



# BROOKS BULLETIN

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025



## Water line break causes problems on weekend

A water line break on 3A St. West had city crews working Sunday to open iced-over storm drains in the area to drain water that was gushing from the break down 3A St. to 5th Avenue and west to 4th St. across from the Catholic church. Workers managed to clear the drain adjacent to Shopper's Drug Mart parking lot to prevent the water from flooding Cassils Road.

(Shown) A city grader operator uses his blade to try and open a storm drain on the corner of 4th Street and 5th Ave West. Inset, water bubbles through a crack in the sidewalk on 3A Street W. No additional information was available prior to press time. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

## Projects coordinator hired for county's CDC South

SANDRA M STANWAY  
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Candace Woods is the new face of CDC South.

Woods was hired by the county as the projects coordinator for the county's CDC South revitalization project.

In late 2024 the county signed a contract with the province to operate CDC South in an attempt to return it to the status it had during its heyday, albeit as a business.

Todd Green, director of agricultural services at the county, said municipal officials have met with three organizations that are interested in utilizing the centre.

He said as of Thursday, a commitment has been made for about 40 acres of land, there is also interest in the greenhouse and multiple educational institutions have reached out.

"It's truly amazing how many people are looking

for access to properties like this. It's just now we have to get down to the brass tacks of signing some access agreements," said Green.

Reeve Arno Doerksen said he met with a representative of Sunterra and he received a call to meet with a representative from Red Crow Community College.

He said he's heard from some people across the province who are pleased to see project progression.

"What I've heard from around the province in the areas that I hear from is that this might be a great next springboard of what can come at CDC South after a very rich and productive history.

"There could be a great future out there and I'm pretty confident of that and excited to see where it will go," he said.

As part of running the operation there are costs that will be borne by the county but will be on a cost

COORDINATOR CDC



CANDACE WOODS

recovery basis through the cost of services.

On Thursday council agreed to increase the 2025 ag services budget for the purchase of a wide area mower and an industrial ride mower to replace the unreliable mowers that are on site and added to the county's general equipment inventory.

Green said they are in "different states of repair."

The county will host an open house at CDC South in the future.

## Victim loses \$280,000 in cryptocurrency scam

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A cryptocurrency scam has cost a Brooks man \$280,000 after he got scammed into accessing crypto.com and wise.com.

On Jan. 14 the victim told police that during the summer he had invested through a platform on a website that initially appeared to be legitimate and trustworthy.

The man monitored their investment seeing that they were profiting, however, they recently discovered that the website was fraudulent.

Cpl. Sharon McCready of the Brooks RCMP detachment said the victim met a man through a Facebook ad for Fargo Investments.

"The victim had to e-transfer money to an account at crypto.com. Then the victim purchased either Ethereum or Bitcoin transferred to a Fargo investment account," she explained.

Bank transactions showed that the money was sent to both crypto.com and one to a wise.com.

Wise.com is cryptocurrency bank where you can buy bitcoin.

"However, this person took it from Wise.com to Fargo Investment. Fargo promised to use that money and make profit through sending the money in Australian dollars and then to US dollars with the promise of making money off the exchange rate."

Wise.com was TransferWise.com but the company rebranded and dropped 'transfer'.

According to Kapersky, an antivirus company,

when the name changed cybercriminals decided to exploit victims when there was some initial confusion connected with the name change.

"An attack begins with a phishing e-mail purporting to be from the Wise support team. The e-mail informs the victim that due to the rebranding they need to "migrate their account to the new platform," states Kapersky.

The victim was advised to report the scam to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and the file is currently under investigation.

Brooks RCMP is urging all residents to stay vigilant against online investment frauds which is a growing threat and which targets individuals through fake websites, social media ads and unsolicited messages.

According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, in 2023 \$577 million was lost to fraud by Canadians. Between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31, 2024, \$503 million had been lost.

Some of the fraudulent sites are Legacyfxtraders. online, some are romance scams where the victim is convinced they are in a relationship with the scammer and begin giving them money.

Most of the victims are lonely or elderly and fraudsters can spend months gaining their trust.

Everyone is reminded that if something sounds too good to be true it probably is.

If anyone promises you high returns with little or no risk or if you are pressured in anyway to make a decision, it's fake.

Police urge residents to watch for fake websites, ads

and platforms that promise high returns.

Always check with the provincial security regulators for website registration. You can also check a company's legitimacy with the BBB.

Never provide any personal information including birth dates, banking information or SIN numbers with anyone whom you do not know.

Do not download any computer or phone app that you are told to do and which because they will allow scammers to access your bank information.

Be extra vigilant especially during tax season.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) advises that personal information should not be shared with a caller if you are not completely sure it is the CRA.

They suggest that you get the caller's information including name, office name or location as well as a phone number to call back.

Tell the caller you will call them back after you verify the information.

Do not trust the phone number displayed on your caller ID but use it to check its verification through the CRA webpage at canada.ca.

If you have been a victim of a fraud immediately cease communication with the scammer.

Report it to your bank immediately to stop all payments and to ensure your accounts are secure and then contact the RCMP and Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 to report the crime.

A list of scams and how they work is available on the Canadian Anti-Fraud website.

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## CROP DIVERSIFICATION CENTRE SOUTH REVITALIZATION

The County of Newell is proud to support and promote agricultural innovation by highlighting the important work of organizations conducting research in our region.

CDC South serves as a resource hub and does not provide direct funding for these research projects. You can learn more about the CDC South and available funding opportunities by scanning the code.

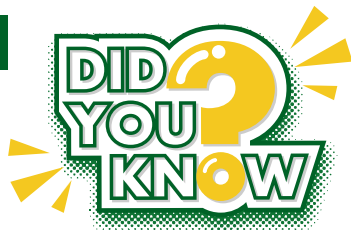
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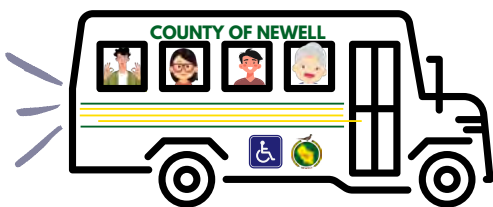
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### Electoral Division Boundary Update for 2025

As we approach the municipal election on October 20, 2025, the County of Newell is transitioning from 10 electoral divisions to 9. Until election day, the current electoral map remains in effect for all municipal governance purposes.

To ensure clarity for candidates and residents affected by boundary changes, an updated map reflecting the new divisions is also available for reference. This map is essential for determining the division where candidates will run and where residents will vote in the upcoming election.

SCAN THE CODE to review maps



Please review both maps carefully to understand how the changes may affect you.

# We are Hiring!



Come work for a great organization! The County of Newell is now **HIRING** seasonal employees.

The **Municipal Services Department** is looking for **seasonal labourers**:

- Duties include: Infrastructure maintenance, repair & construction, traffic control devices management, and general maintenance & operation of small equipment & tools
- Hourly wages are pursuant to the CUPE Local 1032 contract
- Position can begin as early as May 1 and ends on August 27, 2025

The **Agricultural Services Department** is looking for **seasonal labourers**:

- Duties include: mowing & trimming, general maintenance & operation of small equipment & tools, weed control along Red Deer & Bow Rivers, Emerson Bridge Park maintenance
- Position can begin as early as May 1 and ends on August 27, 2025

The **Agricultural Services Department** is looking for **Vegetation Management Technicians**:

- Duties include: weed & pest control, implementation of the Noxious Weed Program, inspect, map & monitor weed & pest infestation, and inspect ratepayer weed complaints
- Position can begin as early as April 28 and ends on August 23, 2025

All positions offer highly competitive wages and excellent training & education programs.

Deadline to apply is **February 7, 2025**. To read the full job descriptions and to find instructions on how to apply, visit the **Employment Opportunities** page on the County of Newell website.

### FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR

You will oversee the coordination and execution of annual construction and maintenance programs, encompassing budgeting, data collection, design, tendering, and supervision. Additionally, you will manage County Asset Management Plans, including collecting and processing asset data in GIS for infrastructure related to transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater services. Your role will also involve supporting long-term capital planning and coordinating professional services to implement annual work plans effectively.

INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE POSITIONS?

Read full job descriptions & find instructions on how to apply by visiting the [Employment Opportunities](#) page on the County website.

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# Brooks and area RCMP report

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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**Operation Cold Start**  
Police took part in Operation Cold Start which is an initiative aimed at reducing the theft of unlocked and unattended idling vehicles.

During the week police checked any vehicle they found that was running and unattended to ensure the vehicle was properly secured.

Motorists are reminded to park in a visible, well lit area if a garage or driveway is unavailable.

If you need to start your car to warm it up before use and you cannot stay with it, use a visible anti-theft device such as steering wheel lock or an automatic car starter.

Don't leave a vehicle unattended with the keys inside and lock your vehicle even when it's parked in a driveway or garage.

"Most car thieves are lazy individuals. Don't make it easy for them. Follow these precautions and you will greatly reduce the risk of becoming a victim of these crimes of opportunity," said Brooks RCMP detachment member Sgt. Dave Searle.

Ensure that when you have left your vehicle that there are no valuables inside including wallets and spare keys.

In 2024 Brooks RCMP responded to about 25 thefts of motor vehicles of which four were left idling with keys while Bassano had five thefts.

**Scrap material stolen from landfill**  
Brooks RCMP are asking



the public for help in identifying suspects who cut a fence at the Newell Regional Landfill and stole scrap material.

The incident occurred during the night of Jan. 15 where three suspects, seen on CCTV, cut an exterior fence at the landfill and stole scrap material from the recycling bins.

The material was loaded into a vehicle.

**Stolen Hat vehicle recovered in Brooks**



While conducting patrols in the city on Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Brooks RCMP found an abandoned Dodge Dakota that had been stolen a few days prior from Medicine Hat.

Police found the truck parked in an alley behind a Meadowbrook Green residence.

The investigation is ongoing.

**Drive-thru incident leads to tickets**

A driver who backed up into a vehicle while at the McDonald's Drive-Thru fled the scene but later self-reported and received tickets.

On Jan. 15 at 12:47 p.m. a McDonald's employee reported to police that both drivers exited their vehicle to exchange information following the incident.

An argument ensued and the driver responsible left the scene.

The driver later reported to the police and was ticketed for failing to remain at the scene and for backing up unsafely.

**Second go-around for Class 7 driver**

On Jan. 16 at 5:28 a.m. officers conducted a traffic stop and found that the driver was operating a vehicle with a learner's Class 7 license and could not provide proof of insurance.

It was the second time since July that police had stopped the driver for the same issues.

The vehicle was towed and the driver was ticketed.

# AUC denies time extension for SunAlta power plant

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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A new application will have to be filed for the SunAlta Solar PV1 power plant near Bassano.

Last week the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) denied a third extension application that had been filed by 2289994 Alberta Inc. aka Skyline Energy.

In their decision the AUC noted that no advancement has been made towards

construction of the project and while the company noted that multiple time extensions are an inefficient use of the Commission's time, the did request that they be allowed to retain the opportunity to file a future extension if progression can be demonstrated.

The Commission found that an additional time extension is not in the public interest.

"The Commission finds that processing repeated

time extension applications for this project indefinitely, when no demonstrable progress has been made is not efficient or warranted in this case given the likely need to update project information when 2289994 Alberta Inc is ready to move forward with this project."

The AUC rescinded the original October 2023 approval and the connected approval to connect to Fortis.

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## What's Happening?

### Recreation User Group Grant

The Recreation User Group Grant is here to help your organization bring big ideas to life! Whether you're planning facility enhancements, equipment purchases, or a capital project, this grant is designed to support your vision.

Grants are limited and not guaranteed, so don't wait—apply today! Applicants are encouraged to secure sustainable funding sources for long-term success.

Apply now! Visit: [brooks.ca/827/Recreation-Grant-Opportunities](https://brooks.ca/827/Recreation-Grant-Opportunities) for details.

Deadline: February 28, 2025

### Arts, Culture, and Heritage Board Grant

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Board Grant (ACHBG) supports individuals and groups in the City to host events, programs, and initiatives that celebrate our community's vibrant arts, culture, and heritage.

Grants are not guaranteed, so start planning today! The ACHBG is not intended to enhance the financial status of applicants.

Apply now! Visit: [brooks.ca/598/Arts-Culture-Heritage-Board](https://brooks.ca/598/Arts-Culture-Heritage-Board) for details.

Deadline: February 28, 2025

### Women's Only Swim

Enjoy a relaxing swim in a comfortable, women-only environment! Women's Only Swim is offered on the third Sunday of each month.

Date: Sunday, February 16, 2025

Time: 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

Note: Boys under 8 are welcome when accompanied by a female parent/guardian aged 16 or older.

### Equity, Diversity & Inclusion World Cafe

Your voice matters! Join the conversation about mental health care in Brooks at the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion World Café.

Date: January 23, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre

Share your experiences, engage in open conversations, and help improve mental health services in our community.

- Breakfast and lunch provided
- Must be 18+ to attend

Register now: <https://tinyurl.com/2s8em8sx>

### EcoBrooks Community Benefit Grant Program

The goal of the Community Benefit Grant Program, which is funded by Elemental Energy (Brooks Solar II), is to provide eligible organizations financial support for projects, events, or initiatives that improve environmental quality, reduce environmental degradation, or increase community awareness of environmental issues. For 2025, the total grant funding available for all projects is \$10,000. Grants may range from \$100 and up.

Funding applications are accepted for projects within the Brooks Newell Region.

Applications open February 1 and close February 28.

Find the guidelines, application form and more information by visiting [brooks.ca/310/EcoBrooks-Committee](https://brooks.ca/310/EcoBrooks-Committee)

### Get Active: Explore Our Recreation Schedules

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

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

## Public Notices

### Next Council Meeting

- Monday, February 3 at 4:30 PM
- Brooks City Hall - Council Chambers (201 1 Ave W)
- Open to the public
- Streaming live on the City of Brooks Facebook and YouTube
- Find the agenda at [brooks.ca/agendacentre](https://brooks.ca/agendacentre)

### Next Council Committee Meeting

- Tuesday, January 28 at 4:30 PM
- Brooks City Hall - Hayes Room (201 1 Ave W)
- Open to the public
- Find the agenda at [brooks.ca/agendacentre](https://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](mailto:cslaney@brooks.ca)  
Phone: 403-362-3333



Eight-year-old friends, Corbin Moyer and Lukas Chaykowski, of Claresholm play on the ice during the weekend's fishing derby. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



Wyatt Bartek, 14, of Claresholm adds a tip-up during the weekend's ice fishing derby on Lake Newell. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - A friend and I were fortunate to get tickets to see the Eagles at the Sphere this past weekend in Las Vegas! The band sounded amazing and they would have to, as there are 168,000 speakers in the venue and if they were not playing well or harmonizing well, you would have heard it. They added Vince Gill to the band for their final tour. Don Henley, drummer, guitarist and vocalist, and probably the oldest member at 77, can still belt out the tunes and is still so good! Joe Walsh can still play guitar with the best, is hilarious and still has love for the band and their hits that just came pouring out, one after another. A fantastic experience and would advise anyone to watch for their favourite band to come to the Sphere and get tickets. The venue is amazing!

The Rolling Hills Ag Society is holding a Valentine's Prime Rib Supper on Saturday, February 15th in the Rolling Hills Community Hall. Supper starts at 6:30 and live entertainment, "The Chevelle SS 396", start at 8:30. Tickets can be purchased at Cordon Electric in Brooks, online or by stopping at the Rolling Hills Post Office.

The Brooks Music Festival on-line registration is open now until January

31st. Forms and info are at www.brooksmusicfestival.ca. The festival is open to all ages and abilities.

Congratulations to the U15 Duchess Storm for their gold medal win in Pincher Creek last Sunday! A nice way to end it on a frigid, cold weekend!

Duchess School junior high students have been making use of the arena and ice skating for the month of January. Next up are the grade 8's!

Duchess Minor Hockey is hosting provincials for U18. If you are interested

in volunteering or being an event sponsor, please contact tournament chair, Jamie Matisho at jamiematisho@gmail.com.

Have a great week and please call me at 403 793 1630 with your news items for the Dispatch.

Quote: "Don't wait for the perfect time to go after your dreams. There is never a perfect time. Just get on with it, and when you achieve one dream, always have another waiting in the wings. There is nothing worse than having no goal, nothing to strive for."

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## Valentine's Prime Rib Supper

- Saturday, February 15, 2025
- Rolling Hills Community Hall
- Formal wear is encouraged
- Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.
- Supper: 6:30 p.m.

**Live Band:**  
"Chevelle SS 396"  
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

- Tickets sold:
  - online at rollinghills.ca (under General Store)
  - Rolling Hills Post Office
  - Cordon Electric- Brooks
  - **NO tickets sold at the event**
- Tickets \$55 each
- Limited # of tickets printed
- Reserve a table for 8 : \$440 and receive a bottle of wine!

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## Format of Citizen of Year expected to change

SANDRA M STANWAY  
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need to try something a little bit different," said county

councillor and FCSS board member Holly Johnson.

The FCSS Citizen of the Year program that will be held this year is expected to be the last in the current format where the citizen and junior citizen are honoured with friends and family in attendance.

The program recognizes nominated Citizens and Jr. Citizens who have contributed to their community or school through volunteerism, however, over the past few years there have been few applications.

It's expected that future years will have a banquet to celebrate all previous recipients.

"We're thinking that we

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# Brooks & District

## Fish & Game Association

### Annual Awards Night and Wild Game Supper

#### Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025 at 5:00 PM Duchess Hall

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• PRIZE FOR WILD GAME DISH •

• Live Auction: 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm •

• Supper to follow Auction • Awards: 7:30 pm

• Door Prizes

• Bucket Raffle

• Mystery Meat Challenge

• Silent Auction

• Kids Raffle

Tickets: 6 to 13 yrs: \$20 ~ 14+: \$40

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Sally Bartman Phone: 403-362-1929  
Lester Janke Phone: 403-362-0733

• Grand Prize for all Trophy Entries submitted in Youth & Adult Categories  
• Enter Your Unfilled 2024 Tags for a Grand Prize Draw

Everyone Welcome, come out and see some Nice Trophies

# County adds drought plan to water and sewer bylaw

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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County council has added their drought plan to the water and sewer bylaw.

"We have to rely so heavily upon what the Eastern Irrigation District is capable of doing. They do all the water diversion that fills Lake Newell Resort," said Mark Harbicht, the county's director of municipal services.

He said the county's plan reflects a statement in the EID's bylaw that the district will help a municipality if it has a plan in place.

The county's four stage plan includes that they will maintain efficient use in the first two stages and then reduce allowance at the same rate as the EID.

If water has to be reduced further after the second stage of 18 inches

per acre, the district's board will set the amount of water to be delivered to the farm. The final stage would see a priority call made to the junior licence holders in the district to stop diverting water.

CAO Matt Fenske told council that one part of the county's drought plan specifies that the CAO has the power to set the method and period for water restrictions.

Fenske said it would be a council decision.

"That is how this CAO will determine the approach," he said.

In 2023 water basins across the province reached critical drought conditions.

The government then required municipalities to develop water management plans and to be prepared to respond if water availability decreased in 2024.

The year did begin with significant drought conditions but some of the areas received much needed rain although the summer resulted in much of the province impacted with hot and dry conditions.

As of Nov. 28, 2024 the drought stage levels for several river basins were lowered due to the stabilization of river flows and reservoir levels that are at or close to winter storage levels and that most basins at stage one, according to the province.

The Red Deer River and the Bow River basins, which includes all of the county are noted as being in stage one, however, "The Water Supply Outlook indicates risk of water management thresholds not being met. There is an elevated risk of a priority call from senior water licence holders."

# City to release spray park request for quotation

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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The city is expected to issue a Request for Quotation for a spray park in the near future.

During the 2024 budget meeting the capital project had been set aside until a grant was available.

Despite the fact there was no mention of spray parks during the 2025 budget meeting except to invest money into the existing one in Duke of Sutherland Park, mayor John Petrie said a spray park will be built in Uplands this year.

The 2021-2025 Strategic Plan lists 'Spray parks in neighbourhoods'. No additional information.

"This one the location's been chosen up in Uplands and we have an RFQ pretty much ready to go for a design," said Don Saari, the city's director of works and

utilities.

Councillor Mohammed Idriss said the spray parks are to be funded \$100,000 annually much like the trail program.

A capital improvement document that was provided to The Bulletin shows that \$100,000 will be budgeted annually until 2032, presumably to construct parks throughout the city.


At Tuesday's committee meeting council was told that the park will be funded through the Local Government Fiscal Framework (better known as MSI) however, a capital budget document shows that the park will be funded through the Canada Community Building Fund.

Although the park is to be built without budget implications, according to the original 2024 budget documents, it's unclear if that will happen.

"It depends what the price of the spray park is. If it comes in over the budget there will be implications," said Saari.

There will also be ongoing operations and maintenance costs for the new asset.

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# Reeve heading to Japan for FoodEx

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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County reeve Arno Doerksen will represent the Palliser Economic Partnership program in Japan at the 50th International Food and Beverage Exhibition March 11-14.

"Foodex Japan is the largest food and beverage show in Asia and is a vital industry event for buyers from Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan. Held in Tokyo, Japan, the show attracts approximately 3,300 exhibitors from 94 countries and regions and 80,000 professional visitors," states Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada which was part of the Canada Pavilion last

year and is scheduled to return this year.

The pavilion was made up of 45 companies in a 432 square meter area and represented a variety of Canadian food and beverage products. There were a total of 2,879 companies represented at the exhibition.

Over the past 50 years the event, FoodEx, "has facilitated business creation through the unparalleled matching of over 80,000 exhibitors with more than 4,000,000 buyers," states the FoodEx webpage.

The PEP representation will be as observers this year with an eye to more understanding so they can take items to future FoodEx events.

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

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.

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will offer worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 26, with Reverend John Theiss. All are welcome.

Rolling Hills Ag Society will host a Valentine's Prime Rib Supper on Saturday, February 15, at the Rolling Hills Community Hall. This will be a formal event with a live band playing for the dance following dinner. Tickets are available at rollinghills.ca, the Rolling Hills Post Office or at Cordon Electric in Brooks. Call or text Michele at 403-793-4130 for more information.

Joe was at his doctor for a check-up. The doctor examined him and remarked, "It appears you get quite a bit of exercise." Joe replied, "Well, yes, doctor, just the other day I walked five miles over rugged terrain, climbing over rocks and trees. I also waded along the edges of a lake, pushing my way through tall thistles, and even slid down a sandy slope all the while getting sand in my eyes." "Well," said the doctor, "You certainly are a dedicated outdoor enthusiast." "Not really, doc," replied Joe, "I'm just a really poor golfer."

To submit news items, please email goombaw@eidnet.org or phone 377-2259. Please contact me by or before 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings to have your news included for the week. On long weekends, news is due Thursday morning before the holiday.

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# COMMENT

## Danielle Smith is no traitor and neither are Albertans

Premier faces an avalanche of anger because Alberta won't fully join Team Canada in the fight against Trump tariffs

**RICK BELL**  
TORONTO SUN

Alberta Premier Danielle Smith sure stirred up the hornet's nest and upset the apple cart.

The whiners, the moaners, the hysterics are on full display, pounding their drums and mouthing into their megaphones from their social media outposts.

As the clock ticks, the intensity grows.

Can you believe it? Did you see it? It's incredible even for her, they say.

She's hit a new low, they say.

What a horrible human being.

Treason!

She's not a Canadian!

Lackey for Big Oil!

Go join your friend Donald Trump!

The hashtags are created by the keyboard warriors and the scolds do what they do best.

Whine.

One day they tell us it's Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre destroying the country. The next day, it's Smith or some other conservative politician.

In reality, the folks they admire have been running the country for years.

How is that working for us so far?

God forbid anyone challenges the social media mob.

They too are guilty of treason. They too are sellouts. They too are not worthy to be considered Canadians.

Canada, love it or leave it!

The hours pass.

Deep thinkers shake their heads and wag their fingers.

Danielle Smith has really outdone herself this time, they say.

Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse it just did, they say.

Politicians who never liked Smith congratulate themselves on their patriotism.

It is all theatre.

What happened Wednesday is simple.

Smith didn't sign on to Team Canada's declaration to fight incoming American president Donald Trump and his tariffs against Canadian goods.

Smith does not want Alberta oil bound for the U.S. blocked by the federal government or taxed by the federal government.

The premier committed what some consider an unforgivable sin.

She stood up for Alberta.

She worried about Alberta being sacrificed on the altar of so-called national unity.

It has been before, you know.

Smith did not fall into line with the two people driving the Team Canada train.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario Premier Doug Ford

really did look like quite the pair as they lectured the rest of us on what is and is not the right thing to do in the situation Canada now finds itself.

Trudeau, hounded out of office, a man out the door in less than two months, a man who does not enjoy the confidence of the vast majority of Canadians, leads the charge and it makes many Albertans sick to their stomach.

Team Canada. Trudeau talks about Team Canada. Ford talks about Team Canada. Others across the country talk about Team Canada.

What is this Team Canada they're talking about?

Where was Team Canada when Alberta's oilpatch wanted to expand its markets beyond the U.S.?

Where was Team Canada when Alberta faced what is known here as the No New Pipelines law?

Where was Team Canada when Trudeau's green guru Steven Guilbeault time and time again made life way more difficult for oil and gas?

Where was Team Canada on all those occasions when Alberta was the whipping boy of this country?

Where was Team Canada when Albertans wanted to be heard, hard-working, tax-paying folks in a province that is the biggest contributor to Confederation?

Where was the call for unity at those times?

No, Albertans were called crybabies.

For the record, after much struggling, getting one pipeline does not wipe away the grief.

Now, it is Team Canada. Now Alberta is told to step up.

Now Alberta can join Team Canada.

In fighting Trump, oil is the biggest weapon in the Canadian arsenal.

Block oil from going south and Americans suffer.

Put a tax on oil going south and Americans suffer.

Come to think of it, put a tax on oil and Ottawa makes a lot of money.

Do your part, Alberta. We're all in this together.

And, as we were reminded by Trudeau on Wednesday, no part of the country will be singled out for unfair treatment.

Trust us.

Really? Pardon us for our scepticism.

So let's all settle down.

We don't know what Trump is going to do.

We can disagree about where we go from here.

The unknown can be scary. We live in some pretty scary times.

But a couple things are known.

Danielle Smith is not a traitor and Albertans aren't either.

# TIME CAPSULE

Cassils Centre Mall Sign - 1976



## Vintage Tonnage

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



The name is brilliant: 'vintage tonnage'.

It evokes 17th-century pirate vessels flying the skull-and-crossbones, 18th-century ships-of-the-line bristling with cannons, or even 19th-century clipper ships in full sail bringing tea to England and America. The images are always romantic and often beautiful.

Whereas the reality is just hundreds of giant old rust-buckets.

The 'vintage tonnage' is the 'shadow fleet' of second-hand oil tankers that were spared from the ship breaking yards in 2022 because Russia lost its export market in Europe when it invaded Ukraine. There were plenty of potential customers for cut-price Russian oil in India and China, but no pipelines to get it there. It had to go by sea.

Unfortunately for Moscow, the US sanctions meant that shipping companies that traded internationally and paid insurance on their cargoes were unwilling to risk action by the US Treasury and refused to carry the Russian oil. However, the Russians needed tankers and they were willing to pay well over the odds.

There was already a smallish shadow fleet of antiquated tankers carrying embargoed oil from Venezuela and Iran, but the sanctions on Russian oil exports expanded that fleet at least fourfold. Anybody with a tanker that could still float, however decrepit and unsafe, could make a pile of money by

putting it at Moscow's disposal.

You'll have to reflag it with some country that doesn't care much about its reputation: current favourites are Gabon, the Cook Islands and Laos (which doesn't even have a coastline). Hire a crew from various low-wage countries, and don't waste money on maintenance or insurance.

If yours is the tanker that picks up the oil in Russia, you'll need to transfer it to another one out at sea so the documents and the maritime tracking data don't mark the delivery as coming from a Russian port. (Yes, there's a risk of a big oil spill if you do a transfer in mid-ocean with ships that weren't designed for it, but the spill would be somebody else's problem.)

And after a few years you'll have made your pile. Scrap your ships or sell them on to some other chancer, and you're home and dry. You probably should not visit the United States, because the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control has a long memory - but maybe all will be forgiven once Donald Trump is in the White House again.

Is Trump really going to maintain the US sanctions on Russian oil sales when he admires dictators like Russia's Vladimir Putin? Isn't Trump the man who said he could settle the war between Russia and Ukraine in one day? Doesn't that imply he's just going to force the Ukrainians to accept Russia's peace terms?

Who knows? It's a fair bet that Trump himself doesn't know what he will do. And some of what the Biden administration has been doing in its final week goes well beyond just sowing poison pills to limit the future damage Trump will do.

At the last possible minute, true to form, the outgoing administration has finally done

what it should have done a couple of years ago. It extended sanctions to the biggest Russian oil and gas companies, Gazprom Neft and Surgutneftegas, as well as 183 more named vessels that carry oil as part of Russia's so-called "shadow fleet" of tankers.

At least 65 of them immediately dropped anchor, no longer able to deliver their oil to customers (including China) that are unwilling to breach the sanctions against specific named ships. Many more will doubtless follow once they have reached a safe anchorage. It will have a large and immediate effect on Russia's cash flow, which is already under serious strain.

This is giving Trump considerable extra leverage against Russia if he wants to use it. Why would he throw it away by immediately ending the sanctions and putting the Russian economy on the road to recovery?

Trump's vice-president (still Vance, not Musk) may say he "doesn't really care what happens to Ukraine one way or the other," but the man himself hates looking like a 'loser' above all else.

Even if the Russians have something on him - remember that two-hour one-on-one meeting with Putin in 2018 with only translators present, from which Trump emerged looking like a whipped dog - Trump needs an imposed settlement on Ukraine not to look like an unconditional surrender.

Whatever happens with Trump, Putin and Ukraine won't happen overnight. It probably won't be pretty, but there will almost certainly be real negotiations about the terms before any ceasefire. (An actual peace deal seems out of the question.) Trump will need leverage, and the Biden administration is actually giving him some.

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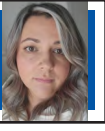
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# Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



**RAINIER** - Happy Birthday wishes to Allen Nielsen on Jan 29, Caitlyn Antill on Jan 30, Shoko Motokado on Jan 31.

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. SPEC playgroup will be at Alcoma School Jan 24 - 9:30 am to 11am. All are welcome!

Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public during school hours and Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 8pm. Rainier Hall is having a winter social/games night January 30 starting @ 7 pm. Come for a drink, Bar will be open, all are welcome. Rainier community Hall will be holding there AGM Feb 11 @7pm at the Rainier hall. The hall is looking for more individuals to come out and share their ideas & support.

All are welcome. Meet baby Irene Martina Davidson Orr at the Rainier Hall on January 25th @ 2pm. Aileen and Eric have been blessed with lots of baby supplies. Please do not feel obligated to bring a gift, however if you like to. Please see the link to their registry to be sure it's something they still need. Needed items include clothing bigger than 12 months. They also love second hand and handmade items! You can never have too many books! Please bring a book instead of a card and write a message/sign it for baby Irene's library.

Scandia save the date March 4. They will be hosting a pancake Supper, and pie auction @ the Scandia Honey Warehouse. (The hall is undergoing some exciting new changes)

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can be purchased online @ rollinghills.ca (under general store tab), other options include RH post office, or Cordon Electric in Brooks. Doors open @ 5:30 pm, Supper @ 6:30pm. There will be a live band from 8:30pm-12:30am. No tickets sold at the door. If you need more info contact Michele @ 403-793-4130

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.

**DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**Pastor Terry Jackson  
Duchess Mennonite Church**

Happy New Year! From Duchess Mennonite Church to our entire community.

My prayer for you and for us, is that in 2025, we would taste and see that the Lord is good. (Ps 34:8). This is a call to discovering the goodness of the Lord as we experience who He is in ways that we have never dreamed of. That it is in the tasting, in the experience that we realize the goodness of the Lord.

Recently, I prepared supper for my three-year-old, and he took one look at it and said

## Happy New Year

he didn't want it. I asked him to taste it and instead, he shoved it across the table and on to the floor. After a couple minutes in his room, so all of us could calm down, I asked him again to taste it. And surprise, surprise he liked it! His preconceptions were wrong, but it wasn't until he tasted it that he realized that.

It's not just my son that gets mad and has misguided preconceptions. I do too and guess what, so do you. Especially, when it comes to what the Lord is inviting us into. What the Lord has prepared for us, specifically for us; may look different, smell different, be displayed differently than what we expect. Consequently, we may shove it away. Yet, it is in the tasting that we

realize the goodness of what the Lord has made for us.

In 2025, I pray that we will be open to trying new adventures in life, especially as we look to the Lord and seek to follow Him, and in so doing, we will taste and see that the Lord is good! God bless us as we enjoy His goodness together.

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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER NOTIFICATION

### Luna Solar Battery Phase 1 Connection

As part of AltaLink's Luna Solar Battery Phase 1 Connection, we are proposing to build a new telecommunications tower within Northland Power Luna I GP Inc's planned Apollo Substation, approximately 20 kilometres southwest of the City of Brooks.

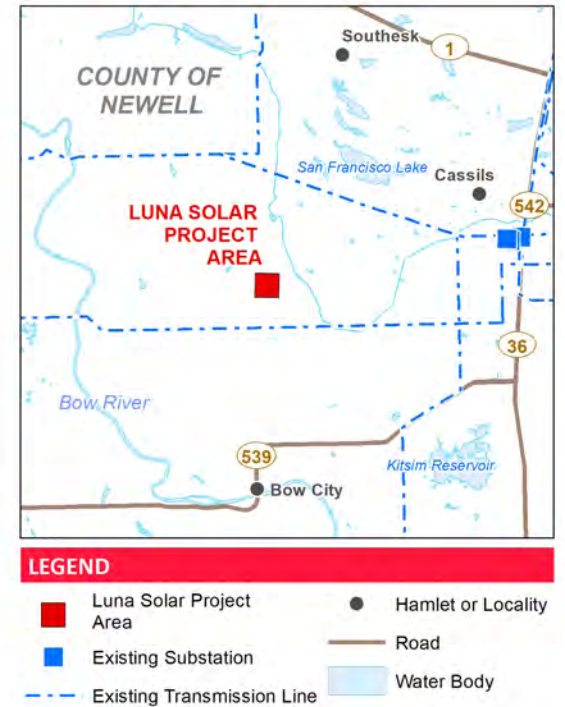
Telecommunications towers support the equipment that transmits data to our system control centre. This allows us to monitor the operation of the electric system and ensure the safety and reliability of the system for our customers.

#### The proposed new telecommunications tower will:

- be a self-supporting steel structure with a triangular base
- be approximately 30 metres tall, including the antenna and lightning rod
- comply with Transport Canada's requirements regarding painting and lighting
- not be accessible to the public, as the structure will be inside the fenced area of an operating substation and only support AltaLink equipment at this time

Please visit [www.altalink.ca/projects](http://www.altalink.ca/projects) for more information about AltaLink's proposed Luna Solar Battery Phase 1 Connection.

For general information relating to telecommunications systems, please visit the Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada website at [www.ic.gc.ca/towers](http://www.ic.gc.ca/towers).



## AVIS DE TOUR DE TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS

### Connexion de la batterie solaire Luna - Phase 1

Dans le cadre de la connexion de la batterie solaire Luna - Phase 1 d'AltaLink, nous proposons de construire une nouvelle tour de télécommunications à l'intérieur de la sous-station Apollo prévue de Northland Power Luna I GP Inc's, située à environ 20 kilomètres au sud-ouest de la ville de Brooks.

Les tours de télécommunications soutiennent l'équipement qui transmet des données à notre centre de contrôle du système. Cela nous permet de surveiller le fonctionnement du système électrique et d'assurer la sécurité et la fiabilité du système pour nos clients.

#### La nouvelle tour de télécommunications proposée:

- sera une structure en acier autoportante avec une base triangulaire
- mesurera d'environ 30 mètres de hauteur, incluant l'antenne et paratonnerre
- respectera les exigences de Transports Canada en matière de peinture et d'éclairage
- ne sera pas accessible au public, car la structure sera située à l'intérieur de la zone clôturée d'une sous-station en fonctionnement et ne soutiendra pour l'instant que l'équipement d'AltaLink

Veuillez visiter [www.altalink.ca/projects](http://www.altalink.ca/projects) pour plus d'informations sur la connexion de la batterie solaire Luna - Phase 1 d'AltaLink.

Pour des informations générales relatives aux systèmes de télécommunications, veuillez visiter le site web d'Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada à [www.ic.gc.ca/towers](http://www.ic.gc.ca/towers).

If you have any questions or concerns about the tower, contact AltaLink within 30 days of this notice. (Si vous avez des questions ou des inquiétudes concernant le pylône, contactez AltaLink dans un délai de 30 jours à compter de la date de la présente notification.)

**Phone:** 1-877-267-1453 (toll free) | **Email:** [stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca](mailto:stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca) | **Mail:** 2611 3rd Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2A 7W7



# City to install a mural on fence in front of CPKC garage

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Since CPKC has constructed its 20 foot high garage at the foot of Second Street West near city hall without a heads-up to the city, work has been underway to try and improve its look.

CPKC has provided the city with heritage photos so one can be chosen for a mural for which the city will have to pay for including the artist.

The photos included the original Brooks rail station, the Aqueduct, the CPKC 2816 steam locomotive and the Bassano Dam.

CP installed and will maintain the fence, trees

and future flower bed but any costs associated with the creation, installation and maintenance of the art work will be the city's responsibility, according to a document provided to council.

An access agreement will also have to be signed to allow the city to access CPKC's property to install the art and maintain the area.

The art work can cost the city could be between about \$530 to upwards of \$1,273.

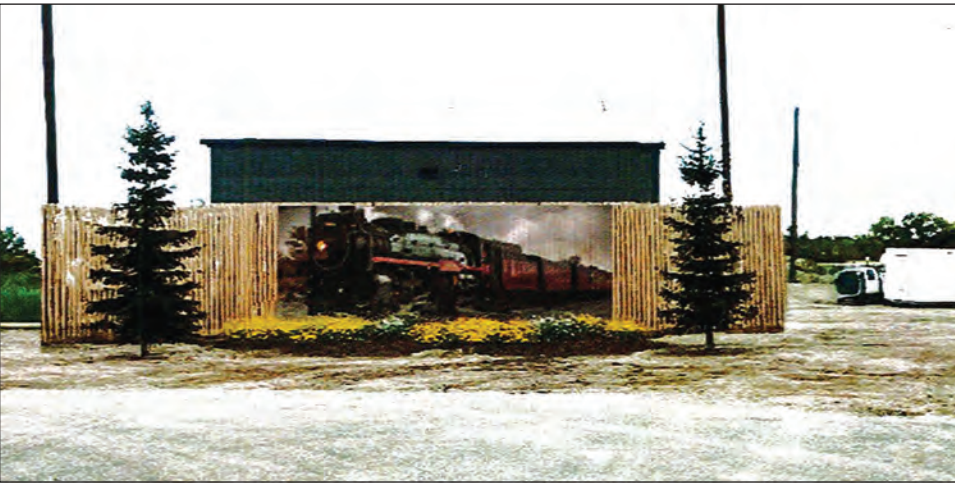
The city will pay for the project through the BRZ project funds. The funds were set aside about four years ago in anticipation of purchasing the small CP property for a structure

which is now a CPKC-owned garage.

The city will make a decision at a future meeting after considering an additional heritage photo.

Last August CPKC told the city they did not need to provide advanced warning of the project because municipalities have no jurisdiction over federal government projects and municipal bylaws are not applicable to activities which are integral to the operation of a federal undertaking.

The city was not very happy with the unneighbourly response and was later told by CP that the issue may have been mishandled.



CPKC provided city council with a couple of artist renderings to illustrate how the fence in front of the rail line's garage could be improved. | BY ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER J. CAMERON

## Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



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403-793-4130.

Save the date for the Scandia Community Hall Pancake Supper & Pie Auction- March 4th.

Alcoma School News-congrats to our Raiders who took part in the Jr. High basketball tournament this last weekend, the girls team brought home 2nd place. The boys host basketball at Alcoma this Tuesday at 5pm. Come on out and cheer on our Raiders. Be sure to check out dojo for the spirit week activities happening this week. There will also be Parent Council Tuesday

@1:30. ECS registration is now open, please stop in at the school or visit the website to register your little one. Ski forms and information have come home and are due back by January 24th.

It's always great to hear about our neighbors and the exciting things happening in the community. If you have any news or interesting Scandia trivia you'd like submitted in the sketch, please contact me at Karlyn.takeda@hotmail.com or 403-501-3618.

## Highway overpass update

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Bulletin has been informed that the overpass at Highway 1 and 36 remains in the planning phase.

"The overpass is in the planning and engineering phase," Heather Pigott, premier and Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Danielle Smith's constituency assistant in Brooks, confirmed last month after speaking with a transportation representative.

The province announced the overpass in last year's budget.

It's unknown if any land that will be required for the project has been purchased.

## Bassano Banner

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TOM McPHAIL



BASSANO - It is always a pleasure to see a local name making headlines and being recognized for their achievements in their chosen field. This week the spotlight is on Bassano

raised Brian Maloney, general manager and head coach of the Chilliwack Chiefs of the BCHL. Brian has a lengthy career in hockey dating back to local teams in this area. Congratulations, Brian. Your family and community are proud of you.

I would like to personally honour the memory of a very special

young man, Ryan Wickson. Happy birthday greetings to Playfair Lodge residents Irena, Marcus and Phyllis. Here are a few other birthday recipients this month: Pancho Rabadan, Bonnie Fladhamer, Monique Treiber, Meighen Wickson, Maribes Masalunga, Bonnie Weaver, Jim Berge and so many others I may have missed.

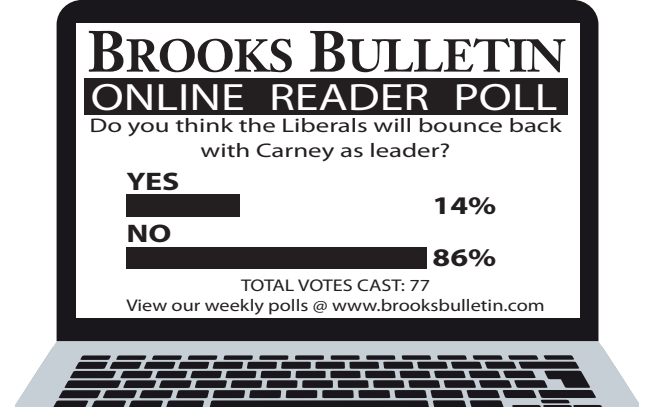
## Iddesleigh Intelligence

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IDDESLEIGH - Condolences of the community go out to Sheila, Dean and Roy, Kelly and Skylar Riste on the recent passing of Earl Riste. Earl was a lifetime member of the Iddesleigh community! He farmed and ranched in the area for his entire life.

The winter here has been fairly mild with quite a bit of much welcome snow. It's nice to see all the fields covered in the beautiful white blanket. The Jenner Skating Arena is up and running for the season. Check it out on Facebook at Diamond Jubilee Recreation and Culture Centre. Wishing everyone in the community all the best in 2025!

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**Bandits** Davide Patella, who earned four points in the Jan. 4 game against Cranbrook Bucks, has been having a relatively strong January. The 21-year-old has 10 goals and five assists on the season of which many of his points have been collected in January. During the Bandits most recent game in Sherwood Park on Jan. 10, Patella had a goal and an assist in the first period as well as a couple of hits on a player, one of which did not result in a penalty. He was ejected from the game with a game misconduct for cross checking in another incident. On Jan. 13, following a video review, the league suspended Patella for one game and changed the penalty to an illegal check to the head. On Jan. 8 Bandits defenceman Matej Tepy was suspended for three games with a game misconduct for unsportsmanlike behaviour during a game against the Cranbrook Bucks on Jan. 4. He can return for this Friday's match against Pentiction Vees. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Nearly \$500,000 collected in ticket revenue by city

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The 1,868 traffic tickets that were issued in the city last year resulted in \$498,439 in revenue while the county collected \$25,920. Among the city's tickets were 44 for drivers who were not insured and received a \$3,000 ticket. CAO Matt Fenske said the county budgeted for \$27,500 last year but collected the lesser amount because education is the priority in the county before issuing a ticket.



**WARDLOW** - I must say we are getting soft in our old age, we were done winter after Christmas this year. It seems the cold, wind and changes in the weather all seem to affect our bodies. The end of November I had a shoulder replacement, that surgery has been easy to recover from and actually a lot less bothersome than my Bursitis in my hip. Thank heaven that the shoulder

has not been painful. I don't think I could have stood both hurting.

We have had a lot of issues with our furnace this winter, we thought it was fixed but woke up Sunday to it not working again. Lucky we hadn't put away the space heaters yet.

The next couple of weeks we have business in Calgary so hope this cold spell doesn't last too long, like I said we are getting whimpy.

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



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# Emergency plan approved by municipalities

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The 200-plus page Newell Regional Emergency Management Plan which will be used to guide emergency and elected officials during a large scale incident has been approved by member municipalities.

In 2020, Bassano, Duchess, Rosemary and the county approved an agreement to establish a regional emergency advisory committee and a regional emergency management agency.

A provincial grant was received to write the document.

Preparing additional content and to keep it 'alive' including tabletop exercises are additional steps that are required to ensure that the municipalities are prepared to respond to future emergency events.

"It is best practices relative to what is emergency management," said Ron Robinson of E.M.E.R.G Consulting who wrote the document.

"This is going to continue to evolve and to meet the

needs of the entire region and its partnership."

While the City of Brooks was not involved in the first phase, they were represented at an early December meeting.

The Eastern Irrigation District and CPKC will be involved in the second phase of the plan which will likely involve a mutual aid agreement.

"It's a living document and we need to think of

those, in particular, big partners who would be there to assist us," said regional fire chief Stewart Luchies. Bassano will apply for the second phase of funding. Upon approval, the funds will be used to cover the costs for additional content within the document, implementing the rules and responsibilities, training for staff and elected officials and emergency simulations and tabletop exercises.

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## New Year fraught with anxiety... markets and politics look ominous



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WILL VERBOVEN

By the time this column is read, the sledgehammer of Trumpday, January 20th, will be hitting the economic fate of Alberta. No reprieve is in sight for agriculture or energy exports, although one wonders how much time will be needed to implement the tariff collection logistics. There is a hope that the tariff imposition will trigger negotiations. Perhaps, but I suspect they may not occur immediately, as any initial negative impact on US economic or consumer sectors may be months away. Tariffed Alberta energy exports could have an immediate effect, which could cause the new Trump administration to exempt those exports

sooner for political purposes. That would be a positive outcome but would aggravate national unity. The outside hope would be that food exports like cattle and beef would also be exempted – but that is unlikely. The US is essentially self-sufficient in meat products if their exports are factored out, so it's less of a US consumer impact concern. Unless big meat processors can mitigate the financial impact of the tariffs, Canadian beef at the retail and wholesale level will price itself out of the US market. A 25% tariff probably means that Alberta producers will end up paying the tariff one way or another – as usual. At the best of times, Canadian beef is less than 10% of the US market and can be replaced by redirecting US exports or bringing in more Australian and New Zealand imports.

But wait - there is more

on the horizon for the cattle and beef industry in the coming year. To date, cattle and beef prices have seen new highs, with most sectors finally making the returns that they so richly deserve. For the producers' sake, those prices and even higher need to be maintained, but there is a threshold of price pain for the consumer. That threshold has not been reached to date, but market prognosticators feel that a market correction seems ominous, perhaps by April. That correction may come sooner if the fallout from Trumpday takes effect. As always, cow-calf and feedlot producers will be the first to be hit by a sudden market downturn. One of the more aggravating aspects of the tiresome discourse on high food prices is that no consideration is remotely given to the reality that those in the primary food business are severely

impacted by ever-increasing production and processing costs. But I digress.

There has been less concern about the Trumpday impact on Canadian grains and oilseeds exports to the US. Fortunately, Canada has a robust offshore export business that could redirect most of those US-bound ag commodities. What is ominous is a lower-than-average US corn and soybean crop, as noted in a recent USDA post-harvest report. That's supporting prices for those crops that, for corn, bottomed out in September with prices below production costs. However, the looming South American corn/soybean crop could depress present prices. China could impact the market if it dramatically increases its corn import purchases. Corn prices impact feed barley prices in western Canada if

supply issues are factored in. Expensive corn and barley will hit feedlot operators hard, but that may be offset if Trumpday collapses Canadian feeder cattle prices.

I suspect feedlot operators and processors are trying to hedge everything they can but are leaving open opportunities for low-priced feeder and stocker cattle due to Trumpday. Those selling such cattle will probably be holding back possible sales until the tariff issue is alleviated – although that could take months. Only the BSE crisis can be compared to the anxiety and instability the cattle and beef market is facing over the next few weeks.

The annual agonizing over what the weather will hold for agriculture in Alberta in 2025 seems of less concern than the market havoc that Trumpday will inflict upon us all. At this point,

all the ag industry can do is pray for abundant rain for bumper crops and lush pastures everywhere. We will need such good fortune to offset the damage of an unmitigated Trumpday market nightmare.

In closing, the only folks who will survive the upcoming market calamity are supply management producers. How lucky they are, at least until the CUSA trade agreement renegotiations start. Dairy supply management, in particular, will have to be radically changed to appease Trump emboldened US renegotiation demands. Dairy producers would be wise to accept that reality and develop a more realistic marketing alternative – and soon – you heard it here first.

*Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.*

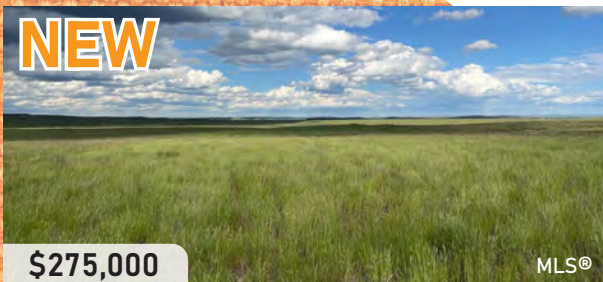


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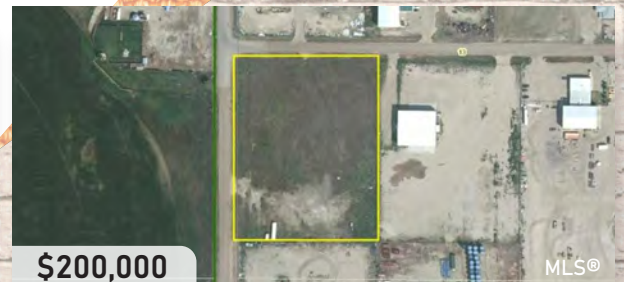
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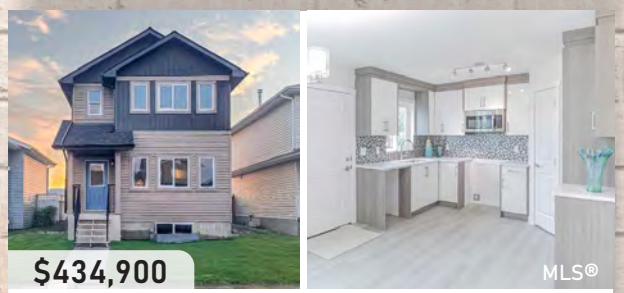
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# Grant changes possible for city's recreation board

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

There may be a change in the way the city's recreation board hands out small grants.

County councillor Greg Skriver, who is a member of the board, said they can hand out grants up to \$500. Anything above that amount is approved by city council.

However, at last week's

meeting it seems to have changed.

"The city has put forth an amended policy for the grants that they give out for users of their facilities.

"There just seems to be some things in there that didn't quite line up with what we actually do at parks and rec," he said.

He said it has been indicated that the committee is getting mixed messages from the councillors and

administration as to the procedure.

"Now it sounds like they took away the \$500 from our committee and that all grants have to go through the city council," he said.

"But that's not how the council members perceived it would be. So, there was just some miscommunication or misinformation," he said.

Skriver said it will be ironed out at the next recreation meeting.

# Beargrass Solar gets time extension on Brooks project

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Solar Project near Cassils, previously owned by Solar Krafte but now owned by Beargrass Solar Inc. (BSI), received a time extension to Dec. 26, 2026 from the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

The 360 megawatt project is 6.5km west of Brooks along Hwy. 36.

The extension was requested due to regulatory changes and supply chain challenges.

The 295.13-megawatt (MW) power plant was approved in May 2022 with a completion date of Oct. 2024. The extension was requested on Oct. 29, 2024 two days before it was to have been completed.

Beargrass explained to the Commission they had initially notified them in July of the intention to extend but had waited for more clarity on the regulator changes.

The notification was made the same day that Solar Krafte was to have filed their emergency response plan and failing to do so resulted in a non-

compliance letter.

"While the AUC acknowledges the reasons for the extension the Commission advises that should BSI submit a future time extension application, it should be done well in advance of the approved construction completion date to give the Commission sufficient time to consider the request," states the AUC.

A nearby resident has objected to the project.

"This company has been playing games since the initial application and has

failed to complete or even start it within the timeline set out and has at the last minute applied for an extension probably hoping that most people who thought it was cancelled won't notice," he noted.

He also stated that the application should not be allowed because of the new rules about prime agricultural land being used for solar.

"If the new rules are followed this application should be rejected immediately."

# Land at Bassano airport redesignated for growth

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council gave first reading to redesignate the land around the Bassano

Airport from business rural and district and special parks and public service to direct control to accommodate additional lots and reconfiguring

existing lots to allow for the development of additional hangars and to accommodate safe flights.

"This was done in conjunction with Bassano. I think we've come up with a pretty great bylaw that will hopefully promote sale and development at the airport," said Maria Jackson, the county's supervisor of planning and development.

She said the hangar is only for the hangar use and other uses can be considered based on the permitted and discretionary use. Once a hangar is constructed other uses can be considered for the lot.

Two shipping containers will be permitted on each lot however, self storage businesses will not be allowed.

"Bassano really wants it to stay as an airport with compatible uses and obviously the county completely agrees."

# County to apply to province for unpaid taxes

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county will apply to the province for \$15,501 in unpaid taxes through the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) and Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC).

"We look at the list and consider tax arrears that are uncollectable," said Shannon Biette, the county's corporate

services supervisor.

The province began the PERC and DIRC programs in 2015 in response to the downturn in the oil and gas industry when municipalities could not requisition the amounts from property owners.

The province was to cancel the program in 2023 but has extended it two years and they are looking at other options for the program.

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After leaving the ranch, I returned to my technician background & started working at Noble Equipment and spent time in 2024 supporting the entire range of equipment that Noble sells.

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**ANDERSON** - It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Rose-Marie Anderson, a beloved mother, grandmother, wife, and dedicated volunteer, who left us peacefully in Brooks on January 10, 2025 at the age of 72 years. Born on May 10, 1952, Rose-Marie brought light and warmth to everyone around her. She worked as a compassionate healthcare aide, dedicating her life to helping others and providing comfort to those in need. Her kindness and tender care made a significant impact at the Brooks Healthcare Center, where she formed lasting friendships with both patients and staff. Rose-Marie was a devoted mother to her two sons, Ryan and Tyler, and a loving wife to William Ross Anderson. Her family was her

pride and joy, and she cherished the time spent together, creating memories filled with laughter and love. As a proud grandmother, she delighted in the adventures and accomplishments of her grandchildren, always ready with encouragement and affection. She had a special place in her heart for friends. Rose-Marie treasured her lifelong friendships; coffee time with friends, where she shared stories, laughter, and the warmth of companionship. Rose-Marie also loved animals and found joy in the companionship of her beloved dogs, Chumley and Murphy. Rose-Marie is survived by her husband, Ross (William); her sons, Ryan (Trina) and Tyler (Lisa); her brother, Wayne (Heather ) Russell; and her loving grandchildren (Taylor, Abigail, Lauren, Finley, Cohen and Briggs). The love and cherished memories she leaves behind will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her. In her memory, the family invites you to honour Rose-Marie's spirit by continuing the kindness and care she showed throughout her life. Donations can be made directly to the Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society (<https://prairierosehospice.ca/>) or the local pet rescue; Brooks Animal Protection Society ([info@bapsociety.com](mailto:info@bapsociety.com)), causes that were close to her heart. A Celebration of her Life will be held at a later date in 2025. Friends and family will be welcomed to join in sharing their memories and celebrating the beautiful life of Rose-Marie Anderson.

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**ANTHONY** - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lawrence Anthony in Brooks on January 12, 2025 at the age of 66. Surrounded by his loving family, Lawrence passed peacefully, leaving behind a larger than life personality, a dedication to nature and strong family bonds, often shared over coffee. Born on September 29, 1958 in St. John's Newfoundland, Lawrence was the cherished son of Anna Maria Anthony and Robert Malbourne Anthony and was the eldest of 8 children. In 1971, the family moved to Alberta where Lawrence started a life committed to his career and community

connections. He married his loving wife Connie on March 4, 1978 and together they built a family and home to be proud of. Lawrence was a dedicated employee and leader who spent 48 years with IGA, later known as Freson Bros. His colleagues and friends remember Lawrence as a hard working and passionate man who took great pride in his work. An animal lover at heart, Lawrence purchased an acreage and transformed it into a small hobby farm. His home became a place of amusement, with many animals that brought interest to his family and friends. He was strong minded and often showed his love for his family and friends through jokes and sarcastic teasing. He had a big presence and an even bigger sense of humour. Lawrence is predeceased by his parents Anna Maria Anthony and Robert Malbourne Anthony, wife Connie Anthony, son Charles Anthony, brothers Robert Anthony, William (Bill) Anthony, James John Anthony, nephew Robert Anthony Jr and son in law Don Schoeneman and stepfather Gerald Dennis Blundon. Lawrence is survived by son, Larry (Jeannie) with children Hannah, Madison, Destinee and Lily; daughter, Brandy (Tim) with children Aidan, Donny (Lanuyah) with great granddaughter Berkeley and Raeanna; son, Nicholas, son Vincent (Helena) with children Hayden, Aysha, Vaida and Ainslee, sister Doris (Bob), brother Roaly, sister Mary, and brother Gerald. Lawrence's life was an example of achievement, loyalty, and dedication. He will be remembered for his playfulness, big spirit and commitment to his family and friends. His legacy lives on in the hearts and laughter of all who knew him. A Private Family Service will be held.

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**BEVAN** - Hugh Wright Bevan passed away peacefully in Brooks at the age of 99 on Sunday, January 12th, 2025. Hugh Bevan was born July 07th, 1925 to Albert and Elizabeth Bevan in Druid, Saskatchewan. Hugh was the third of four children and spent his childhood years helping on the family grain farm. At the age of 17, Hugh left the farm to attend the University of Saskatchewan. As with most, those years were marked by tight finances, instilling an individual attitude of work hard, enjoy life and take nothing for granted. After graduating from university, Hugh enlisted in

the army. He completed his basic training in Vernon, B.C. when the war ended in September, 1945. After a brief enlistment, he articulated in Saskatoon and completed his Chartered Accounting designation. During that time he met a beautiful young lady named Shirley Laughren from Stranraer, Saskatchewan. They were married August 15th, 1948. After their marriage, they lived in Saskatoon while Hugh completed his Chartered Accounting designation. From there they moved to Rosetown where Hugh and Shirley worked before venturing west to set down roots. While B.C was the first choice, Hugh was invited to stop in Brooks to visit a small firm called Fingerson and Co., as they were looking for an accountant. He decided to give it a try and two years later, in 1950, Hugh took over the firm which started Bevan and Co. From that time until his retirement in 2010, (85 years of age!), he took a proactive role with his clients and went above and beyond to help them succeed in their own ventures. 'My clients are my friends and I will miss them dearly.' In no time, Hugh and Shirley became a part of the Brooks and County of Newell Community. Hugh was generous with his time and proud of his prairie community. His experiences were endless. He earned his pilot license and was an active member of the Brooks Flying Club for many years. Hugh enjoyed being a member of the Brooks Kinsmen Club and the Kiwanis Club of Brooks. Hugh was also a boy scout leader and volunteered with the United Church Summer camp to help cook and take the young campers fishing. Hugh was raised in a musical family and loved to sing. He continued his music with the Barbershop Quartet and Chorus and also sang with the United Church Choir for many years. Hugh was also an original member of the Newell Overture Concert Association, which brought a variety of entertainment to the area. Hugh enjoyed his yearly fishing trips with his buddies and shared his love of fishing with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed many sports. He often reminisced about playing goalie on the outdoor rink in Druid and playing basketball between classes at university. He was a loyal supporter of 'The Calgary Stampeders' and was a season ticket holder for many years. Family gatherings often took place around a Stampeders football game or a Calgary Flames Game. Hugh and Shirley adopted four children Tim (Doreen), Julie (Gail), Jody (Norine) and Marnie (Terry). He was their greatest cheerleader through all facets of their lives including sports, schooling, business and marriages. Hugh and Shirley resided on their acreage which is known today as Lakewood. As well, he built one of the first cabins at Lake Newell in the early 1950's where the family spent the entire summer from school's end in June to summer's end in August with friends and family creating countless memories. In 1972, Hugh and Shirley took the family to Hawaii. That trip turned into 40 plus years of glorious, extended stays. They loved to have their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren visit and cherish the experience of Hawaii with them. Hugh believed in order to live a full life, it should be experienced in every way possible and to try to improve the lives of all those around him. Hugh was predeceased by his wife Shirley (2010), daughter Julie (2023), brother Reese, his wife Jeanne, sister Elizabeth and her husband Jack, and his sister-in-law Dawn (2024) (Arthur) Bevan. Hugh is survived by his remaining children and their spouses, Tim (Doreen) Bevan and Marnie (Terry) Troidl, Gail Morris, his grandchildren Christa (Mike) Schaupmeyer and Heather (Jean-Denis) Fournier, Tyler (Katie) Troidl, Cody Troidl and Carson Troidl as well as his great grandchildren, Katie Schaupmeyer, Adam Schaupmeyer, Marek Fournier and Damen Fournier. He is also survived by his son Jody (Noreen) Bevan and their three children, Adam, Aaron and Raina. To honor his wishes for a Family Ceremony there will be a Private Reflection on Friday, January 24th, 2025 at 2:30 PM followed by a committal of his ashes at the Brooks Cemetery. Rev. Esther Crews officiating. Live Streaming of the Funeral Services is scheduled to be available to the public. You can view the Funeral Service by clicking on "Live Video" on the top right-hand side of Smith Funeral Home's Website or clicking on the "Click Here" in blue letters, just below recent obituaries. Streaming is scheduled to start approximately 10 - 15 minutes prior to services. In lieu of flowers donations may be made directly to Communities in Bloom - Commemorative Forest, Box 252, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B4 or The Brooks Health Foundation 440 - 3 Street East, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3. The family would like to give a heartfelt thankyou to Dr. Eric Vanderlinde, Dr. Maarten Coetzee and Kaitlyn Marshall R.N. for their wonderful care. As well, a special thank you to the staff of Orchard Manor and Sunrise Gardens for all of the care and compassion over the years.

Cremation is entrusted to and conducted at Smith Funeral Home Ltd., Brooks

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**JOHNSON** - Burton Eugene Johnson 1928 - 2025  
We are saddened to share that our beloved Burton passed away on January 19, 2025, and is now in the presence of our Lord. Funeral services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on January 24, 2025, at 11 a.m. While his suffering has ended, we are left to mourn his loss. With love, Wanda and the family.



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**Eastern Irrigation District  
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The Eastern Irrigation District (EID), Brooks, Alberta, seeks a full time **WEED CONTROL – ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN** to join our Operations Team.

The Weed Control - Environmental Technician, reporting to the Divisional Superintendent, is responsible for controlling undesirable vegetation on and in the District's waterways, right-of-ways, and grounds. This position involves maintaining application equipment, managing records, ensuring safety compliance, and performing general construction and maintenance tasks during the winter season.

The individual must have a broad set of qualifications and skills, including, but not limited to:

- Ability to obtain and maintain Aquatic and Industrial Applicators Licenses.
- Knowledge of safe chemical handling and vegetation control methods.
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to manage and prioritize multiple tasks and demonstrated attention to detail.
- Self-motivated with the ability and willingness to work independently as well as productively and cooperatively in a team environment.
- Valid Alberta Class 5 driver's license.

For a complete job description please visit our website at [www.eid.ca](http://www.eid.ca). The EID offers a competitive salary, a comprehensive benefits package including a defined benefit pension plan, along with learning and development opportunities. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume to [humanresources@eid.ca](mailto:humanresources@eid.ca) by January 31, 2025.

We thank all applicants for your interest in the EID; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**employment**



**Eastern Irrigation District  
We Are Hiring!**

The Eastern Irrigation District (EID), Brooks, Alberta, seeks energetic, well organized individuals to fill student seasonal positions (April 28 to August 29, 2025) within the EID. Applicants should be well motivated and able to perform his/her duties with limited supervision. A valid Alberta Driver's License is required.

**Any student wishing to return please forward a letter of intent to secure your employment.**

Student seasonal positions offered are:

- Seasonal Habitat Development Aides
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- Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Staff
- Bassano Dam Tenders
- Mower Operators
- Labourers

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume to [humanresources@eid.ca](mailto:humanresources@eid.ca), stating their experience and qualifications, along with three recent relevant work-related references. Deadline for applications will be end of day February 7, 2025.

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The Eastern Irrigation District (EID), Brooks, Alberta, seeks an energetic, well organized individual to serve as **CAMPGROUND MAINTENANCE FOREMAN** for the District's Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground located 20 km south of Brooks.

The Campground Maintenance Foreman is responsible for overseeing and performing the maintenance and repair of all campground facilities, grounds, and equipment. This role will ensure the campground operates efficiently and safely while maintaining high standards of cleanliness and functionality. The ideal candidate will have hands-on technical skills, strong leadership abilities, and a commitment to providing a safe and well-maintained environment for campers and visitors. This seasonal position will be from May - September 2025.

The individual must have a broad set of qualifications and skills, including, but not limited to:

- Previous experience in maintenance, construction, or a related field, with supervisory experience preferred.
- Prior experience with small engine repair and maintenance, as well as servicing landscaping equipment like zero-turn mowers and weed whackers, is preferred.
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to manage and prioritize multiple tasks.
- Effective interpersonal communication skills.
- Valid Alberta Class 5 Driver's License that is insurable under the District's coverage.

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**Eastern Irrigation District  
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The Eastern Irrigation District (EID), Brooks, Alberta, seeks an energetic, well organized individual to serve as **CAMPGROUND MANAGER** for the District's Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground located 20 km south of Brooks.

The Campground Manager is responsible for the overall operation and management of the campground. This role involves ensuring excellent customer service, maintaining the facilities, and promoting a welcoming and enjoyable environment for all visitors. The Campground Manager oversees day-to-day operations, staff, and financial performance while ensuring compliance with local regulations and safety standards. This seasonal position will be from May - September 2025.

The individual must have a broad set of qualifications and skills, including, but not limited to:

- Previous experience in campground or hospitality management.
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to manage and prioritize multiple tasks.
- Proficient in reservation systems and basic financial software.
- Effective interpersonal communication skills.
- Valid Alberta Class 5 Driver's License that is insurable under the District's coverage.

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## obituaries



**CLARKE -** George Reginald Clarke June 7, 1940 – January 19, 2025 It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of George Reginald Clarke, who departed this life on Sunday, January 19, 2025, in Brooks, Alberta. Born on Friday, June 7, 1940, in Baine Harbour, Newfoundland, George led a life rich in love, compassion, and dedication to family.

George is survived by his beloved wife, Eileen Clarke, whose partnership and love spanned decades of cherished memories. He was a devoted father to his daughter Mona (Clarke) Maruno, and son John

Clarke. The gentle guidance of his presence will be dearly missed by his grandson, Christopher Maruno, who was especially fond of the joyful times spent with his grandfather.

Among George's close family and friends are his special cousin, Austin Hiscock, and sister, Clara Stowbridge, and her husband, Charlie Stowbridge. He is also fondly remembered by his sisters-in-law, Margaret King and her partner Wally Parson, Velma Hather and her partner Jeff, as well as Julie Kenway and her husband Randy Kenway. His brother-in-law, Robert G. Butler, and a large, loving circle of nieces and nephews mourn his passing.

He was predeceased by his parents, George T. Clarke and Flora (Master) Clarke, his sisters Amy, Stella, and Classie, his brother John, father in law William Butler, mother in law Amy Butler, brother-in-law Woodrow Butler, nephew Cory Kenway, and sister-in-law Lorraine Butler.

George was a man who valued meaningful work and proudly embraced life's opportunities. He loved spending time with family, camping and fishing when the trout were biting.

No flowers as per family request, monetary donations may be made to the family.

George's warmth, humor, and unwavering devotion to his family will remain in our hearts forever, reminding us of the extraordinary man he was and the depth of the love he gave to all who knew him.

A Celebration Of Life to take place on May 2, 2025 at 2:00pm at Thom's Funeral Home And Reception Centre.

For further information, to light a memorial candle or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit [www.thomfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomfuneralhome.com) or call (403) 501-1010.

## obituaries



**HARDER -** Edith Harder of Brooks, AB passed away on Tuesday, January 15th, 2025 at the age of 81 years. Edith was born at the Bassano Hospital on January 8th, 1944. She was the second daughter and third child to Helmut Bernhardt and Ruth Margaret Harder (nee Weik). She attended school in Rosemary, Alberta, and later graduated in 1964 as a Nursing Aide in Calgary, Alberta. Edith worked as a Nursing Aide at the Bassano Hospital before she had children. On October 12th, 1964, Edith married Raymond John Sawatsky in Bassano, Alberta, and they had three children; Kelly Ann Wallace (nee Sawatsky), Martin Raymond Sawatsky, and Janet Ruth Sawatsky. Edith was a very social person and participated

in countless fundraising activities for her local church. She was baptized at the Evangelical Free Church in 1979 and was an active volunteer and board member. Edith was also a caregiver for her mother for many years in Rosemary, Alberta. Later on, she moved to Brooks, Alberta and spent her remaining years at Newbrook Lodge. She had many friends and family throughout the Gem, Bassano, Rosemary and Brooks communities, and all will miss her. Edith will be remembered most for her great gift of gab, laughter, playing games, photography, sewing and the baking of delicious pies, cookies and buns. Edith was a very active woman whose contributions to her family, friends, neighbours, church and community will be cherished and missed. She wrote and received many letters from her grandchildren who loved her stories and baking. Edith is survived by her two sisters, Charlotte Van Bergen and Laura Kasdorf, her children, their spouses and grandchildren; Kelly and Thomas Wallace, their son Keaton Thomas Wallace and their daughter Taryn Ann Wallace; Martin Raymond Sawatsky and his wife Brenda Sawatsky, Martin's son Joshua Dean Sawatsky and daughter Martina Jean Sawatsky; Janet Ruth Sawatsky and Christopher James Harold Burns and their daughter Mhairi Ruth Burns. Edith also had many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Edith is predeceased by her grandson Travis Paul Sawatsky, her ex-husband Ray Sawatsky, her brother Erwin Harder and his wife Barb Harder, as well as her parents. Edith is now with her Lord and Saviour and wanted to share her favourite scripture that guided her path every day: "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 The family would like to thank the Newbrook Lodge for providing the best home for our mother in her later years. She truly loved the place, the staff and the people who became her extended family. We would also like to thank the Brooks Health Centre for the care they provided Edith in her last years. There will be a graveside service with family and a celebration of life gathering with family and friends later in 2025. In memory of Edith, if friends desire, Memorial tributes may be made directly to either Southern Alberta Bible Camp (SABC) <https://sabc.ca/donate/> or World Vision Canada <https://www.worldvision.ca>.

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**ONE TREE -** Wow, we sure had the wind blow on Friday night and almost blew the snow out of the yard and made some hard drifts around the house, then on Saturday it snowed and blew again, so had to do some shovelling. Our weather is so crazy that one day it's raining, then freezes, then it snows and cold with -30C. Very cold!! I guess it's supposed to warm up again. I just wish we wouldn't have the extreme fluctuation in the temperatures.

I'm happy to report that Joe Hajash was released from the hospital this past Wednesday and is now recuperating at home. His sister Dianna Visser of Cheadle came down to stay with him for the first few days as he still gets dizzy if he moves too quickly. We wish him a speedy recovery and will be feeling back to how he was before.

Get well wishes go to Eddie Rath as he is a patient in the hospital after having hip surgery due to falling on ice recently. We wish you a speedy recovery Eddie!

On behalf of the Seniors Outreach I'd like to thank everyone that worked at selling 50/50 tickets in November and December. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and we had a fun time selling them. The draw took place on December 23rd with the Board Members present. The lucky winner was from Cessford with a nice Christmas present of over \$3,000.00. Congratulations to the winner.

Our deepest and sincere sympathies go to his wife Wanda Johnson on the passing of her husband, Burton Johnson, and to all of the Johnson families on the passing of their father who passed away on the weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Dale Merkl of Arcola, SK on Jan. 23rd; to Wayne Swenson on Jan. 24th; Jason Van Oirschot of Porcupine Plains, SK on Jan. 25th; to Carla Gillen of Drumheller on Jan. 26th and to Karl Slomp on Jan. 29th. We wish each of you a great day and we wish each of you and everyone else a "Very Happy Birthday" and all the best for the years ahead.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Randy and Corey Baksa on Jan. 25th. We wish you both all the best of health and much happiness for many more years together.

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](mailto: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.

Here's for laughs

A father asked his little son what he want for Christmas and to this he replied, "he wanted a baby sister". That was fine the father thought as they were expecting a baby on Christmas Eve, and sure enough the mother went to the hospital that evening to have her baby and she came home on Christmas Day with a baby sister for the little boy. He was so excited and loved her so much.

Then next year the father asked his son what he'd like Christmas and to this the son replied. "If it wouldn't be too uncomfortable for his mommy, he'd like to have a pony."

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## employment

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Under the direction of the Campground Manager, the Campground Safety Patrol will be responsible for performing regular rounds of the entire campground and ensure all rules are being followed, ensure all gates are locked and outbuildings are secured nightly, and assisting campground management and staff when required. This seasonal position will be from May - September 2025.

The individual must have a broad set of qualifications and skills, including, but not limited to:

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