear Toss is held to collect toys for children in the Smiles for Christmas program.

This year about 1,021 stuffies were collected from the ice.

Fantino's tying goal came at 53 seconds of the opening period answering Surrey Eagles opening goal of the game at 22-seconds.

Keith McInnis scored the Bandits final goal of the game at 8:20 of the first

period.

The Bandits held the 2-1 lead until the third period but the Eagles found the back of Johnny Hicks' net twice, including a

successful penalty shot with 34-seconds left in the game, to edge the Bandits 3-2.

On Saturday in Sherwood Park the Bandits were again defeated by the Crusaders

with the Bandits lone goal by McInnis.

The Bandits were defeated by Sherwood Park 2-1 on Nov. 23.

The Bandits remain in

first place in the BCHL with a record of 18-4 with 36 points. Penticton Vees are

trailing in second place with their record of 18-3 and 36 points.



Stuffies from Friday's Brooks Bandits Teddy Bear Toss are piled into the back seat and bed of the team's pick-up truck. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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ONLINE READER POLL
 Do you think the city should work harder to identify some cost-cutting areas in light of the big ticket items coming up in the near future?
YES 94%
NO 6%
 TOTAL VOTES CAST: 66
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AHS to provide operational funds for new health care unit

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The provincial government will provide operational dollars to ensure there is appropriate staffing for the new unit at the Brooks Health Centre.

Unit B construction began in 2020 partly with \$75,000 in funding from the Brooks and District Health Foundation. The unit includes five palliative care and nine subacute care rooms.

"The City of Brooks is filled with community members who understand the importance of keeping a vibrant health care system in rural areas," said Danielle Smith, premier and Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA.

"Their generosity, along with the foundation's stewardship, are greatly

appreciated.

"These additional beds mean more spaces for residents of Brooks and the larger area to get the health care they need, closer to home."

Adriana LaGrange, minister of health thanked the foundation and residents for the investment

"With your continued support we are able to expand access to care and help keep patients closer to home," she said.

"Our commitment to supporting the community's greatest health care need has been well served with the addition of the new beds at the Brooks Health Centre," said Diane Declercq, foundation chair.

"We are grateful for the ongoing support from our community, which entrusts

us to continue investing in accessible, local health care enhancements in partnership with AHS."

In 2014 the health foundation began its *Make Dialysis a Reality in Brooks* fundraiser.

In 2015 the foundation was told if \$1.5 million was raised the province would cover the balance and the following year the minister of health's budget included \$2.1 million for local dialysis.

In November 2018 the project was cancelled by AHS and the foundation agreed to work with them to renovate Unit B.

The construction stated in September 2020 but there were delays in construction and there was a lack of staff which prevented it from opening in 2021 as planned.



Fire Dragon Tae Kwon Do athletes returned with a handful of medals in sparring and poomsae after attending the Red Phoenix Calgary Open Taekwondo Championship in Strathmore on Nov. 16. Shown with medals left to right: Ziyad Hijazi, bronze in sparring, Silver in Poomsae (patterns), Carson Deschatelets, gold medal in sparring, bronze in poomsae, Ammar Idriss, silver medals in sparring and poomsae, Eliana Gebregzabicher, gold in poomsae, Zach Lumanglas, silver medal in sparring, bronze in poomsae, Duke Schuett, gold in sparring, silver in poomsae and Zeus Lumanglas, bronze in poomsae. Back row coaches Hayden Dean, right and Gavin Marbach and instructor Do Han Choi, centre. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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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](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 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 12 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 17 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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.

Late penalties will apply after the due date.

Toys for Tickets

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.

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 1, 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:

BROOKS CITY HALL
201 – 1 AVENUE WEST
BROOKS, AB
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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

American concern about border with Canada justified

More than 200 suspected terrorists intercepted trying to enter United States from Canada so far this year.

BRIAN LILLEY
TORONTO SUN

So far this year, American officials have intercepted 233 suspected terrorists attempting to cross into the United States from Canada. That's more than one suspected terrorist per day and now American senators are worried it's about to get worse.

In fact, in the letter sent by six U.S. senators to Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, it was pointed out that this year's tally so far is higher than some yearly totals.

"Unfortunately, so far in FY24, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Field Operations has encountered more than 233 suspected terrorists at our northern border, with many more likely going undetected. This is already higher than totals in previous years," the letter read.

Why are the senators concerned it could get worse?

Canada's decision to admit thousands of people from the Palestinian territories into our country on what are called "temporary resident visas." These visas, when issued by Canada, are accepted as travel documents in close to 150 countries including the United States.

Given the strong support for Hamas, a terrorist organization, in both Gaza and the West Bank, the senators are rightly asking what this means for people trying to cross into the United States from Canada. They point out that under current American rules, this temporary resident visa replaces the need for a passport to enter the United States which they argue, could put Americans at risk.

"However, with little to no reliable records or background checks of these individuals from the Palestinian Territories, these policies unlock opportunities for individuals with ties to terrorist groups to enter Canada, receive new forms of identification, and then try to enter the U.S. along the porous north border," they write.

It's not an irrational thought.

"Irrespective of Canada's immigration policies, the U.S. should not waive common-sense terrorist screening and vetting for any individual entering the U.S. through other countries," the senators write.

"While the Biden Administration claims that all foreign nationals are inspected pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act, this administration's lax border enforcement is increasingly apparent, as terrorists and known criminals continue to stream across U.S. land borders, including from Canada."

The last thing that Canada needs is a tightened border with the United States. Every extra screening measure the Americans add to the border leads to lost economic opportunity for Canadians and Canadian companies.

Lost economic opportunity leads to fewer jobs for Canadians as it takes more time for people and goods to cross the border and the desirability of trade begins to diminish.

In the wake of the 9/11 attacks, with some mistakenly believing that some of the terrorists had entered the United States from Canada, there were calls for making the border more difficult to pass. Then Prime Minister Jean Chretien dispatched his Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley to Washington to deal with the situation.

To hear Manley tell the story, he didn't just try to explain to the Americans why shutting the border would be a bad idea, he came back to Canada and advocated for sensible measures the Americans wanted to feel safe again.

Our American neighbours don't feel safe again and we need to assure them that we take national security and terrorism seriously. That may not be as easy as it sounds given recent headlines.

In the last week we have had one Canadian killed in Israel after flying there under the guise of being a tourist and then jumping out a security checkpoint screaming about genocide and a free Palestine while trying to stab people before being shot and killed by Israeli forces. We've also had another Canadian man convicted in a British court of belonging to and supporting a terrorist group.

Officials in Ottawa need to take the concerns of our American neighbours seriously and not dismiss them.

TIME CAPSULE

World-famous oil well firefighter Red Adair of Houston was brought in to consult on an oil well blazing out of control 18 miles south of Brooks.
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Syria: Jihadis Again

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



One week in, the cease-fire in Lebanon seems to be holding, but everything is connected: only three days later, the civil war in Syria started up again after a de facto four-year truce.

In just a few days more the Sunni Muslim fanatics of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), formerly the Syrian branch of al-Qaeda, burst out of the north-western province of Idlib where they had been confined since 2016 and captured Aleppo, Syria's second biggest city.

The Syrian army has completely withdrawn from Aleppo, and its spokesman explained that "the multiplicity of battlefronts prompted our armed forces to carry out a redeployment operation aimed at strengthening the defence lines in order to absorb the attack, preserve the lives of civilians and soldiers, and prepare for a counterattack."

'Redeployment' usually means 'retreat', and at last report HTS forces were advancing down the main north-south freeway and nearing the city of Hama, almost halfway to Damascus. This may not be a replay of the Western scramble out of Afghanistan and the Taliban victory of 2021, but the future of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad is certainly at risk.

However, two things are different this time. One is that Assad has the unwavering support of Russia (whose air force is already striking the rebel forces from its bases in Syria). The other is that a large

number of Syrians (all Christians, all Shia Muslims and an indeterminate number of Sunni Muslims) prefer even Assad to the rule of the HTS fanatics.

It's no coincidence that the war in Syria restarted just as Hezbollah was defeated in Lebanon, since Lebanon and Syria were part of the same province for most of the last thousand years. The French divided them in 1920, ostensibly because there was a big Christian minority in Lebanon but really as part of an imperial strategy of divide-and-rule.

One-third of the Lebanese are still Christians, but what drives the country's politics now is the rivalry between Shia Muslims and Sunni Muslims. Each accounts for about a third of the population, but the Shias have dominated Lebanese politics in recent decades because they had their own powerful army, Hezbollah. That army has now suffered a grave defeat. Syria also has a Shia minority, though a much smaller one: between 10% and 15% of the population. However, Shias completely dominate Syrian politics because the French filled the upper ranks of their colonial army with Shias on the same old divide-and-rule principle – and the Shias parlayed that into permanent political dominance over the whole country.

For Sunnis in both Lebanon and Syria, the Shias are the main enemy. Once the Israelis had decimated Hezbollah's forces in Lebanon over the past two months, therefore, it was only natural for Sunni extremists in Syria to have another go at overthrowing their local Shia enemy, the Assad regime.

It is far from certain that they will succeed, but HTS has definitely caught the Assad regime with its pants down and

is building up a momentum that will be hard to resist. What would happen if Assad and the Shias actually lost power in Syria?

It would be a catastrophe for the people of Syria, who would end up living under an Islamist tyranny that would be even more repressive and brutal than the current regime. On the other hand, it could be a boon for the long-suffering Lebanese, whom Hezbollah keeps dragging into wars with Israel that most Lebanese would rather avoid.

It would be a disaster for the Islamist (Shia) ayatollahs of Iran. They would lose half of their 'Axis of Resistance', the band of mostly Shia-run allies that protect Iran from direct physical confrontation with Israel. Those allies include Iraq, Syria, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the Houthis in Yemen.

Could these serial upheavals end up overthrowing the Iranian regime itself? It's not impossible, if all the other Shia dominoes fall one after another. Whatever regime replaced the ayatollahs would also be Shia, because 95% of Iranians follow that branch of Islam, but its policies and allies might be very different.

But it is too early to say that any of the dominoes will fall, let alone all of them. It's just as likely that HTS, successor to al-Qaeda and ISIS and now making such rapid progress in Syria, will over-extend itself, and that the Syrian army, Russian air power and quiet support from Egypt and the Arab Gulf states will eventually drive the jihadis back.

That would be the least bad outcome, although it is certainly not a good one. If you doubt that, look at the images of HTS fighters moving south. Half of them show men with a single finger pointing to the sky: "There is only one God, and we will impose his rule."



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Five Generations - Five generations gathered together recently. Caleb Penner holding daughter Freya Penner, Tammy Penner, Debbie Penner and sitting in the chair is Mary Webber (great-great-grandma to Freya Penner). 49p

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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

PASTOR MAGGIE THEISS, TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

It is a crazy season the time between Remembrance Day and Christmas Day. Everywhere we go there are lights, trees, festivals and activities that rush us towards a single day – December 25th, Christmas Day. Most of the world embraces Christmas celebration nostalgia, family gatherings and gift exchange often with little or no thought given to why this day exists. The world elevates Christmas while dismissing the Christ. People are drawn to the messages of hope, peace, joy and love but want them divorced from the source, a vulnerable babe born into a dangerous world with ‘no room’ for Him. Give us magic and wonder but never mind the need.

Devotional thought of the week

And despite social media posts that assure us that ‘the first Christmas was simple so yours can be too’; the truth is this time of year often wrings people out physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Why? Fear. Fear that our celebrations will not be what we hope for or what is expected. Fear of family dynamics getting out of hand. Fear of disappointment. FOMO on something in this season – whatever that something may be! It may be the very real fear of what comes after January 1st is done and life resumes, and bills must be paid. Or the deeper fear of loneliness; of facing the reality of Christmas without one dearly loved either due to great distance or even death. Fear is a powerful reality in our world and in each of our lives. Fear casts a shadow even in the most ‘joyous’ of seasons. It is probably why so many encounters in the Bible

begin with the words, ‘fear not’. Fear is at the heart of why we need Christmas.

God knows the devastating power of fear and thankfully God has spoken the words, “Perfect love casts out all fear”. (1 John 4:18) The amazing Good News that the Christmas angels sang is that God in love has given the world the greatest gift ever in Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem, whose very birth is the reason the world has Christmas. “Do not be afraid; - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day – a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!” (Luke 2:10-11) This is Christmas.

In Jesus, His only begotten Son, God has given the world His perfect love casting out all need for fear. Jesus wrought forgiveness of sins on the cross; death and Satan were defeated by an empty tomb. In Jesus, Son of Mary, virgin mild, we have the promise that we need

never face anything alone and that we have a Lord who understands. This is Christmas. And it comes regardless of anything else that accompanies it for The Gift has been given! Christ was born, Christ has died and risen from the dead and Christ will come again! Jesus is God’s antidote to all fear - all year long.

As you read this, it is the season of Advent, which is a time of preparation, of waiting and watching, of listening for the echo of heavenly voices proclaiming, ‘Do not be afraid!’ Truly whether we know it or not, the world always lives in the season of Advent, waiting for the return of The King! Will you join me in sharing the comfort of Christ in this crazy, holy season by sharing the words, ‘Do not be afraid, for I have good news for you’ and sacrificially loving stranger and friend in Jesus’ holy name? This is Christmas.

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60th anniversary for two community service groups

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Members of the Bassano Royal Purple and the Brooks Oil Wives each celebrated their 60th year in November.

The Royal Purple started as an affiliation with the Bassano Elks Club and the Oil Wives started as a social club for wives of husbands who worked in the oil patch.

"Typically, back in the day, the husband was an Elk and the wife was a Royal Purple member. As it evolved over the years, particularly in the last 10 years when we broke away from the Elks, the club was opened for non-Elk affiliated members to join," said 20-year member Kelly Christman, the Royal Purple club's secretary.

The club was created to fulfill a need in the community whether it

was catering for funeral luncheons, weddings or banquets, much of which continues.

"I really think there was a volunteer need in the community and these women of the Elks filled that need."

The need has evolved into annual financial support in the community with donations to organizations such as the Bassano Health Foundation, the library, Rodeo, Community Christmas, Cantara House and the food bank.

Recently the club provided funds to the Town of Bassano to purchase items for the pool that could be used by the public.

Like every other organization that runs on volunteers, the Royal Purple is no different with the number of members

dwindling.

"Volunteerism seems to be something that a lot of young people don't seem to be interested in especially long term. I'm hopeful that attitude changes and comes back around for the survival of this organization and many others. Oil Wives is a good example," said Christman.

The Brooks Oil Wives club, which started out as a friendship club for wives of husbands who worked in the oilfields, also had their 60th anniversary in November.

The Association of Oil Wives Clubs started in Redwater, Alberta in 1951.

"Back then the oilpatch was more transient than it is now. Couples would move in and the women didn't know anybody," said Ruby McCuaig who has been a



Bassano Royal Purple celebrated 60 years of service to the community on Nov. 19. Club secretary Kelly Christman said it was a nice evening with much storytelling and reminiscing. The organization has included the entire area in their support from Cantara House to school children. Shown back row left to right Tanya Graham, Linda Pearson, Kelly Christman, Brenda Wickenheiser, Irene Spicer, Lesa Schaffer. The club's charter members make up the front row, left, Verna Heryford, Ruth Lassiter and Darlene Kirwan. Charter member Kay Gamble is missing from the photo. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



Brooks Oil Wives at the 1980 Oil Wives Association in Red Deer. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

member since 1965.

It was an opportunity for young wives and mothers to make friends.

"When I moved to town, I vaguely knew one person," she said.

"We'd just get together help each other raise families and make friends, social get togethers. Back then it was a big club. There were over 75 members at one time."

"We used to have dances, crazy talent shows. We often would put a float in the parade and one year we took it to Medicine Hat Stampede," she said.

The club included dues which were used for social events, such as dinner once a month as well as paying the main association in Edmonton.

Like other clubs, the

Oil Wives had elected board members; McCuaig served on for eight years as treasurer, secretary and president.

"Once a year we would have a convention, usually in October, and there would be a delegate that would come and discuss any concerns they had about how to do things or why to do things. It started out that the convention was one day. Then it kind of grew."

She said at one point the association had over 1,600 members and a lot of women wanted to go to the convention to see friends they had made in clubs in other communities."

There were clubs in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Pakistan and Argentina but

over the past six decades the club and the numbers have dwindled.

"The oil patch has become more stable and people don't move as much and women stay in a community for five to 10 years and they don't need that great communication as much. They make other friends and it gets to be less demanding on a club but it is still fairly active," she said.

While the club still has funds it is generally used to host conventions but the members have volunteered for other events such as the Patricia and Brooks Rodeos and they help at blood donor clinics.

Today's club, with its 27 members, is much different as most of the women have jobs so they don't have as much time to donate.

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Woman receives time served for theft of items

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BROOKS BULLETIN

Saphryn Hailey Blattng was credited with her days in custody after pleading guilty to two counts of theft under \$5,000 and four counts of failing to attend court.

Blattng was identified in a theft of items from \$1 Plus and then fled by bicycle. She was found a short time later by police at Walmart with her hands full of items when she dropped them and was arrested.

When Blattng was outside the store police found multiple stolen items in opened packages from the \$1 Plus. The items valued less than \$100.

Blattng was identified in the July 12 theft of about \$600 worth of purses from G&Ts Boutique.

A staff member was able to chase Blattng and retrieve the items. Later, police were given video and photos which identified Blattng who was arrested later that day.

She also pleaded guilty to failing to attend docket court four times between

July and November 2024.

Blattng, who has no criminal record, was credited with 21 days in custody and ordered to attend probation for one year which include not going to some businesses and getting assessment,

treatment and counselling. Five additional charges which included two counts of possession of stolen property and three conditions of failing to comply with a release order were withdrawn by the Crown.

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Joint issues to be discussed at annual municipal meeting

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The area's joint municipal meeting and dinner will be held in Duchess on Dec. 14.

The meeting is the opportunity for all levels

of government to meet and discuss common items.

City-county joint services committee members will narrow down the topics to three or four topics prior to the larger meeting.

Reports from last year's meeting were that it was

all over the map with individual municipalities discussing their own issues with the premier.

That resulted in an unusually long meeting instead of the short meeting to give time to network.

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

The Bulletin office will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 23 until Friday, January 3.

The newspaper will resume publishing with the January 8, 2025 issue. The deadline for advertising and copy is Friday, January 3 at noon.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gem brothers named national young farmers

Gemstone Cattle Company of Gem was selected as a national winner at Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Program.

Gemstone is operated by Daniel, Lorin and Barry Doerksen.

Daniel rented his first quarter section of irrigated land at the age of 18 and after he obtained his animal science diploma, he made his first purchase of irrigated land and joined his dad, Arno, and uncle in their fourth generation grain and beef farm.

In 2013 Lorin left the oil and gas industry to join the farm and Gemstone Cattle Company started implementing regenerative agriculture practices.

By introducing rotational grazing, poly-cropping for silage and winter grazing

they saw their soils improve.

The new practices also helped produce nutrient dense forages which they utilized to finish their beef cattle.

Daniel and Lorin began a beef marketing business in 2018 and they market their beef online at their butcher shop/food kiosk at the Calgary Farmers Market.

Barry has also joined the

farm.

In 2023 the brothers were part of Avenue Magazine's *Top 40 Under 40, Class of 2023*.

The other national winner was Polyculture Plante 1987 Inc of Saint-Pétronille, QC.

In August the organization announced the regional winners. On Nov. 27, following an additional panel of judging, the national winners were named in Lethbridge.

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BASSANO - Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. Head on over to Bassano School and enjoy their Christmas Concert. Having been involved with Christmas concerts for so many years in both Gem, Rosemary and Bassano, I can identify with the hours of preparation that goes into one evening's performance. Come out and support your local Bassano School production.

Congratulations to Andreas & Edna Nielson, Tom & Dawn Huckerby and Daniel & Kimberly Doerksen all celebrating wedding anniversaries in early December.

Plenty of birthday recipients in the days ahead; too many to list here but I must mention my other 'daughter', Precious Marinel Masalunga and one of my favourite nephews, Daxton Pinsent.

My regular contact information remains the same, either email or cellphone. There are still a couple of weeks before Christmas Day publications to get your holiday greetings and plans to your correspondent. Travel safely as winter has settled in even with prospects of a chinook.



SCANDIA - There will be a Come & Go 90th Birthday Celebration in honour of Arlene Smith on December 14th 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.

Alcoma School News- there will be mini volleyball in Tilley this Wednesday. **HOT LUNCH** for all students on Thursday. There will be skating in Rolling Hills for all students on the 12th at 12pm.

Salem Lutheran Church will host Christmas Carols and the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 4pm. If your kids would like to take part, contact Kryston Tateson at 403-363-0869. Potluck to follow, bring your favorite side, salad, or dessert.

If you have any news or interesting Scandia trivia you'd like submitted in the sketch, please contact me at Karlyn.takeda@hotmail.com or 403-501-3618.

County withdraws support for NewGrow

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council unanimous approved the economic development budget of \$180,000 but withdrew their support for NewGrow.

The \$40,000 program sees selected businesses receive funds following a

pitch night.

"It's just cash to a business that amounts to not much more than competition to see who can pitch their (business) the best," said reeve Arno Doerksen during the recent budget meeting.

Councillor Greg Skriver said some of the businesses that pitch are in the smaller municipalities that don't

put any money towards NewGrow or the joint services committee.

"The businesses in those towns are reaping the advantage of economic development and NewGrow such as Duchess, Bassano and Rosemary," he said.

"It's still 40-thousand bucks that the smaller communities are not putting a dime to," he said.

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Notice of Fall Newsletter

A newsletter has been posted to the District's website. You may read it digitally by going to www.eid.ca and finding it and previous newsletters under the Information tab, or by requesting a print copy at the EID Office.

The following topics are included:

Corporate Planning Sessions

A summary of items to be discussed and opportunity to give feedback to Directors.

Notice of New Irrigated Leases

4 quarter section parcels of District owned lands will be prepared in 2025 and available as Irrigated Leases for 2026.

Provincial Water Availability Engagement

Information concerning the recently launched Water Availability Engagement by the provincial government and a summary of the irrigation sector key messaging.

Irrigating Within Assessment

If you are unsure of a parcel's assessment area or are aware of needing additional irrigation acres, please contact the EID Office.

EIDNet

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Farm & Ranch

Christmas markets for almost everyone... two large venue operators dominate the Calgary market



Around this time of the year, craft markets seem to be everywhere and have become a multi-million dollar business. It would seem such markets originally started out as local community markets many centuries ago, probably attached to farmers' markets, which exist to this day. I suspect it was innocent enough back then, mostly as a way for regular folks to make a few extra bucks with stuff they made at home by hand. A side benefit was that money or trade goods acquired from selling widgets to locals could be hidden from the local ruling despot's tax collectors. As one might expect, over time and especially in the past 50 years, clever entrepreneurs and organizations have turned small-

time craft markets into rather sizeable seasonal businesses focused on the Christmas season. Sure, there are innumerable local craft sales in community and church halls by benevolent groups, but those are modest efforts. It's the commercialized craft markets that have become significant enterprises in large cities that are generating the big money. In Calgary, large commercial Christmas market sales have sprung up at the downtown convention and Stampede event centres. Both of those events tend to be higher-end, mainly because it's expensive to rent booth space. These markets feature artwork, custom-made clothes, fancy food/drink items and jewelry at premium prices. Some sellers come from the US, BC or eastern Canada, not exactly local handmade craft folks. These upmarket venues are run like the trade

shows the operators manage the rest of the year. The commercialization of the big Christmas shows stands in stark contrast to the local community Christmas craft shows. The latter shows actually feature mostly authentic crafts sold by the people who make them. Whether those dedicated folks make any money selling their handmade crafts may be another matter. If time is considered, probably only a few make money, but then it may be a hobby. I recall a past relative who made exquisite, intricate wood containers and objects on a lathe that took endless hours to create but sold for a tenth of their value in labour. It's all good work done by dedicated folks. The two major operators of Christmas markets around Calgary are the Millarville Farmers Market and the Spruce Meadows Centre

(renowned for horse shows and professional soccer). Although there is a craft and homemade aspect to both Christmas markets, much of it is dominated by folks re-selling stuff made by someone else. The Millarville event is rustic, local and more of an outdoor show with real reindeer on display. It's a bit out of town, but Millarville has an iconic image with its summer farmers' market, annual Fair and racetrack. It's so popular that it has to manage the thousands of attendees at the Christmas market with timed entry tickets. The big dog and Cadillac of Christmas markets in Calgary is the Spruce Meadows event. It features around 300 booths, numerous food concessions and trucks, and assorted entertainment. Attendance must be in the tens of thousands, if not hundreds, over the duration of the event.

It's an impressive show indeed; the Christmas light display may be the best in Alberta. These folks are masters at marketing and advertising. In Calgary, we are blessed with two corporate marketing machines that have evolved into world-class entertainment and sports venue operators - Spruce Meadows and the Calgary Stampede. Sure, they know how to make money, but they really do know how to put on professionally run shows of any kind. Having attended the Millarville and Spruce Meadows Christmas shows for several years, one notes familiar marketers and booths. The returnees must be making money, with many coming from some distance. There are always newcomers testing the waters and one has to be impressed with human ingenuity and creativity in

inventing objects you never knew you needed. Folks selling custom-made jewelry comes to mind; it's astounding how many have booths at the higher-end shows - who buys all that stuff? Another rising feature in recent years has been the proliferation of entrepreneurs selling craft beer, fruit wines, and distiller spirits. I don't know how these dedicated folks make money - their products tend to be rather expensive, and there are hundreds of such booze production businesses in Alberta alone. But that brings up another observation - the Spruce Meadows and convention centres markets are not for bargain hunters, and I expect most attendees don't worry too much about the cost of living. *Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.*



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Woman sentenced to two years in federal prison

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The court considered the criminal record of Aziza Ahmed Abdulahi and agreed with the joint of sentence of two years in federal custody following guilty pleas to a pair of break and enters.

The Crown told the court that the 29-year-old Brooks resident has an extensive criminal record that includes a number of break and enters.

The Crown said the new charges have escalated to breaking into a person's home while they were home and a break and enter when children were in the home.

Abdulahi pleaded guilty to a residential break and enter and a break and enter with the intent to commit

crime.

On Oct. 14 she was identified in a break-in that was called in by the homeowner at about midnight.

The court was told that the homeowner found her inside his home attempting to steal vitamins and prescription meds, items that were found on her during her arrest.

The court was also told that prior to the arrival of police Abdulahi was smoking a cigarette and a meth pipe while sitting on the kitchen floor.

Ten days later police responded to a break and enter in progress at a Brooks home where Abdulahi was found with several items that did not belong to her including a tablet, full bag of

change, suede jacket, hockey helmet on her head, youth boxers inside the purse, medication and ID cards.

The case was stood down after she told the court that she doesn't steal.

"The facts on the first information certainly stealing was alleged," said Justice Hironaka.

"She's now saying, 'I don't steal.'"

A short time later Abdulahi's lawyer told the court that she admits to stealing items. The break and enter was admitted.

Defence lawyer Greg White said there are past traumas in Abdulahi's life which is why she turned to drugs.

Two charges of theft under \$5,000 were withdrawn.



St. Vincent de Paul will be able to help 50 families thanks to Inter Pipelines donation of \$8,000 towards Christmas hampers. Greg Patterson of St. Vincent accepts the donation from Lisa Jones of Inter Pipeline and her fellow workers, Cody Janke, Jason Locke, Darren Dykstra, Tyler Paskell and Jacoby Ernst. Families will receive their hampers on Dec. 18. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - 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 CPR Holiday Train will visit Tilley on Sunday, December 8 at approximately 5:15 pm and festivities will begin at

5:30 pm. 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.

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

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.

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also email at goombaw@eidnet.org with

subject line Tilley Telegram. Please contact me by or before 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings to have your news included for the week. On long weekends, news is due Thursday morning before the holiday.

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - We had a pretty cold week and I, for one, am looking forward to a break from the cold. I see a few homes turning their Christmas Lights on on December 1, and, we were one of them!

Our community sends condolences to the family of Gloria Aitken, who passed away November 24th. Bill and Gloria were married 64 years and the majority was spent in Duchess where they finished raising their family. Gloria was a good friend and a loving mother and grandmother, and a beautiful seamstress. Our thoughts are with you all, as you go through this difficult time.

Duchess School Rock Band is playing at the December 10th Brooks Bandits game! Give them a

thumbs up, if you happen to be at the game.

Christmas spirit will be flying through the halls this month at the school. Be sure to check out the FB page to see all the activities. The last day of school is December 20th and resumes on January 6th, 2025.

We wish Bill Mikula a year of good health and a chance to make new memories as he celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday, November 30. A real character who loves a visit, loves music and especially loves to get a rise out of people!

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.

Millicent Mirror

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

Hello! Winter. I know, I know we should think positive right? Well, I'm positive there is snow. I'm positive it is cold. I'm positive December is just around the corner.

We have some people with birthdays this month; Cindy Desjardins Dec. 6th, Michell Schofield Dec 16th, Ray Stevenot Dec 17th, Ken Robinson Dec. 18th, and Noah Tait Dec 29th. Wish everyone a special day.

"Christmas in the Badlands" Christmas market will be held in the Patricia Hall on Dec. 13th, 5-9 pm and Dec. 14th, 10-4pm. Contact cc.goody.co@gmail.com for more info.

Ray & I have been doing some visiting and I have missed a lot of the Christmas markets, but hope to catch

up on the ones that are left.

Hunting season has some of our community members bagging some winter meat for the deep freeze. Ray and Clay Torkelson are hunting up in Slave Lake, and a few of the older children have already got their deer. Kersey Daniels also was successful in getting her deer.

Mackenzie Torkelson has been down in Pennsylvania USA helping her aunt, who was blessed with a baby girl after having 6 boys. Mackenzie returned home November 28, which was her birthday. Probably one she will not forget.

Reminder that the Millicent Ladies Club will be having their Christmas meeting Dec. 10th at the home of Kersey Daniels at 7:00pm. Please bring snack to share and donation for Women's shelter. Email from Kersey as to what shelter requires.

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - I got my first Christmas letter, by email today. It really drives home how close to Christmas it is.

Last Friday I went to have what I thought was going to be day surgery but I ended up coming home on Sunday. Last week was quite eventful as our furnace decided to stop working so thanks to John changing a lot of parts and the help of our friend Brian it was working when I got home.

Next Friday is our WI

Christmas party. Everyone is welcome to attend if they would like to. If you want to get in on the gift exchange just bring a wrapped gift with about a \$20 value. Also if you are bringing a preschool child please contact Jan Garlock as WI provides a Santa gift for them. Her number is 1-306-581-8124. The lunch it pot luck and starts at noon.

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

NOTICE OF SUBDIVISION

As mandated in the MGA, subdivisions must be circulated to adjacent landowners.



Typically, these notices are mailed out. However, due to the ongoing postal strike, the County of Newell has opted to post this announcement in the Brooks Bulletin for the mandated time length of two weeks.

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NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

DEC. 19
2024
11:30 am

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

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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

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One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well if you like it to be fresh outside, you got it, as it's darned fresh out there. It is supposed to warm up this week, then we'll have to be careful not to fall on the ice especially if it snows a bit. Then you can't see the danger, so folks be careful not to fall.

David Slomp and his youngest son Devin flew to Guatemala on November the 20th and spent 10 days there helping out with the English House, helping out with the new students and with what had to be done while there. They returned on Saturday. Karl also flew down but is staying for at least a couple more weeks.

Hello Folks Don't forget that Brooks United Church will be holding their THRIFT SALE next week on Thursday, December 12th,

from 8:00am to 12:30pm. It is CASH ONLY. See you all there.

***NOTE ***Remember to have you name called in to Seniors Outreach for the December 16th luncheon if you plan on attending. They are also selling 50/50 tickets at Shoppers Drugs, CTC and Coop Liquor store and at the meeting.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Joel Slomp of Abbotsford, BC and Everett Ayala of Drumheller, both on Dec. 6th; to Gloria Schuett on Dec. 7th; Kolbi (Kozma) Pfeifer of Brooks on Dec. 9th; to Valerie Hok on Dec. 10th and to Dillison Bateau on Dec. 11th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating a

birthday. We wish everyone all the very best for the years ahead.

There aren't any anniversaries that I know of. Hey Folks! It's only another 21 days to Christmas. I sure hope others are more ready than I am. And I'm not even in the mood as I have too many things on my plate to do.

Sorry I don't have more news but I didn't get everyone called.

If you have any news or announcements you'd like in my column, Please give me a call at 403-362-3023 or email me at the following -simerkl@eidnet.org by Sunday evening no later than 8pm. If I need more information I'll contact you. It would sure help a lot if folks would call me. So! Folks till next week.

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 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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Jenner 4-H Multi Club



Samantha Johnson
General Leader

This month the Jenner 4H multi club had beef weigh in, that included market steer, heifer, carcass, and cow calf pair. The judging project has began, the foods project is to commence soon and sheep and hog to come this spring. The Jenner 4H multi club had their recognition night on November 24 and it went so well! It was hosted at the Jenner hall and they served supper, snacks, and desserts. Thank you for bringing delicious food for the guests and members

to eat! The Jenner 4H multi club members voted for the citizen ship award and it was won by Korben Johnson. All the members received Jenner 4H hoodies as their year end gift and to spread our club pride. Thank you to all our sponsors! Congratulations to all the winners and the members who try very hard every year! We look forward to what the new year will bring for our projects and our skills! Our annual Christmas party with ginger bread houses, painting and skating is coming soon! Happy Holidays y'all!

Club Reporter Eva Johnson

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obituaries



ROMULD - Cheryl Lynne Romuld of Brooks, beloved wife of Duane Romuld, passed away in Brooks on November 25th, 2024, at the age of 66 years. Born in Rosetown, Saskatchewan on March 18th, 1958, to William Cyril and Ruby Beth Stewart, she began her education in Rosetown, before graduating in Brooks, in 1974. Cheryl married the love of her life Duane Romuld in June of 1977 and built a family and a life here. She spent several years stitching together her daughter's figure skating attire and patching up her son's scrapes and bruises. Cheryl held a number of roles over the years including, managing the Elks Club Lounge, working

at Charter Ford and Harvey's Plumbing. Cheryl was a force of nature. There was nothing she couldn't do, if she put her mind to it. Never one to just sit at home, she and Duane travelled across Canada, when he was Grand Exalted Ruler of Canada, numerous vacations and always looking for the next great adventure. She loved taking day trips to events, productions, concerts and shows. Cheryl spent time volunteering at community events, telling stories, and laughing. She became a highly sought out seamstress in her retirement, always having a project on the go. It is perhaps the role of grandma that she cherished the most. She loved spoiling her grandkids and breaking all the rules she had for herself as a parent. We'll miss her infectious laugh, her sense of humor, how she brought people together and treated everyone as if they were her own. Cheryl is survived by her husband Duane; son Darrell (Sarah); daughter Kelly (Nathan) Sanford; grandsons, Alexander, Lucas, Hunter and Mattéo; granddaughter Aria; sisters-in-law, Debbie (Walt) Piper and Carol (Rob) Baksa; brothers-in-law, Mark (Tracy), Keith (Maggie), Doug (Deb), and Ralph, and their families, along with cousins, Dennis and Garry (Glenda) Franklin; aunt Gertrude (Don) Stewart and family and a number of nieces, nephews and countless friends. Cheryl is predeceased by her parents William Cyril and Ruby. Memorial donations, in her memory, can be made directly to, Mighty Little Elk Project, 15 Ekota Cres NW, Edmonton, AB T6K 2J6. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 28th at 2:00 PM from the Heritage Inn and Convention Centre, Brooks.

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AITKEN - Gloria Ann Aitken, beloved wife of 64 years of Bill Aitken, passed away on November 24, 2024, at the Oilfields Hospital in Diamond Valley, Alberta at the age of 84.

Gloria was born to Joseph and Marian Soper on October 1, 1940, in Sarnia, Ontario. She attended school and completed grade 13 after which she accepted a job at a local insurance agency. Gloria and Bill met in 1959; he was immediately captivated by her beauty, elegance and grace. They were married soon after in March 1960 and moved West to Alberta to begin their journey of building their new life together. There were many moves along the way as Bill continued his work in the oil patch. Many lean years

followed but Gloria took them all in stride. With three children in tow, they eventually settled in Brooks, AB where Bill and Gloria embraced their new community and grew a wonderful business together.

Over the years, Gloria worked in various insurance agencies, travel agencies and then was honoured to be hired as the manager of the Brooks Eaton's catalogue store. To this day, many people still speak highly of her wonderful personality and great work ethic. Gloria became a member of the Brooks Oil Wives Club, enjoyed curling and became a member of the Brooks Lutheran Church where her faith began to grow.

1978 brought about a new change when Bill and Gloria moved their family to Duchess, AB. Many friendships were formed, and her love of crafting began. Sewing, quilting, cake decorating and making chocolates became her passions. She joined the Duchess Mennonite Church family, and they embraced her wholeheartedly. Her love of the Lord, music and scripture became a large focus in her life, and it was this faith in God that carried her through her debilitating bout with rheumatoid arthritis.

Gloria was a wonderful mother, who was always there when we needed her the most, offering support, wisdom and love in abundance. Her grandchildren were a very important part of her life, and she showered them all with love and kindness.

Predeceased by her parents, Joe and Marian Soper, brother-in-law John Cook, in-laws, William and Ann Aitken Sr, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She is survived by her devoted husband Bill, children Bill Jr., April (Lee Post), Marion (Bruce Snape) and grandchildren Jonathan & Leanne Post, Joey (Ashley) Snape, Wyatt (Tenille) Snape, and her beautiful 3-month-old great granddaughter, Stevie Lynn Snape, her sister Bette Cook, numerous cherished relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Rising Sun Long Term Care for the exceptional care Gloria received over the last four months, and to all our family and friends for their outpouring of love and support.

There will be a service for Gloria on June 21, 2025, in Duchess, when the lilacs and Iris's are in bloom. Cremation has taken place. We would like to thank Thom's Funeral Home and Reception Center for all their compassion and support. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arthritis Society of Canada - arthritiscanada.ca For further information, to light a memorial candle or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.



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Brooks mayor John Petrie is pleased with the province's decision to take the federal government to court over the cap on greenhouse gas emissions. "Anything that stifles economic activity hurts our economy locally," he said. Petrie said the cap singles out Alberta and stifles its oil and gas industry which could affect the local economy. County of Newell CAO Matt Fenske said the industry has largely

acted responsibly and has significantly enhanced infrastructure and quality of life services throughout the region. "The federal government's proposed emissions cap threatens to undermine this vital industry which provides for higher service levels and standard of living in the region," he said. The province made the decision last week. It is also the second time the province is fighting the Impact Assessment Act. "We are once again taking Ottawa to court

for their deeply flawed and unconstitutional legislation," Premier Danielle Smith told media on Thursday. She said the cap violates the Canadian Constitution which gives provinces exclusive jurisdiction over non-renewable resource development. "Ottawa seems to think they need to save us from ourselves but they are wrong because we're not just working with industry to continue to drive down emissions we're succeeding at it," she said. The province has

asked the Alberta Court of Appeal to rule on the constitutionality of the Act, which was amended earlier in the year by the Trudeau government which wants greenhouse gas emissions reduced by 35 per cent over the 2019 levels by 2030. Smith said that would result in the loss of about 150,000 jobs in Canada and a five per cent decline in Alberta's revenue by 2035. The proposal also includes a one million barrel reduction of oil per day by 2030. Smith said the provincial government intends to double the

production while promoting and incentivizing the mass development and implementation of emissions reduction technologies related to oil and gas production. In 2023 the majority decision by the Supreme Court of Canada was that the federal government needs to scale back their authority, especially for projects that fall under provincial jurisdiction. The federal government amended the document but it didn't go far enough including no clear definition of when a project needs

federal review and while the amendments exempted a project's greenhouse gas emissions from consideration, Alberta wanted further limitations on federal involvement. In response to Ottawa, the province started a media campaign to unite workers, businesses and governments in support of the energy industry, security and economic affordability. "We will not be sidelined or silenced," said Rebecca Schulz, minister of environment and protected areas.

Two Bandits selected for All-Star game

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Bandits goalie Johnny Hicks and forward Parker Lalonde were two of the 25 BCHL players who were selected by coaches and

general managers to join the 2025 All-Star Tournament and Skills Competition with three spots that were left open for fans to vote. The initial roster includes one skater from each of the

league's 21 teams plus one additional goalie from both the coastal and interior conferences. The league left three spots open for fans to vote in their favourite player and

Nathan Free was listed. If he has one of the three highest votes he will join the team for the Jan. 18 tournament in Salmon Arm, BC. Polling ended today at 4 p.m.



BCHL Brooks Bandits Quinn McCall, Nathan Free, Nate Yellowaga and Parker Lalonde with Teddy Bears picked up after Friday's Teddy Bear Toss. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Terms end for three EID members

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Nominations for Eastern Irrigation District divisions 2 Rosemary/Duchess, 4 Cassils/Brooks and 7 Rolling Hills will open next spring with the terms ending for David Peltzer, Brian Schmidt and Tracy Hemsing. In 2019 Peltzer and Hemsing were elected and Schmidt was acclaimed. It's unknown if Peltzer or Hemsing will seek re-election but Schmidt will not run. The board was told last week that as of Dec. 1 Schmidt would no longer be eligible to sit as a member because he will no longer own an EID parcel. The board agreed to appoint Schmidt as a member-at-large under the Irrigation Act. He will continue to represent irrigators in his division until the next election. The EID's AGM will be held on March 4, nominations will close on March 5 and the election will be held on April 8.



Brenda Doble discusses pieces of art during the Sage Brush Arts Society Show and Sale that took place at the Medium aka the Quonset. On Friday evening the organization hosted an artist reception and the following day was an art sale and some kids programs. | SM STANWAY PHOTO

Rainier Record

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RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Everleigh on Dec 3, Ember on Dec 7, Melissa Nielsen on Dec 5, Ben Wigemyr on Dec 5, Jeanine Mokokado on Dec 1, Henry & Janice Vanhall Wedding Anniversary on Dec 1. 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
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

Locals earn awards at Catholic School trustees AGM

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Bonnie Annicchiarico and John de Jong were presented awards during the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association AGM last week. The Honourary Life Membership Award was presented to Annicchiarico

for her leadership and dedication. She has been involved in a number of programs including serving as school principal and school board associate superintendent to provincial advocacy for Catholic education. De Jong was presented with the Meritorious

Service Award for his contributions to education in Brooks. He served almost nine years as a school trustee advocating for students, parents and teachers. He was also recognized for securing 23.5 acres of the old rodeo grounds for a new school.



Team Falkenberg, Brooks' U18 curling team, finished fifth place with four wins and two losses at the 1st annual Medicine Hat Curling Club Cash Spiel held Nov. 22 -24. The team, shown left to right are Jesse Elsbett, Micah Fontaine, Justin Mrazek and Jacob Falkenberg, was one of 20 teams representing Alberta, B.C. and Saskatchewan that competed for \$1,500 in prize money. Team Caleb Hofstra of the Leduc Curling Club was the men's champion and the women's champion was Team Lila Koe of Calgary Curling Club. Over the weekend the team was in Lacombe for the U18 Curling Alberta bonspiel where they placed third. They will play in the provincial qualifiers in Taber from Dec. 13 to 15. Provincials will be played in the first week of January. Brooks is hosting high school zones Feb. 5-6 and the high school provincials Feb. 27 to March 1. | SUBMITTED PHOTO