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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

Royal Helium files for bankruptcy protection

SANDRA M STANWAY
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Royal Helium has filed for protection under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (BIA) to allow it time to restructure its debts and negotiate with its creditors. "The Company has been actively pursuing an out-of-

court restructuring solution which included, among other things, initiatives to raise additional capital to meet working capital needs, creditor obligations and fund engineering requirements to appropriately re-commission the Steveville Helium Facility," according to Newsfile.

"Following such review and after careful consideration of all available alternatives, and consultation with counsel, the board of directors of the Company determined that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stakeholders to file for protection under the BIA."

The BIA means the company will have a stay of proceedings and the appointment of Doane Grant Thornton as the proposal trustee. During restructuring Shayne Neigum, the company's vp of geology and the acting COO resigned to pursue other interests.

The company officially opened the world's first helium purification plant in Steveville in 2023 to a lot of pomp and circumstance that included Alberta premier Danielle Smith. The company was expecting to produce 15 million cubic feet of raw gas from wells.

They stated they had a three-year purchase commitment to major North American aerospace and launch industries at

an average price of \$538 per thousand cubic feet of helium. Since its opening the company stock has fluctuated in trade from about 46-cents to two-cents. Over the Christmas holidays the company reported that they had a theft of highly specialized, expensive pieces of equipment. Suspect(s) gained access into a building through a hole they had cut.



The Brooks New Year's baby was delivered at the Brooks Health Centre on Jan. 8, 2025. Eliana May D'Abbene-Mark was born at 5:45 p.m. weighing 9lbs 14 oz. Proud parents are Sophia Mark and Adam D'Abbene. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



Royal Helium site in Steveville, December 2023. | BULLETIN FILE PHOTO

City finally responds to utility bill levy

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The city will reimburse those who paid the additional 10 per cent that was added on to their utility bills as a result of the postal strike. "It was a very negative experience for our ratepayers," said councillor Marissa Wardrop. "Council had a really good

discussion and we recognize that nobody planned this postal strike and these are unexpected circumstances. "We want to ensure that every single taxpayer feels valued as much as we value them and it was unanimous around the table that it was important to communicate that to all." In her motion she noted that the penalties "caused hardship and inconvenience

to taxpayers." Mayor John Petrie encouraged people to look after their bills online. There were additional details provided including how many ratepayers were charged and paid the overage. Following the meeting Petrie said, "There will be a credit if people paid the late fee." The city also officially

increased its water and sewer rates by 10 per cent and its waste management rates by four per cent. The increases are to recover costs in areas that are planned infrastructure renewal including a new wastewater treatment plant. Updated rates for surface irrigation is expected to be part of next week's council meeting.

City continues to fundraise for local dog park

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The city is continuing to fundraise to add amenities to the city's dog park. As of last week there is \$862 remaining, according to Lisa Tiffin, the city's director of planning and community development. The city is looking for about \$50,000 to add items from their wish list including benches and their installation, a concrete pad under the shelter, agility equipment as well as improving the park's path. To date the city has received about \$47,000 including in-kind donations. Donations can be made by contacting city hall.

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Funds may be used for facility improvements, to purchase equipment, subsidize programs, or operate facilities.

Applications must be received by 4:30 PM on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025.

Full details including estimated costs for the proposed initiative and a copy of the organization's most recent financial statement must be included. **The application form can be downloaded from the County's website by clicking on the forms link under the Public Documents tab within the County's home page.**

OR SCAN THE **CODE**

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We are Hiring!



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- 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.

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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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SNOW REMOVAL BYLAW REMINDER



BYLAW 2046-23
TRAFFIC SECTION 18



Things to remember when it snows:

- Do not move snow or other materials from your yard, sidewalk, or driveway onto the road or into the ditches.
- Using equipment to clear snow on County roads is not permitted.
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Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - Happy birthdays, go out to Barb Dunning on February 1, Cheryl Andrews February 4 and Tiffany Schwarz on February 5. Hope you all have great birthdays.

Alex Palko and friend Damien were guests at Brad and Carrie Palko's last weekend. The boys figured they'd come out and do some fishing. I'm not sure who the winner is but I

think Alex was the only one that caught. Any ways, it was a great visit with them.

Papa Calvert and Brad Palko have been doing a little bit of fishing sometimes catching and sometimes not. I'm not sure who's the biggest fish storyteller but we'll just leave it there.

Mom and dad Calvert haven't been doing much but running for doctors

appointments into Brooks. Mom says it's about time to stop lol don't we all wish.

We had our crazy card ladies here on Thursday and of course scorekeeper Vickie wins and Mom. We had a great day.

Did you know that the South Slope 4-H Club is the only club in the District still using trophies for awards? Our members are proud of their trophies, but

trophies are becoming very expensive! So, if you have any dusty 4-H trophies that no one wants, stashed in a closet or basement, we'd love to take them off your hands! Call Holly (403) 363-4701 or Cindy (403) 501-4223.

Brad and Vickie were down in Arizona visiting with her sister and brother-in-law, as well as cousins. They also made a trip down to Yuma to visit Fay. The sunny, warm weather was a nice break from winter.

We had a nice surprise visit from Dragon. Blair Cyr stopped at mom's had a visit and then on to here. Funny thing is that they brought a box of frozen buns from Costco that Mom wanted well go figure mom didn't want the whole box so she sticks me with half a box And I don't need them. Love you, mama. Any ways, we had a great visit with Greg and Blair.

Brad and Carrie Palko joined us for supper and football and hockey blah. So Carrie and I played crib didn't work out so well, she beat me. As was earlier in the day Greg and Blair here Dan and Greg beat Blair and I 4 out of 4. Not sure I think these cards are jinxed as Mom skunked me yesterday so I'm throwing the cards out.

Please get a hold of me with any news or anything to share at 403-363-7496

Have a great week to all, and hopefully our weather will keep getting warmer.



Peavey Mart Brooks is on the chopping block as is all of the company's Canadian stores. Last week the Red Deer-based company announced the closure of 22 stores in Ontario and Nova Scotia as it addresses current challenges, strengthens its operations and positions itself for future sustainability. Retail Inside reported that the company is now closing all of its stores with liquidation sales to continue until everything is sold. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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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 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 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.

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

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

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

Next Council Committee Meeting

- Tuesday, February 11 at 4:30 PM
- Brooks City Hall - Hayes Room (201 1 Ave W)
- Open to the public
- Find the agenda at brooks.ca/agendacentre

Late Fees Waived for Specific Utility Accounts

The City of Brooks is waiving late fees for certain utility accounts due to delays caused by the Canada Post strike. This decision was made to address concerns from residents who did not receive their utility bills on time. Below is what residents need to know:

Which Bills Are Impacted?

Only utility bills that begin with 002, issued on November 15, 2024, and received penalties on December 17/18, 2024, will have their late fees waived.

How Will This Be Processed?

City staff will manually reverse the charges associated with these penalties. This process is expected to take 1-2 billing cycles to complete for all affected accounts.

How Will Adjustments Be Made?

A credit will be applied directly to eligible accounts. Please note that no refunds will be issued.

We appreciate residents' patience as these adjustments are applied. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Brooks at 403-362-3333.

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.

If you're interested, please contact:
 Cathy Slaney, Financial Planning Supervisor
 Email: cslaney@brooks.ca
 Phone: 403-362-3333

Bassano derailment due to track deterioration

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The Transportation Safety Board of Canada has determined that the cause of the July 2022 derailment in Bassano was deterioration of the track.

"The track buckled under the passage of CP train 301-222 leading to the derailment of 41 cars (of 203 cars) at Mile 97.4 of the Brooks Subdivision near Bassano, Alberta," Transportation Canada reported in its investigation that was released last week.

The investigation found that the track showed signs of degradation that was consistent with many years

of service and high volumes of loaded unit traffic in the vicinity of the derailment.

Video from the 44 mph (71 km) train did not show any indication of a defect in the track when the locomotive passed over Mile 97.4, however, when the mid-train locomotives passed over the same location, "There was noticeable side-to-side sway in the recorded video indicating that a misalignment developed progressively under the train."

That misalignment continued to develop with each passing car "until it was too large for the 116th car to negotiate."

Inspectors found that the deteriorated track conditions included contaminated and worn ballast, lifted spikes, rail creep marks, missing or loose anchoring and skewed, worn and plate-cut ties.

"Signs of deterioration had also been evident in track inspection records for more than a year," states the report. It noted that there had been frequent urgent narrow-gauge conditions which may be indicative of insufficient track securement and elevated compressive forces."

Maintenance had been done on the track the month prior to the incident and CP

was attempting to address track surface conditions.

Urgent alignment defects had been repaired a few days before the derailment.

"The track structure in the vicinity of the derailment was in a deteriorated condition that reduced

lateral stability and made the track more susceptible to buckling."

The temperature rose from 14.9C on July 6 to 31.6C on July 12 was also a factor in the derailment because it subjected the rail line to stress.

"The occurrence train was traversing the area at a time when daytime temperature and consequently the thermal compressive stress (created a condition that made the track vulnerable to a track buckle) from the ambient temperature was at its highest," states the report.

Following the incident a number of occurrences took place by CP which included track renewal, a vehicle was used to evaluate the condition of the track, changes to training for supervisors of track inspections and changes to speed and track temperature.



The north side of the main track looking west shows the second derailed car on its side. Further in the distance is the first derailed car which remained upright. | CANADIAN PACIFIC PHOTO



Rail cars lay on their side following the July 13, 2022 derailment in Bassano. | FILE PHOTO

Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek
JODI NIZNIK

CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Missed a couple weeks of news submission despite writing it, here's a few weeks combined!

It is Bonspiel season and a time where those in the curling world will travel to the tiniest towns for a week to get in some good games of curling!

Jayne Harbinson and team curled in the Bassano Men's and secured first in the A event. Murry Giles was back down to the Wrentham Bonspiel last week to defend their champion title.

Unfortunately games did not go their way and they were out on Saturday.

Crystal Mulvey was curling in the Pollockville Ladies Bonspiel with Addisyn Helmle, Leanne Connors and Patti Bamson and they won the first event and defended their title from last Bonspiel!

We travelled to Cardston two weekends ago for a wrestling tournament for Eva. She managed to come away with a silver medal in her novice division, and we might be learning a few more of the rules along the way. Can be a very fast sport or a gruellingly long 6 minutes!

On the way to Cardston we were fortunate to catch a hockey game played by Josie Giles and her Lethbridge team the Southern Express, where they came back to win 3-2 against Okotoks. A great game start to finish.

This weekend Eva and I were in Swift Current for wrestling where she won 2 and lost 2 finishing with a bronze. Still some learning along the way but definitely exciting. We were also super lucky to get to visit Chad, Kourtney, and Palmer Harbinson as well as my sister Vickie and her whole family. They all made great mat-side cheerleaders for Eva, coming to watch too.

Brad, Kristen, and Brett Niznik and Kierra Haakanson were in Canmore for the weekend skiing. While there is shockingly little snow in the mountains the skiing was pretty decent. They caught up with Geordie and Rachel Heal and family while there as well.

Ugh school students finished up final exams last week and semester 2 starts Tuesday. 2025 Graduation ceremonies for the Brooks Composite High School will be held Saturday June 21st, mark your calendars.

Another calendar notable is the Rolling Hills Ag Societies Annual Valentine's Day Ball. Get your only sold in advance tickets for Saturday February 15th prime rib dinner and dance the night away with the Chevelles. Formal wear is encouraged and tickets are available at Cordon Electric in Brooks

or online at rollinghills.ca (under the general store). No txts sold at the door.

"It costs \$0.00 one a decent human being." Have a great week.

For news and information to share please contact Jodi @403-501-1583. For hall rentals and inquiries contact Heather @ 403-793-3890.

LOST TICKETS BASSANO ELKS

On behalf of the Alberta Elks Foundation Raffle License #698092 we want to advise the public that Raffle Book #1239, tickets #14857-14860 have been lost in the Bassano/Brooks area. These tickets were sold but the purchaser removed both parts of the ticket and therefore we have no knowledge of who the purchaser is. Consequently, the tickets will not be included in the Early Bird Draw on March 13, 2025 nor in the Final Draws on June 26, 2025, and they will not be eligible for prizes.

If the owner of these tickets comes forward, please contact Margo at 403-556-5201.

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CORRECTION

In our front page story last week Wise.com was misidentified. It should have read that the company is an international money account not a cryptocurrency platform. As well the website where information was quoted from should have read Kaspersky.com.

Brooks & District

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Brooks Bandits drop to third

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The Brooks Bandits have dropped to third place overall in the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) with a loss on Friday to the first place Pentiction Vees and a win on Saturday against the Spruce Grove Saints.

On Friday there was no scoring in the first two periods but the Vees jumped to a 2-0 lead with a power play goal at 1:56 and their second goal at 4:32 of the

third period.

Bandits Parker Lalonde scored his 21st goal of the season and the team's lone goal at 16:18.

On Saturday the Bandits travelled to Spruce Grove where they defeated the 17th place Saints, 5-2.

The Saints were first on the board at 6:34 of the opening period but Bandits Liam Fitzpatrick responded quickly at 7:43 to tie the game. That was followed by Jace Letourneau to closed the period.

Nathan Free had an

unassisted goal in the second period followed by power play goals by AJ Lacroix and Keith McInnis.

As of Monday, Pentiction was first with 18-28-6-2-0 and 58 points, Trail Smoke Eaters were second with a record of 19-25-8-2-1 and 53 points while the Bandits are 20-25-7-0-2 for 52 points.

The Bandits final game of the month is in Salmon Arm on Friday and they will one again face Pentiction on Saturday.



A Bandits puck scrapes the Pentiction Vees goal line for no goal in the second period during Friday's game. The Vees defeated Brooks 2-1. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Bassano Banner

BASSANO/GEM/ROSEMARY

TOM McPHAIL



BASSANO - The 2025 Gem Open Bonspiel wrapped up on Saturday, January 25, without the devastating chinooks that used to plague the curling season in February so many years ago. Congratulations to the Gem folks for keeping the tradition alive. Gone are the freezing cold nights trying to keep warm in the old barn. There was always coffee and hot chocolate and pie available.

Thank you, Cody Thompson, for getting the results available for publishing. I am sure glad you took handwriting classes in school!!!

A Event - Trevor Kingcott Rink with Abby Kingcott, Andy Andrus, Clint Christianson and skipped by Trevor Kingcott.

B Event - Ashley Kirkpatrick Rink with Erin Warrack, Brendan Fraser, Ashley Kirkpatrick and skipped by Wes Kirkpatrick.

C Event - Derek Kroschel Rink with Lee Deschamps, Dylan Kime, Scott McInnis and skipped by Derek Kroschel.

D Event - Sheila Evans Rink with Neil Douglass, Pam Douglass, Russel Douglass and skipped by Sheila Evans.

What a week it must have been!!!

I think I covered the Playfair Lodge news last week. Maybe someone can update what I might have missed.

A special tribute to the memory of a great local neighbour and farmer, Stan Lassiter. He and Ruth raised six children, some of whom continue the farming operations. I look forward to frequent chats with Ruth.

Plenty of birthdays to wrap up January. Here are a few I missed last week: Olivia Beddows, Sadie

Biette, Jackie McCoomb, Coulson Gibeau, Mark Havens, Natasha Branson/Kunka, Martina Wallace, Jason Huckerby, William Chartrand, Kyle Christman, Liam Branson and probably a few I will catch next year. Enjoy your special day!

I am sure the folks in Rosemary have some news to share with the Bassano Banner. We all look forward to what is happening there and also in Bassano.

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Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - We are enjoying some sunshine and a little break from the cold this week, but we know that it will be short-lived.

Please call Tony at 501-8240 to register for the Duchess Open Bonspiel Feb 3-8th. Following that, is the Duchess Stirling Bonspiel running March 17-22nd.

Congratulations to the U-11 Duchess Storm for their gold medal finish in Fernie, B.C. It's nice to come up with a tournament win when you travel a little further down the highway.

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.

Have a great week and please call me at 403 793

1630 with any news items for the Dispatch.

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COMMENT

Jagmeet Singh and NDP out of touch on Donald Trump deportees

Want 25% tariffs imposed on everything entering the States from Canada as soon as possible? Well then, Mr. Singh, please continue trying to make Canada's border even more of an immigration concern for the Americans.

LORNE GUNTER
EDMONTON JOURNAL

New Democrat Leader Jagmeet Singh wants Canada to renege on a treaty it has with the United States that says people illegally in one of the two countries cannot apply for refugee status in the other.

For nearly six years, from 2017 to 2023, the Liberal government itself ignored the 2004 Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA). Tens of thousands of so-called "irregular" border crossers from the United States were welcomed to Canada, the vast majority of them through the infamous Roxham Road crossing between Upstate New York and Quebec.

Now Jagmeet Singh wants to open the floodgates again, this time to welcome illegal aliens in the U.S. who are trying to avoid deportation as part of the immigration crackdown ordered by newly installed President Donald Trump.

As of Friday, American immigration officials had deported or detained over 1,500 people who were in the U.S. illegally. The vast majority of those rounded up had criminal records. And the vast majority of those had histories of violent crime.

Yet Singh wants Canada to abrogate the STCA and make itself a haven for more illegal immigrants.

When Singh said this week that it was "sad" and "scary" what was going on in the States, I'm confident he wasn't making a case specifically to turn Canada into a refuge for murderers, rapists, bank robbers and wifebeaters.

However, our border protections are already so weak that they are at the core of Trump's tariff threats against Canadian industries. If we were to follow Singh's recommendation and open our borders to American deportees, there can be little doubt that criminals would embed themselves among the other deportees.

"I think it's really sad for the folks in the States right now," Singh lamented. "It's really scary for a lot of folks. I just want to acknowledge how scary that must be for people who ... now feel really alone, who feel really afraid."

"I think what Canada has always done is shown as a

country that we are there for people when they are in a time of need. It's something that has been a point of pride for Canada."

Yep, sappy sentimentality, that's the emotion we want driving our immigration policy. Not only do we have a problem of our own with millions too many immigrants, but the future prosperity of our economy is dependent on how we handle our borders with the Americans.

Want 25% tariffs imposed on everything entering the States from Canada as soon as possible? Want the economic repercussions that would go along with the Americans imposing such punitive measures? Well then, Mr. Singh, please continue trying to make Canada's border even more of an immigration concern for the Americans.

Another consideration is that we already have a problem of our own with super-high immigration.

The Americans estimate they have 11 million illegal immigrants on their shores. Canada has nearly five million foreign students, visitors, tourists and temporary workers whose visas will expire this year, and no way for our government to force those with expired visas to leave.

And remember, we have a population only one-ninth the size of theirs.

If you want to know why the NDP has failed to make headway politically, even as the Liberals have stumbled, here's a prime example of how completely out-of-touch they have become with where ordinary Canadians are mentally.

It's true the Liberals have scaled back immigration somewhat, but nowhere near enough. From July through September, the Trudeau government admitted "only" 177,000 people, which, according to Statistics Canada was "the slowest quarterly growth since the first quarter of 2022."

That still means nearly three-quarters of a million immigrants will enter Canada this year. We have capacity in our housing market, our labour force and health care system for about 300,000.

Now on top of that number, Singh wants to add tens of thousands more illegals from the States.

TIME CAPSULE



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The Slide Back Towards War: Kagame & Trump

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



We seem to be drifting back into the world of 'Might Makes Right'. That would be a bad place to be.

Last June the president of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, said that he was ready to go to war with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRCongo) if necessary. He still hasn't formally declared war, but 3,000-4,000 Rwandan troops are already across the DRCongo border and many more are just behind them.

When Donald Trump first broached the notion of acquiring Greenland in 2019, he called it "essentially a large real estate deal." Now he says that he won't rule out using military force to gain control of the vast territory, which is part of Denmark but free to leave if its people (mostly indigenous Inuit) wish to.

I know, you're saying to yourself that this is a ridiculous comparison. The two potential victims are completely different: the DRCongo is a poor tropical country with more than 100 million people, while Greenland is a prosperous Arctic country with only 52,000 citizens and Denmark is a member of NATO and the European Union.

There's an equally huge disparity between the two potential aggressors. Rwanda is a heavily armed and militaristic country of 14 million people, sort of a big Sparta, while the United States is...well, it's a heavily armed and rather militaristic country of 341 million people. So kind of a gigantic Sparta, but with a

more relaxed moral tone.

Nevertheless, it is fair to judge them by the same rules, for they are all sovereign states and have all signed the UN Charter. Article Two states clearly: "All Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered."

That means they have promised not to settle their disputes by war - and the African pair, Rwanda and the DRC, also signed the Charter of the African Union, which requires the member states to respect the borders "existing on achievement of independence."

In other words, they agreed never to change or challenge the old colonial borders, however irrational they may seem in ethnic or historical terms. Otherwise African countries would face generations of interstate wars as various countries tried to achieve more 'convenient' borders.

And amazingly, it worked, more or less. These rules have for the most part been obeyed for more than two generations. There have been many internal wars but few cross-border wars, and even those rarely result in border changes. Moreover, in the few cases where borders are changed by force, other countries do not recognise the changes as legitimate.

This remarkable turn towards peace and justice, which has seen deaths in the world's wars fall from a million a month in 1942-1945 to tens of thousands a year by 2020, was driven mostly by the fear of nuclear war.

The great powers did not dare fight each other directly because they would be de-stroyed by nuclear weapons. They also tried to damp down other, lesser wars because they worried about escalation, and most other countries were glad to have

an excuse to stop. The period between 1950 and 2020 was probably the most peaceful in the history of civilization.

The new rules made sense in the circumstances, so people behaved accordingly. Indeed, after the Cold War I could go into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow and get approximately the same lecture about the need to obey the rules that I would receive in the State Department in Washington.

The worry is that the generations turn over and gradually the old lessons are forgot-ten. Vladimir Putin probably knew the rules once, but he doesn't think they matter any more. Donald Trump has probably never heard of them. They both think you can just grab some territory and get away with it, like you could in the 1600s or the 1800s.

They are wrong. Actions have consequences, and in the current era everything connects. Putin thought he could conquer Ukraine in a week, and next month will mark three years of war. Trump really could seize Greenland in a week, but the blowback from every-where else would be hugely damaging and long-lasting.

As for Paul Kagame, he really should know better. This is the third time in the past thirty years that he has sent his troops (or Tutsi militants like the current M23 militia) into DRCongo to seize the north-east region's rich mineral resources. Twice the African Union has come up with enough forces to push him out, and it might yet manage it again.

So it's not over yet. The erosion of the post-1945 international rules is real and alarming, but so far enough people still remember why we made them in the first place.

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LETTERS

Trump's Plan to Annex Canada - What No One is Talking About

Editor, The Bulletin;
There is a key factor regarding Trump's plan to annex Canada / Mexico that no one is mentioning and may be the very point of it all.

Back in 1994 the North American Free Trade Agreement - Nafta came into force, and there was serious talk about amalgamating the 3 countries into one economic region, similar to the European Union we see today. The idea of a new North American currency was floated as well.

During Trump's first term a replacement for Nafta emerged with the USMCA - United States, Mexico, Canada Agreement and became a reality July 1, 2020.

The idea of a North

American Union is decades old and is not something Trump simply made up. This European style union is most likely the underlying agenda at play here and is what the Premiers and MPs need to factor in as they embark on a trade war with a 900 pound gorilla.

When asked if he would use "military force to annex, or acquire" Canada, Trump said no "economic force". Some think he is just trolling, or bluffing, to create a better bargaining position. Maybe so, but one thing we must understand is that there is a desire to amalgamate our three countries into one entity, even if only financially.

The use of economic force should concern us all as it may not just be tariffs used

to accomplish this goal, We might see the value of our dollar affected as well, among other things. This threat of "economic force" is better than "military force" but still a serious issue.

Our political class must see this underlying desire for a North American Union, hard to imagine they don't, and need to explain to Canadians what could be afoot in order for our nation to develop a proper counter measure. Thing is, I doubt Canadians will be informed on this decades old plan underpinning annexing Canada and we will only be left to digest the political theatre created around it.

RON VAILLANT,
Rocky View County

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



Newell Christian Community
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**Nathan Ramer
Duchess Mennonite Church**

Culturally, we esteem the self-made man, lone wolf, maverick, etc. These words are all about individualism, and the lie that I would be better off on my own. If we go back to the Garden of Eden, we see it is not good for man to be alone (Genesis 2:18). Shortly after this, part of the fall is breaking relationships. But God calls us to relationships, to togetherness. Christmas is about Immanuel, God with Us. Regenerate hearts long for togetherness as part of the curse being unbroken in us.

Together

Togetherness is an extension of who God is, three in one, eternally existing in relationship. Together is the primary context for discipleship. Being together is a picture of heaven.

God calls Abraham as an individual, but the first promise He makes to him is that he will have a descendant, and become a nation. They will be a nation of priests representing God, not one individual alone. We read in Hebrews 10:24-25 the encouragement not to give up on meeting together. In 1 Corinthians 13:9 we read that "we know in part, and we prophesy in part." We need each other for a full perspective. In chapter 12, we read that we are His body. Christ is the head, and we are different parts of the

body. Each one has a job, each one matters, and we only fully function together.

And this can be hard. May we see the value of together and say yes to living in community, not because we will never get hurt, but because it is not good for us to be alone.

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Del Graff, Chief Electoral Officer, Otipemisiwak Métis Government

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FARM and RANCH

Meat industry establishes China Access Mission... perils to challenge include politics, tariffs, retaliation



Ag Writer

WILL VERBOVEN

A coalition of meat industry groups recently announced that they would be opening a Canadian Meat Advocacy office in Beijing, China. The groups include the Canadian Cattle Association, Canadian Pork Council, and Canadian Meat Council. Agriculture Canada is providing a project development grant of \$223,000. The intent of the new advocacy office, according to their media pronouncement, is - to include advancing the interests of Canadian red meat in China, establishing and enhancing the presence of Canadian meat in the Chinese market, addressing market access issues, mitigating potential trade disruption, and building trust with Chinese officials,

industry leaders.

It goes on to extrapolate - that this initiative, is a first of its kind, aims to strengthen connections with the Chinese red meat sector, government agencies, and consumers alike, fostering an enduring relationship between the two countries. That would be a great leap forward if it could decrease the Chinese government's arbitrary trade restrictions like what occurred with the Chinese Princess incarceration case. That retaliatory incident cost Canadian ag exports billions in lost sales to China.

The pronouncement states the new advocacy office is the first of its kind. That might cause one to presume that no other Canadian government, industry agency, trade office, or embassy has done any of the proposed advocacy activities. Perhaps some or all of those aforementioned entities did carry out some of

the advocacy activities that the new office will carry out, but not to the satisfaction of Canadian meat producers and industry groups. One presumes research was done by the proponents of the new advocacy office that justified its need and establishment. That causes some further wondering as to what all the existing Canadian and provincial trade offices are doing in China.

A cursory review of government websites shows that the Canadian government, through various entities, operates 10 trade advocacy offices throughout China. I suspect the folks at those trade offices are already doing some of the activities proposed for the new meat advocacy office. Depending on the year, meat exports to China represent about 25% of the total exports of \$22 billion. It would be fair to presume that Canadian trade officers in China are devoting at least 25% of their

time to advocating for more Canadian meat exports. Presumably, there are also political and intergovernmental officers in the Canadian embassy in Beijing who deal with the more sensitive government-to-government meat trade issues.

Besides Canadian trade officers, there is a Canadian Agriculture and Food Trade Commission Service that maintains 18 trade officers in 15 global markets, with China being one of those markets. Presumably, those folks are also fervently looking after some meat advocacy in China, at least for part of their time. I note that the renowned Canada Beef Inc. has had an office in China for some time. However, I am told they are not in the advocacy business but more in actual beef merchandising and promotion for Canadian exporters and Chinese buyers. There is also an Alberta-specific

trade officer in Beijing paid for by the Alberta government whose role, I expect, is to promote/advocate for Alberta-specific exports like meat. Other provinces also have such province-specific trade officers in Beijing. One might expect that all those Canadian/Provincial/Industry trade and advocacy officers in China must be bumping into each other trying to drum markets for the same Canadian meat exports. It should be no surprise if one of those trade officers becomes the new CEO of the new-fangled Canadian Meat Advocacy Office. But I digress.

To be fair, we should give the benefit of the doubt to the new meat advocacy office. Surely, it is intended to fill some gap in meat advocacy that a platoon of existing China trade officers cannot do for the Canadian meat industry in China - time will tell. Interestingly, the Canadian government

has a report entitled "Evaluation of Canadian Trade Offices in China." It notes the hard work of the offices and their contribution to trade but states it's difficult to quantify their success due to the myriad difficulties of operating in China. Not unexpectedly from an entrenched federal bureaucracy, they could not admit any real mistakes but instead recommended that besides administrative efficiencies, more money and support be directed towards the offices in China.

Finally, with all these trade/advocacy/promotion officers in China, one suspects that redundancy does happen. Perhaps they could all get together and carve out specific responsibilities, or is that too much common sense?

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well, we have had a great week weather wise, as far as I'm concerned I'd love it to stay this way for the rest of the winter, barring the ice patches and of course it won't as it's only January. Wow, here we are going into February already. Hey! And the days are getting longer.

Erwin Unger and Inge Ellefson flew to Penticton, BC a week ago Monday and while there, they went to visit with Erwin's father, Peter Unger in Oliver. They flew home on Friday.

Thomas and Barbara Mahrer went to Lethbridge last Friday and stayed at their daughter's place and then babysat their grandson on Saturday during the day. Then they went dancing in the evening at the Lethbridge Canadian Italian Club and had a fun time. They returned home on Sunday.

It was nice to see a very large turnout for Burton Johnson's funeral held last Friday morning at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Many neighbours and friends gathered after at the reception and visited with many folks they hadn't seen in many years.

It was nice to see Rena Urban of Red Deer and her daughter Kathy Kuhn of Sylvan Lake here for the funeral as they had been neighbours many years ago. It was great to visit with them.

On the weekend of

the 18th, Linda Slomp had a nice family gathering for her birthday with her daughters; Sandra and boys of Lethbridge, and Carolyn and Levi Wadsworth and family of Brooks and David and Melissa and family. I wonder how some people are so lucky to celebrate a birthday so many times? Any way I'm sure it was a good time for all.

On Sunday I visited some shut-ins in the hospital, where I visited Eddie Rath and he was telling me about the lady from Bassano that had stopped to help him, as she'd seen him fall on the ice in town, when he broke his hip. He'd like to tell her "thank you" for stopping and was sorry he didn't ask her name, as he was really shook up. He had insisted on driving over to the hospital himself and she had followed him there to make sure he made it. I told him I'd put in my column and hoped she'd see it, and so she'd know he appreciated her stopping and that he's still in the hospital and will be there for some time yet.

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special thank you, to all who leave their donations for us, we really do appreciate them.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Caitlin (Gillen) Ayala of Drumheller and to Saige Noronha of Drumheller, who'll be four years old, both on Feb. 2nd; to Barbara Mahrer and to Tyler Swenson, both on Feb 3rd; to Carolyn Wadsworth and to her daughter Emily Wadsworth of Brooks, and to Stacie Waschenfelder, all on Feb. 4th; to Jane Zuback of Brooks and to Agnes Slomp of Orchard Manor, both on Feb. 5th. We wish each of you a great day and a Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday this week. We wish everyone all the best for the years ahead.

Special happy birthday greetings go to Shoko Motokado of Brooks on Jan.31st and to Carolyn Busse of Brooks on Feb.2nd. I wish you both all the best for the years ahead.

The Lighter side Albert had just read a book on ice fishing and was eager to try it. He carefully followed the book's instructions and had just finished cutting a hole in the ice, when a voice out of nowhere boomed. "There are no fish here!"

"God, is that you?" asked Albert, his voice trembling. "No! It's the rink manager!"

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Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Dale Rosen on Feb 2, Cheryl Andrews on Feb 4, Sheila Stemberg-er on Feb 5.

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. The Alcoma/Rolling Hills JH Girls Basketball team earned second place in the CTK girls tournament over the weekend. Final game was 24-27. A big thank you to ICI for sponsoring the new school sport jerseys. They look awesome!

Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public during school hours and Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 8pm.

Rainier Community- 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 their 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.

The Brooks and District

Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society recently decided to up-date the history of education within the boundaries of the Eastern Irrigation District. The history of Alcoma School was included in the local community history book. "The History of Rainier and Bow City" (1975). They are seeking a submission from a current or past staff member, parent or a community member to update the history to present. If you are interested in this exciting initiative please email me. I will be happy to pass on further details.

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

Rolling Hills AG. Society invites you Feb 15th for a Prime Rib Supper. Tickets 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 con-tact Michele @ 403-793-4130

Pancake supper at the Rolling Hills hall Feb 26 from 5:30pm -7pm to help raise funds for the Rolling Hills arena. If you need anymore information call or text 403 363 7425

Did you know that the South Slope 4-H Beef Club is the only 4-H club in the District still using trophies for awards? Our members are proud of their trophies, but trophies are becoming very expensive! So, if you have any dusty 4-H trophies that no one wants, hidden away in a closet or basement somewhere, we'd love to take them off your hands! Call Holly at (403) 363-4701 or Cindy at (403) 501-4223. 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.

Please contact Colleen by Sunday @ colleenvandenhoeck@gmail.com

Notice of Application Confined Feeding Operation

Marc and Cornelia Hermus have filed Application LA25003 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain a registration to construct a new confined feeding operation (CFO) on the NE 10-18-14 W4M in the County of Newell, Alberta. The application is to construct a barn (41.1 m x 18.3 m) and a manure storage pad (12.2 m x 12.2 m) for 300 milking goats (plus dry and replacements).

Filing a Response
Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a written response to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before **4:30 pm on February 27, 2025**. Submissions should be made to the NRCB address provided below. All attachments sent electronically must be in a pdf format. A copy of the responses will be sent to the applicant for comment. Responses regarding the application may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

Your written response must include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, and email. You must also explain how you are directly affected. For further information please refer to the fact sheet "The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta" at www.nrcb.ca.


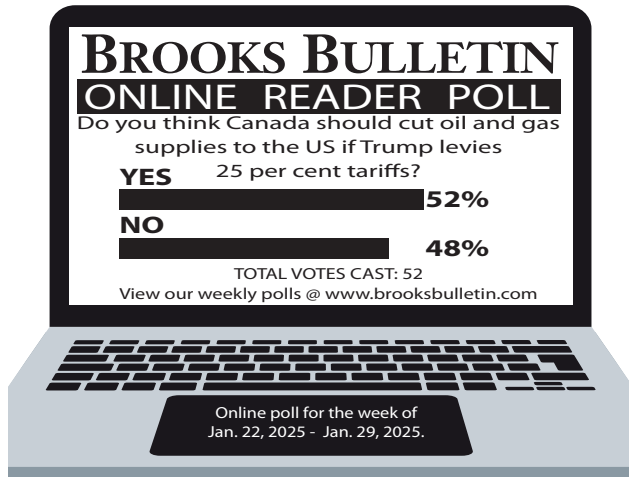
Failure to submit a written response affects your right to apply for an NRCB Board review.

Viewing the Application
A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* may be viewed on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Approval and Registration Applications). The application will also be available for in-person viewing at the Lethbridge office by appointment. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

Carina Weisbach, Approval Officer
100, 5401 1st Ave S
Lethbridge AB T1J 4V6
carina.weisbach@nrcb.ca
T 403-892-0408

The closing date for submissions:
4:30 pm on February 27, 2025

Dated at Lethbridge AB on January 29, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BASSANO
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 942/24

To be held at 6:30 p.m., February 10, 2025
Town of Bassano Council Chambers

Pursuant to sections 216.4, 606, 606.1 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, and Town of Bassano Bylaw 921/21, the Council of the Town of Bassano, in the Province of Alberta, hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw No. 942/24 being a series of amendments to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw No. 921/21.

AND WHEREAS the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 942/24 is to undertake a series of amendments as summarized:

- add the use "Shipping Container, permanent" as a discretionary use (Development Officer) within the Large Lot Residential – R3 Land Use District, Section 2: Uses.
- delete the use "Modular home" as a discretionary use (Development Officer) and add the use as a permitted use within the Large Lot Residential – R3 Land Use District, Section 2: Uses.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw No. 942/ 24 will be held in the Town of Bassano Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on February 10, 2025

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed Bylaw should provide written comments to the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 12:00 p.m (noon), February 10, 2025. Council may hear from persons who did not indicate in writing to the Municipal Administrator their intention to make a submission.

Copies of the bylaw are available to the public for viewing during regular office hours and copies will be provided at cost.

DATED at the Town of Bassano, in the Province of Alberta, this 16 day of January 2025.

Amanda Davis
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Bassano
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Ajou signs NFL reserve contract, Peterson signs CFL contract

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Last May Ajou Ajou and Matthew Peterson were drafted by the Canadian Football League and changes have taken place in just eight months.

Last week Ajou was signed by the NFL's Indianapolis Colts and Peterson by the Hamilton TiCats.

Wide receiver Ajou was drafted 59th overall by the Saskatchewan Rough Riders.

Ajou's CFL debut was in the second week. He played a dozen games last season

earning 20 receptions for 307 yards and had two touchdowns including a 110-yard touchdown.

Last Wednesday the Rough Riders announced that they had released Ajou to allow him to pursue an NFL opportunity and on Friday the NFL Indianapolis Colts announced they had signed Ajou to a reserve/future contract.

"Thank you to my fellow neighbours from Brooks," Ajou commented on social media following message of congratulations.

"It takes a village & you all supported me through this journey! Now everyone,

YOU ARE ALL COLTS FANS NOW!"

Also last Friday the TiCats announced that they had signed four of their 2024 CFL Draft selections, including running back Matthew Peterson who had been drafted in the fourth round, 36th overall.

"Peterson, 23, (24 on Jan. 29) returned to the University of Alberta for a fifth season where he suited up in six games, registering 105 carries for 784 yards and one touchdown, while adding six receptions for 45 yards," states the release.

He suited up 38 games over his five seasons

with the Golden Bears, 2019-23, totalling 477

carries for 3,032 yards and was credited for nine touchdowns, adding 62

receptions for 583 yards and three touchdowns.

Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



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.

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.

There will be a Rolling Hills Flippin' Fundraiser pancake supper on Wednesday, February 26 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the community hall. This event is to raise funds for the Ag Society and all proceeds support the Rolling Hills Arena. Supper includes pancakes, strawberries, whipped cream, syrup, sausages, coffee and juice.

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house, it seemed obvious that someone was home, but

there was no answer to his repeated knocking. He took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" (Behold, I stand at the door and knock). The following Sunday, his card was found in the offering plate. Added to his message was "Genesis 3:10". Reaching for his bible, the pastor looked it up and began to laugh. It read, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, for I was naked."

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.

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



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Save the date for the

Scandia Community Hall Pancake Supper & Pie Auction- March 4th.

Alcoma School News-a reminder there is no school for students on Friday. Come on out to cheer on our Raiders, the Jr High Boys have a Basketball tournament at CTK Friday and Saturday. 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.

Brooks Housing Society's plan for additional units continues

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council has given their support to the Brooks Housing Society as they seek a grant to add affordable housing units in the Meadowlake area.

The society is applying to the Alberta Affordable Housing Partnership Program and CMHC Affordable Housing Fund to secure financing to move forward with construction.

The society would like to build 20-24 three-to-four bedroom units, however, final designs are still being made.

Brooks Housing manages Prairie Village's 87 low income rental units

which are made up of one, two and three bedrooms.

The affordable housing strategy that was completed for the city in 2019 found that roughly 390 households were overcrowded. That represented a 29.7 per cent increase in overcrowded households since 2011.

Last spring the society was approved for a matching grant of \$153,900 in seed money from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund. The funds are being used to undertake a project design for preliminary work on the expansion.

At that time housing chair Reg Radke said in order to be considered for

FCM funds the society had to look at options in terms of energy, efficiency and any conservation efforts.

In May 2022 the city sold the property at 531 Meadowbrook Drive East to the society for \$1 for the construction of the new units. The development was to have started within two years or the property was to have been returned to the city.

The society did receive an extension.

The first phase of the Meadow Lake Way development began in 2004 and all units were filled that fall. An additional unit was constructed and in 2019 the mortgages were paid on the buildings.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT

RME SPOTLIGHT

Dwaine Fiorita

Dwaine Fiorita hails from the Eastern Cape of South Africa and became a part of the Brooks RME team in June 2023. As a cornerstone of the Service Department, Dwaine is recognized as one of our top-performing technicians. With over 20 years of diverse experience, his career spans a range of industries, including a role at a previous New Holland dealership, the mining industry, and a forklift company responsible for supplying and maintaining over 100 forklifts for Isuzu Motors. Additionally, Dwaine served as an instructor at a technical training school for more than three years.



One of his most cherished ventures was owning and operating a coffee bean roasting business. This entrepreneurial chapter set the stage for his incredible journey, which led him halfway across the world to Brooks. Dwaine now lives in the City of Brooks with his wife, Rozelle, and their son, Luca.




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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.

In summary, I am very excited to tackle this new chapter and stay connected with the ag community. I would like to thank you for your past business with Noble Equipment and look forward to meeting with you at your convenience, in supporting you with our range of products. I realize Joe Messina has left "big" shoes to fill, but I also know I will be able to support you and your business in a different way with my past experience.

Please feel free to contact me if I can assist you in any way!

Kameron Jones
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MacCALLUM – Brenda Lee MacCallum (nee Wilson) of Brooks, beloved wife of Bob MacCallum, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family after a brief illness in the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital, on January 20th, 2025 at the age of 64 years. Brenda was born February 1st, 1960 in Moosomin, Saskatchewan to Gordon and June Wilson. After moving to Alberta, the family settled in Brooks in the 1970's. Brenda was married to her loving husband, Bob, in 1980. They raised their children, Justin and Sandy, in Brooks. Brenda loved life and especially her children and grandchildren. She was an ardent fan of the Blue Jays and Roughriders. She enjoyed travelling, coffee with friends, sewing, and working in the yard with flowers and plants. But, most of all, she loved getting together with family and cheering on her grandchildren in sports. Brenda was predeceased by her parents, Gordon and June, sister Linda, and granddaughter Jayden. She is survived by loving husband Bob, son Justin (Ellen), grandsons, James and Jack, daughter Sandy (Roy), grandsons, Grayson, Lucas, Owen, sister-in-law Donna (Brent) Sosnowski and their family, niece Margie (Dave) Pickering and family, niece Francie MacCallum, and count-less friends. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to doctor and nurses in Brooks and Medicine Hat for their kindness support and care shown to Brenda during her illness. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation directly to either the Brooks Animal Protection Society, Box 86, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B2 or Cleos's Karma Canine Rescue at cleos-karma@gmail.com or a charity of your choice. After a Private Family Memorial Service, a public gathering will be held on Friday, January 31st from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM at the Heritage Inn and Convention Centre.

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

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obituaries



BRUCE - Ray Leslie Bruce of Bassano, Beloved husband of the late Gladys Bruce, Passed away in Brooks on Friday January 17, 2025 at the age of 90 years. Ray was born in Little Ireland Ontario to Leslie and Iva Bruce on June 20, 1934. He Married Gladys (Ruttan) Bandy in L'Amable Ontario on June 28, 1957 up to Gladys passing in 2011 they were married 54 years. Ray is predeceased by Mother Iva and Father Leslie, Wife Gladys and Sisters Doreen, Ilene, Doris, Son's George and Lorne Bandy, Son in Law Earl, Everette and Clifford. Ray is Survived by son's Elmer (Tina), Barry (Suzanne), Eric, Daughter's Esther (Colin), Isabel (Gary), Doris, Dorothy, Lois and (James), Aaron and Rusty, Sister (Marilyn). Many Grandchildren, great grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews and all his friends.

At a later date there will be a family grave side service at Long Lake Cemetery in Ontario. 05p

coming events

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS
Mon & Sat
 8:00 pm Brooks United Church, 507 - 3rd Ave. W., Brooks
Tues. & Thurs.
 8:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church
Wednesday
 8:00 pm Bassano Health Centre
 608 - 5th Ave. Bassano
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coming events

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Monday
3:00 pm

obituaries



ANDERSON - Donald Leigh Anderson, 90, passed away peacefully on January 17, 2025 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Don was born on June 20, 1934, in the small community of Scandia, Alberta. His mother Blanche was a schoolteacher from New Brunswick, his father Ade a homesteader from Nebraska. Don was the fourth of six children. At a young age Don and his family moved to Brooks - possibly as a consequence of his setting the curtains on fire and burning down the farmhouse - where Ade took a job with the Alberta Wheat Pool. Don studied engineering at the University of Alberta, graduating in 1956. While working in Kitimat, BC, he met Edith, a schoolteacher from Prince Rupert, in 1957; they were married a year later. Together they have two children, Scott born in 1964, and Lis born in 1967; they have one grandchild, Madeleine, born in 2000.

In 1960 Don and Edith moved to the University of Illinois for his master's degree, then on to Stanford for his PhD. In 1967 Don returned to Canada to take up a faculty position in the Department of Civil Engineering at UBC. In the latter part of his career, he specialized in the design of earthquake-resistant structures; he joined delegations invited to tour the aftermath of major earthquakes in California, Japan and Turkey. As a professor he made full use of his sabbatical privileges, working and conducting research in the Niagara region, New Zealand, San Diego, and Japan. Don retired in 1999 but remained a regular presence in the department; he kept himself busy with conference organization and consulting work for many years afterward.

Until this past year, Don and Edith lived in their house near the university, where they remained devoted to their garden. Both before and in retirement Don and Edith travelled widely and enjoyed skiing, cycling, hiking and otherwise exploring the outdoors. A keen hockey player, Don didn't hang up the skates until he reached the ripe old age of 79.

Family and friends were and still are a huge part of Don and Edith's life together. Far too many to list, but you know who you are. The collegiality of the civil engineering department was beyond admirable; his colleagues remained his lifelong friends. Don retained a strong connection to Alberta, to both his extended family and the landscape itself; after decades enjoying the beauties of the coast, he would still sigh happily at the sight of endless prairie.

Don is survived by his wife Edith, his daughter Lis and her husband Owen, his son Scott and his wife Annette and their daughter Madeleine, and his sister Beth. He is predeceased by his brothers Dick, Bud and Lincoln, and his sister Joyce.

Don will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him. He will be remembered for his intelligence and curiosity, his wry smiles, and his generosity and willingness to support others. He was an important mentor to a generation of students. He was a great listener. Though sometimes a man of few words, when he spoke, people listened. Were you to throw a party, back in the day, Don might be the first to arrive and the last to leave. When such skills were called upon, he could knit himself a sweater, fly an airplane, bake delicious sourdough bread, keep a hive of bees, or build half the furniture in the house. Don had strong views on the correct loading of dishwashers. He was an engineer to the very end.

Our deepest thanks to the many staff at Crofton Manor for their compassion and support.

A celebration of Don's life will be held on Monday, 3 March from 1 to 4 pm at the University Golf Club.

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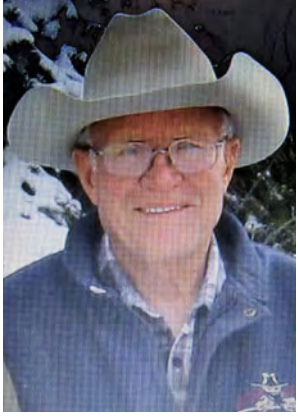
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JOHNSON - BURTON JOHNSON (1928 – 2025) Burton Johnson, aged 96, passed away peacefully at home on January 18, 2025. Born on February 16, 1928, to settlers Albert and Genevieve Johnson, he grew up on a farm in Scandia, Alberta, alongside his sister Marian and cousin Lawrence, who was like a brother to him. At the age of 14, Burton moved with his family to Brooks, Alberta, where he continued his education at SAIT Technology College and Olds College after high school. In 1947, Burton achieved a lifelong dream by earning his pilot's license and later purchasing his own plane.

A man of diverse talents and interests, Burton was a founding member of Brooks Minor Hockey and a lifetime season ticket holder of the Brooks Bandits, reflecting his deep love for community and sport. He also served on the board of the Bow Slope Shipping Association, making significant contributions to local agriculture. He was a progressive farmer, rancher, and cattleman, he worked alongside his sons Neil and Reid to bring Johnson Farmers to its fifth generation. In 1952, Burton married Ann Mahoney, with whom he raised four children. Later in life, he found lasting happiness with Wanda, spending 35 wonderful years together, supporting each other, especially in his farming and ranching endeavors. At age 86, Burton, the Cattleman, hung up his spurs after an extraordinary 12-hour horse ride moving cattle. He retired to a small farm where he and Wanda enjoyed their retirement. Predeceased by his sister Marian, cousin/brother Lawrence, stepdaughter Brandi, and granddaughter Megan, Burton is survived by his wife Wanda; two sons, Neil (Penny) and Reid (Marilyn); two daughters, Carol (Ross) and Donna (Ed); nephew Randy; Wanda's daughter Annette (Colin); and his beloved Johnson, Wells, and Dyck families. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren deeply and is also very missed by his cousins in the United States and his Scandia cousins. His nieces and nephews also held a special place in his heart. Remembered for his integrity, honesty, and passion for world events, Burton leaves behind a legacy that spans five generations. His handshake was his word. We will all miss him greatly. Rest in Peace, Our Beloved Cowboy.
 A funeral service took place on January 24, 2025 at Trinity Lutheran Church. For further information, to light a memorial candle or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomsonfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

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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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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.
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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



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.

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.

There will be a Rolling Hills Flippin' Fundraiser pancake supper on Wednesday, February 26

from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the community hall. This event is to raise funds for the Ag Society and all proceeds support the Rolling Hills Arena. Supper includes pancakes, strawberries, whipped cream, syrup, sausages, coffee and juice.

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house, it seemed obvious that someone was home, but there was no answer to his repeated knocking. He took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20"

(Behold, I stand at the door and knock). The following Sunday, his card was found in the offering plate. Added to his message was "Genesis

3:10". Reaching for his bible, the pastor looked it up and began to laugh. It read, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid,

for I was naked."

To submit news items, please email goombaw@eidnet.org or phone 377-2259.

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - Sunday, Kallie and Mark came for a visit and helped put away the Christmas tree and we returned Missy's recliner to her place. This did amazing things for our living room, it looks huge.

I've been working on

what may be the world's hardest puzzle, Kallie was able to put a few pieces in, I'm sure this one will be around for a long while.

This coming weekend John and I are going to the Cochrane Bunkhouse Bonanza to represent and

demonstrate the art of the Wheel Wright. Sounds exciting and we love to share this bit of history with everyone.

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

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cards of thanks

Thank You!

Randy Levie, beloved husband of Boni Marie Levie, and sons Brennan and Kelson Levie, would like to thank all our family and friends for all the support during Boni's illness with cancer. Special appreciation to Kathi Jacobson, Olivia Stroder and Anna Starke (Eckankar Group)! Special thankyou to Boni's twin Kim Moncur. Boni loved all. In Boni's words, "it is necessary to focus on the positive in whatever adversity we are facing; to focus on the light rather than its opposite."

We would like to send our heartfelt appreciation and thank you to all the staff at the many facilities that Boni spent time at during her courageous battle: the many doctors, nurses, other medical professionals, cleaning, and kitchen staff. She spent her life helping all people.

Examples of this are:
In 2000 she was honored with Brooks Citizen of the Year.
Initiating and heading the Brooks Women's Shelter.

Victims Assistance Program.
Minor hockey volunteering.
Minor football board.
Grasslands Minor Hockey Board and coaching soccer and initiating and

running Grasslands Minor Basketball. Professionally she helped as a teacher: She taught all grades and ESL.

Especially beloved were her 13 years teaching grade one (loving all her 'Little Ducks' in Mrs. Levies' 'Buggy Bug' class).

Guidance counsellor at BCHS. Boni loved her art. She especially loved being at the 'Red Roof Studio'.

Thank you to Rita Wildschut, the late Colin Wildschut and all the Wildschut families.

A very special and heartfelt thank you to Ron and Pam Bonora, our traveling companions.

Boni and I loved our times together. She had friends from all over the world: Saruwatari and O'Looneys - Ireland, Jackie Hussein - Sweden, and numerous friends from the USA.

There are too many other friends to mention, you know who you all are, and so do Boni and I.

In Boni's memory please donate directly to 'ART for Boni' at Red Roof Studio.

This initiative helps fund accessible art classes for children and teens in the county and community.

E transfers can be sent to: artforboni@gmail.com

Please support Boni's love of art. Boni loved and adored her 'Besty' support group from Calgary (Breast Expressive Supportive Therapy).

in memory

The Brooks Bulletin has a selection of verses and memorial tributes to remember your loved ones with.

Sample verses:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Office Manager is responsible for registering campers, ordering and picking up supply's, schedule staff, supervising staff, processing transaction's, banking. Computer experience is required. Willing to work most weekends

Grounds staff are to assist the managers, operate small equipment and maintenance of the campground, clean bathrooms. Must be willing to work weekends

Office staff are to assist the managers, registering campers, cleaning bathrooms, selling product, serving ice cream. Must be willing to work days, evenings and weekends

Security person is responsible to enforce the campground rules, deliver fire wood. Must be able to work evenings and nights

All staff have to have a drivers license

If interested please send a resume to Crawling Valley, Box 567 Bassano AB, T0J0B0. You can email your resume to crawlingvalley@gmail.com

Cut off is February 7/2025. Only those considered for a position will be notified.

CRAWLING VALLEY RECREATION SOCIETY is looking for **GARBAGE REMOVAL** for 2025 season. If interested please send a quote to crawlingvalley@gmail.com or mail it to Box 567, Bassano, AB. T0J 0B0. The cut off is February 7, 2025.

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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:

- Strong organizational skills with the ability to manage and prioritize multiple tasks.
- Self-motivated with the ability and willingness to work independently.
- Effective interpersonal communication skills.
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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
- Seasonal Aquatic Invasive Species Aides
- Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Staff
- Bassano Dam Tenders
- Mower Operators
- Labourers

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Puzzles

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to slow cooking.
Each number corresponds to slow cooking.
(Hint: 22 = E)

A. 24 26 11 9 26 20

Clue: Not quickly

B. 14 10 11 14 6

Clue: Ceramic vessel

C. 15 18 17 10 22 23 15 22 18 16 24

Clue: Parts of a recipe

D. 14 11 5 22 10 22 23

Clue: With the top on

Answers: A. slowly B. crock C. ingredients D. covered

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to slow cooking.

M S R M E I

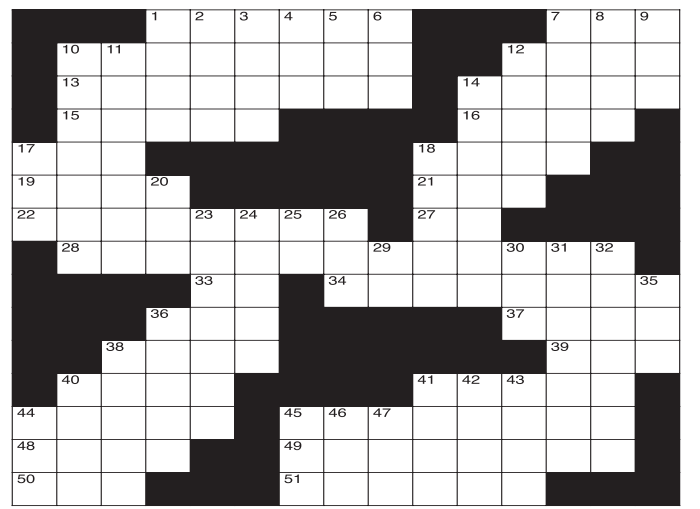
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Answer: Simmer

GUESS WHO?

I am a performer born in Indiana on January 29, 1982. I got my start doing local theater while in school. Eventually, I moved to Los Angeles to pursue a musical career. I was an "American Idol" runner-up, and released an album in 2009.

Answer: Adam Lambert



CLUES ACROSS

- Where entertainers perform
- Miller beer variety
- Ageless
- River in SE Europe
- Able to be repaired
- Type of wrap
- Atomic #54
- Type of tent
- U.S. Treasury position
- Opposed to
- Protective covering
- Bridge building degree
- Clouding of the lens
- Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
- Unacceptable
- Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- American national park
- One point south of due east
- Assist in a crime
- Greek mythological personification of Earth
- A major division of geological time
- German courtesy title
- English family dating back to Norman times
- Discounts
- South American nation
- Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
- Hostile
- Passports and drivers licenses are two
- Discourages from doing

CLUES DOWN

- Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
- Nevada city
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Bird's beak
- Language
- Midway between south and southeast
- Punjab village
- Small biting flies
- Sportscaster Patrick
- A way to get around
- Repeat
- A way to cook with fat
- Temporary loss of consciousness
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Fir tree genus
- "Transformers" director Michael
- Criminals who steal
- Genus of leaf-footed bug
- Music product
- "Talk to you"
- Santa says it three times
- Doctors' group
- African nation
- Ageless
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Worn
- Deprives of vigor
- Used to have (Scottish)
- Where you live
- Muslim ruler title
- Basics
- Type of drug (abbr.)
- Spanish soldier
- It precedes two
- Illuminated

SLOW COOKING WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

- BARBECUE
- BASTE
- BLANCH
- BRAISE
- CARAMELIZE
- COOKING
- HOURS
- LOW
- MEALS
- PATIENCE
- PREPARE
- RECIPE
- REDUCE
- ROAST
- SEAR
- SIMMER
- SLOW
- SMOKE
- STEW
- TEMPERATURE
- TENDER
- TIMING

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

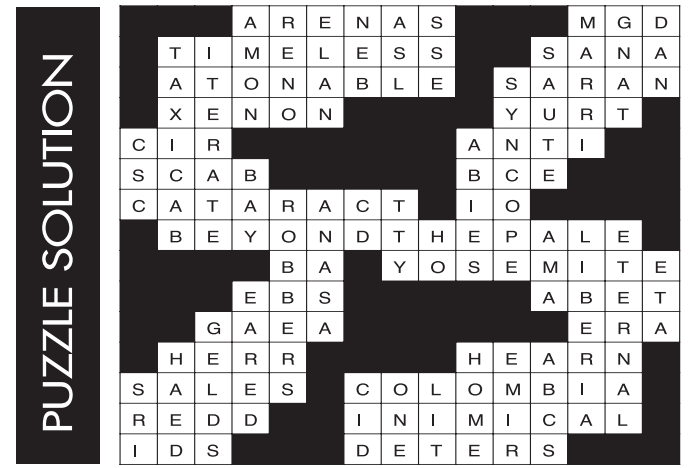
Sudoku

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

ANSWERS

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

Level: Intermediate



PUZZLE SOLUTION



best way to get good results at work. Others may be impressed by how you handle yourself under pressure.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, you might be very popular with superiors at work this week. Use this to your advantage to seek out a raise. Ask to head an important project.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
 Express yourself with great confidence this week, Aries. You feel like you are in control and well organized. This is a recipe for success regarding the things you need to accomplish.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, you have a clear mind this week to put plans in place. But you might need some inspiration to get started. Avoid procrastinating.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
 There are many tasks that lie ahead this week, Gemini. It will be essential that you stay focused. One of the areas to consider is changing personal health for the better.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
 Cancer, you may find you're an asset and sought-after among friends and coworkers. Use social situations to your advantage to network even more.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
 Clear up some space at home so you can work more easily, Leo. Too much clutter in your home or work area can be a distraction. Disorganization can make tasks harder.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
 Practice being smooth and professional in your manner, Virgo. This will be the

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
 Scorpio, you can do anything you set your mind to. Share your ideas with others and determine which concepts have merit. If nothing comes up, go back to the drawing board.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
 Others admire your ability to be a good friend, Sagittarius. This week you will showcase your compassion and humility in myriad ways. It might garner you extra attention.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
 Capricorn, happy news is coming your way this week. Share the good fortune with others in your life, either a spouse or a sibling. These people can use some sunshine as well.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, if at first you don't succeed, you may need to change your approach to things. Enlist the help of others to help turn your ideas into results.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
 Develop a better strategy for saving money, Pisces. You need some extra funds to pay for larger expenses, and clipping coupons alone might not be the answer.