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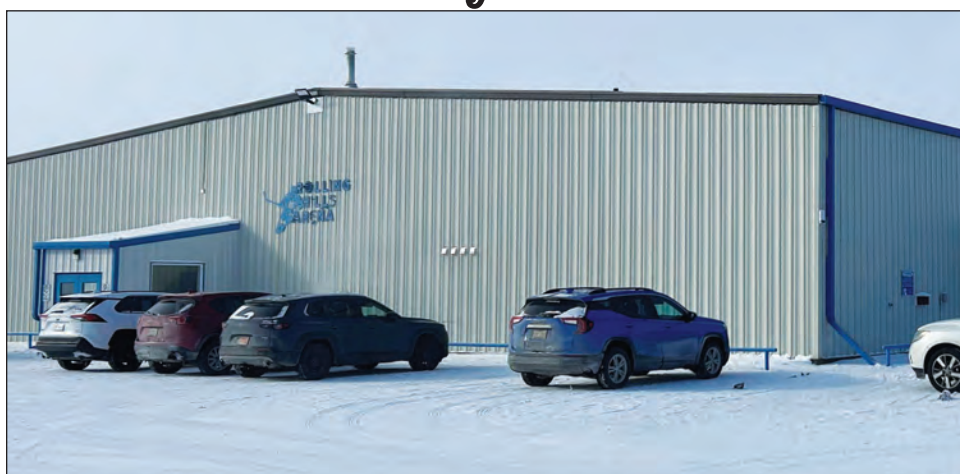
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025



Violet Cyr, 7, paints a flower on the ice during the Paint the Ice program at the JBS Canada Centre on Family Day Monday. The recreation centre hosted a number of family friendly games and programs and a glow party. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Local arenas competing in Kraft Hockeyville contest



Rolling Hills arena is one of three arenas in the county competing for Hockeyville.

| SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Rolling Hills, Tilley and Duchess have entered the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville contest but support is still required from the public by March 2nd at 11:59 p.m. (9:59 p.m. Mountain Time) in order to reach the next stage.

The annual program, which is now in its 19th year, will award the top submission with \$250,000 for their arena and an NHL pre-season game for either the competing or an alternative arena.

Through the program \$5.1 million has been provided to 101 communities to address the growing costs associated with maintaining or upgrading aging sports and recreation infrastructure.

Rolling Hills is looking to replace their chiller and condenser which are worth about the total of the grand prize.

"A lot of people probably don't really care about the NHL team because it's such a small facility," said Darcy Hensing, president of the Rolling Hills Ag. Society.

The group hopes to win the funds to replace the equipment to help keep their arena alive.

"It's the smaller communities that they say keep Brooks and all these other bigger facilities going.

"If you don't have the facilities in the smaller communities to attract the

people and keep it going, you're going to lose a lot," Hensing said.

The local arena is not only used by the residents but also rented by teams from Calgary, Fort McMurray, Edmonton and Saskatoon for between eight and 10 tournaments each winter.

And bookings have already started for the 2025-26 season.

"We bring in a lot. On the average you get six teams that are booking between 80 to 100 rooms in Brooks. "They're all out of town teams. We have no local teams from Brooks which really is disappointing."

Fundraising for the construction of the Rolling Hills arena started in 1972, ground was broken for the volunteer-built arena in 1988 and it opened to skaters in 1992.

In 1988 the hamlet received a building for the ice plant and the plant itself was purchased for \$100,000.

The plant had been a back-up at the Calgary Olympics for the opening and closing ceremonies at McMahon Stadium.

Representatives in Tilley would like to add heat and changing rooms to their arena.

Their story submission states that improving the heating would improve the rink substantially.

One person posted that the Tilley arena has a running joke that it is the coldest rink in Alberta.

The heaters cannot be

turned on unless the outside temperature is at least -15C so that the roof sweating doesn't create droplet lines on the ice.

There are no submissions for the Duchess arena.

As of Monday 361 arenas from across Canada, including about 100 from Alberta, have submitted applications.

Now comes the public input.

By March 2 add something to the Duchess, Tilley and/or Rolling Hills arena pages at the Kraft Hockeyville site. Submissions help the arena become a top four finalist.

One note per person is allowed and it is worth one point, up to 15 reactions to a photo or story submission per person per arena are allowed for one point each, adding a photo is worth three points with a total of five photos per person per arena and the story submission is worth 10 points with one approved submission per arena.

The judging will take place on March 3 and the Top Four finalists will be announced on March 15.

Arena fans can start voting on April 4 at 9 a.m. ET (7 a.m. Mountain) until 5 p.m. ET (3 p.m. Mountain) on April 5, which is the same day the winner will be announced.

The arena that receives the most votes will be deemed the winner.

Arenas finishing second, third and fourth will receive \$25,000.

City to amend CAO bylaw

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City council committee tabled their discussion to amend the CAO's bylaw due to the absence of CAO Chris Parker.

Some of the changes in the city's bylaw are in part because they are part of the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

The bylaw includes updating the definition of CAO, removing duties and/or powers of the position already part of the MGA and updating references to

the budget process with the current practice.

Instead of being directed by council to review and enter into agreements up to \$50,000, it is proposed that the CAO will be able to enter into agreements and contracts that do not require council approval, such as retaining services relating to the operations of the city.

The CAO would be able to authorize cumulative over-expenditures within the operating or capital budgets and report those changes to council during the quarterly

variance report.

The CAO would not require any elected official to be part of the hiring process when interviewing at the director's level and the CAO would determine salary, etc within the budget after it has been adopted by council.

The organizational chart will no longer be authorized by the council but when changes are made it is to be presented to council for information only.

Council committee is expected to discuss the bylaw at the next meeting.

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The **County of Newell** is seeking **three** public members to serve on the Councillor Compensation Advisory Committee. This committee reviews and recommends appropriate honorariums, per diems, and other compensation items for elected officials to ensure fairness and transparency.

Committee members must be **County residents over 18 years old** and will be selected through a random draw if more than three applications are received. Meetings are not open to the public, and recommendations will be presented to Council by September 1.

Scan the code to access application form & read Terms of Reference



to apply



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Invitation to Submit 2025 Recreation Funding Applications

The Recreation Board for the **Division 5 & 10 (Brooks & Cassils)** Recreation Service Area is now accepting funding applications from community organizations that provide recreation services or operate recreation facilities within the Division 5 & 10 recreation service area.

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.

Please forward completed applications to:

Division 5 & 10 Recreation Board
Care of: County of Newell
Box 130 (183037 RR 145)
Brooks, AB
T1R 1B2
Submit by email to administration@newellmail.ca

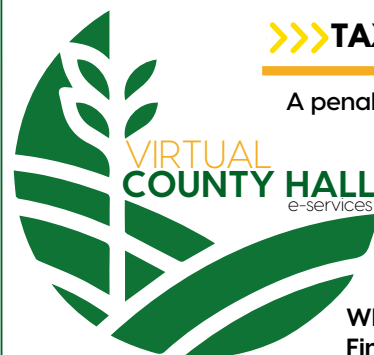
SCAN THE CODE FOR THE APPLICATION FORM



Or go to OPPORTUNITIES > GRANTS & FUNDING on the County website.

TAX PENALTY NOTICE

A penalty of 12% will be applied to ALL tax balances as of 4:30 p.m. on



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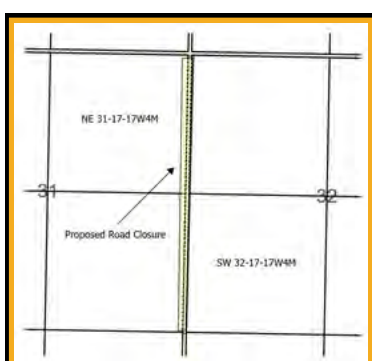
Or go to SERVICES & FEES > E-SERVICES on the County website.

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED BYLAW 2092-25 - ROAD CLOSURE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: The County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to **close the following portion of roads: Adjacent to the E 1/2 31-17-17W4M**



Take notice that a public hearing to consider the above-noted bylaw will be held on March 6, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. in the County of Newell Council Chambers. Any person(s) who claims to be affected prejudicially by the proposed bylaw must register their concerns, in writing, to the Development Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025.



PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



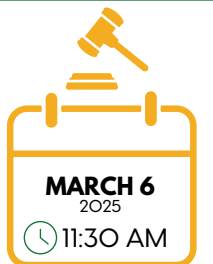
Or via the livestream.



Or go to GOVERNMENT > 2025 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE on the County website.

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED BYLAW 2090-25 - AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE BYLAW

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: BEING a bylaw of the County of Newell in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 2016-21, being the Land Use Bylaw;



THE PURPOSE of Bylaw 2090-25 is to update Land Use Bylaw 2016-21 to include policy for Airports and land surrounding Airports within the County. This bylaw also includes policy to allow the Municipal Planning Commission some flexibility surrounding legal non-conforming buildings to help create efficiencies in the development permit process.

Take notice that a public hearing to consider the above-noted bylaw will be held on March 6, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. in the County of Newell Council Chambers. Any person(s) who claims to be affected prejudicially by the proposed bylaw must register their concerns, in writing, to the Development Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025.



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

County wants to reduce insurance burden on community organizations

SANDRA M STANWAY
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County council is investigating a way to help community groups deal with increasing insurance rates.

Community organizations are experiencing significant increases in insurance, Layne Johnson, the county's director of corporate services, told council recently.

He said options were considered to make it less costly for groups such as suggesting that they consider increasing their deductible to reduce their premium.

"We're talking about encouraging them (ie ag societies) to increase their deductible and if they do that, the funding that kicks in from the county would offset their cost in the event of a claim," he said.

CAO Matt Fenske said an impact was seen on the county's insurance rate when the Duchess soccer centre burned down November 2012.

Fenske suggested that while the county is in a relatively strong financial position, it could be an opportunity for some funds to be used to cover a deductible program.

"That leverages the county's financial strength, it takes the requirement

off the community groups to sock away funds for an increased deductible and long term, I'm hoping the county actually benefits by a reduced funding need," he said.

"I think this is a potential win-win for the county and the community groups that council supports."

Johnson said the replacement cost value is driving the overall increase and premium.

"Inflation has had a significant impact on the cost of construction and that's what's impacting your

property insurance," he said.

"If any of these options has the potential of lowering our insurance rates, I'd be willing to look into it," said councillor Dan Short.

Darcy Hemsing, president of the Rolling Hills Ag Society hopes the county will be able to assist.

He said they receive about \$250,000 from the county of which about \$50,000 has to be used to insure recreation facilities in the hamlet.

Johnson will return to the council with a program for council to consider.



Saturday marked the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the maple leaf flag in Canada and many Canadian households displayed the flag to celebrate the anniversary and also as a show of patriotism in light of President Trump's tariff attacks on Canada. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

Lake Stafford path may see lights installed

SANDRA M STANWAY
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Mayor John Petrie ran on a promise to get lights at Lake Stafford and it just may happen this term.

On Monday city council committee agreed to apply for federal funds through

the Active Transportation Fund in hopes of receiving 60 per cent of the costs which are estimated at about \$250,000.

The program would involve 80 LED lights installed around the trail which is believed would increase usage all year while

acting as a way to deter vandalism and increase security.

The city's linear trail program has \$100,000 set aside for 2025.

City council was to further discuss the initiative during Monday's council meeting.



NOTICE

ONLINE RESERVATIONS FOR PRAIRIE OASIS PARK OPEN ON SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2025 AT 9:00 AM

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What's Happening

Thank You, Knights of Columbus!

A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous sponsorship of our Family Day event at the JBS Canada Centre on February 17! Your support helped make this day a success, bringing families together for a fun-filled celebration.

We appreciate your commitment to our community and for helping create memorable experiences for local families.

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

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

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.

Deadline: February 28

Find the guidelines, application form and more information by visiting Brooks.ca/310/EcoBrooks-Committee

Thinking About Running For City Council?

Our Election Blogs series is here to help! The first blog, "How to Run for City Council," covers everything you need to know, including:

- ✓ Qualifications to run
- ✓ The role of a City Councillor
- ✓ Nomination package & process
- ✓ Campaigning information
- ✓ And more!

Find it by visiting: Brooks.ca/788/2025-Election

Stay tuned for more election-related blogs as we approach the 2025 Municipal Election.

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, March 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 25 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

Join the EcoBrooks Committee!

We're looking for one Citizen-at-Large, one Youth Member, and one Grasslands Public Schools representative to join our committee and help shape environmental initiatives in Brooks!

As a member, you'll be involved in:

- EcoBrooks Water Conservation Rebate Program
- Brooks Solar II Community Benefit Grant Program
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- Initiatives: Edible Garden at Lake Stafford, Community Clean-Ups & Pollinator Week 🐝
- Workshops & exciting activities

If you're passionate about protecting and preserving the environment, this is your chance to make a difference!

Apply today! Contact Jenny Wallace at jwallace@brooks.ca for more info.



ONE TREE – Well Mr Winter is insisting on staying with us and being very cold especially with the wind chill. One of these days it'll warm up. So in the meantime we just have to bundle up and stay warm.

Our sincere and deepest sympathies go to Dennis Webber on the passing of his dear wife Holly Webber on February 12, 2025, and to his families on the loss of their mother, grandmother. Also our sympathies go to all the other extended families. She fought a long and hard battle only to lose. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

****NOTE**** The Brooks United Church will be holding their **THRIFT Sale** THIS week Thursday, February 20th from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and see what you don't need, but have to buy. See you all there.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Neil Grundy on Feb. 19th; to Craig Merkl of Kelowna, BC and to Joe Hajash, both on Feb. 20th; to Michael (Airth) Edwards and to Garry Maclagan of Riondel, BC, both on Feb. 23rd; to Tonelle Swenson on Feb. 24th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday this week. We wish everyone all the best in the years ahead.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Jay and Joanne DeJong on Feb. 24th. We wish you both all the best in good health and happiness for many years together.

Not much to report as the news had to be sent in early due to the Holiday Monday.



Long time local historian and Bassano resident Tom McPhail right, presents a copy of the Bassano census from 1911 to Bassano mayor Irv Morey. "The 1911 census of Bassano could not have arrived at a more opportune time as our town was suddenly thrown into the limelight as the CPR was beginning the construction of the massive Bassano Dam," McPhail wrote in the introduction. Over the past year, McPhail compiled information including names, occupations and birth communities of many people who were in the area at the time, including some familiar names. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

SOUTH COUNTRY CO-OP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

South Country Co-op Annual General Meeting will be held **VIRTUALLY** via video conference on **Monday, March 24, 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Please visit southcountrycoop.crs to sign up to receive an invitation to the virtual AGM.
Deadline to sign up is March 17, 2025

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF DUCHESS
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PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 522-24 and BYLAW NO. 523-24

**To be held at 6:00 p.m. February 24, 2025
Duchess Council Chambers**

Pursuant to sections 216.4, 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, the Council of the Village of Duchess, in the Province of Alberta, hereby gives notice of its intention to consider **Bylaw No. 522-24** being an amendment to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw No. 482-19 and **Bylaw No. 523-24** being an amendment to the Municipal Development Plan for the municipality.

WHEREAS the purpose of the proposed amendments to **Bylaw No. 522-24** include the removal of the application fee for residential housing units, add categories of additional dwelling units and add those specific uses into the Residential Land Use District.

AND WHEREAS the purpose of the proposed amendments for renewable energy include the defining of distinct categories of solar or small wind development based on where the development is located on a parcel and add the uses to the appropriate land use district as permitted or discretionary uses.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed **Bylaw No. 523-24** is to augment policy regarding future housing in the municipality;

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw No. 522-24 and Bylaw No. 523-24 will be held in the Duchess Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m., February 24, 2025.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding either of the proposed bylaws should contact the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 19th day of February, 2025.

Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the public hearing. A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Village of Duchess Office during normal business hours.

DATED at the Village of Duchess, in the Province of Alberta, this 20th day of January, 2025.

*Yvonne Cosh, CAO
Village of Duchess
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TOJ 020*



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- Coldline
- Home Building Centre
- J2 Electric Ltd.
- Jules Jewels
- KooWool
- Kory's Vacuum Truck & Service Ltd.
- Maple Lounge & Grill
- Medicine Hat Fun & Games
- Michelle's Market
- Midnight Trucking
- Nutrien Ag Solutions
- Patricia Hotel
- PTW Energy Services
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- Scandia Honey
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- Trican Well Service

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - If you have driven through Scandia lately, you'll see that the walls for the new hall are going up! Exciting times for our community! Now we need to keep fundraising to finish the interior of the new hall. So, join us at the Scandia Honey Warehouse on Tuesday, March 4th at 6 pm for our annual Pancake Supper & Pie Auction. Enjoy fluffy hot pancakes topped with delicious whipped cream and juicy strawberries with a side of tasty sausages. Yum! Supper will be followed by

the always entertaining Pie Auction and Silent Auction. Enjoy an evening of good food and conversation in Scandia!

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.

Alcoma School News- Next week is Reading week and there will be NO SCHOOL from Feb.15-23rd. If you would like to book in for Parent Teacher Interviews the link has been posted on dojo or you can call into the school as well. ECS registration is now open, please stop in at the

school or visit the website to register your little one.

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.



This 'Clearly Canadian' dog sure has good taste when it comes to picking up bottles. While on walks Reggie often picks up bottles and cans and carries them for recycling.

SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



403.362.2998

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BROOKS GOLF CLUB

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Brooks Golf Club will be held on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse,
1211 - 1st Ave E., Brooks AB

At the time the following matters will be on the agenda:

1. Annual Report - President Report and Committees
2. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements
3. Annual Budget
4. Election of Directors and Officers

Copies of 2024 Financial Statements and 2025 Budget can be obtain from the Brooks Golf Club office Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS.

Any person interested in letting their name stand of any Board Positions need to contact 403-362-2998 ext 3 Michael Plouffe or email info@brooksgolfclub.ca or call Brent Kopec 403-376-1850

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Evergreen Activities Centre

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Our next Potluck Supper will be February 21, 6 PM.



BAPS ANIMALS FOR ADOPTION TO BENEFIT FROM SALE OF 4 GENERATION FAMILY RANCH.

Minor Cattle Co. Ltd. was established in 1967, when Perry & Kay Minor, along with Tony & Susan (Sewall) Minor purchased the ranch from Bradley & Edith Crocker of Bindloss, Alberta, they ranched for 35 years.

The untimely passing of Tony in 2002 saw the ranching operations continue with Lady Rancher Susan and the good help of some amazing buckaroos and other "Good Hands", both male and female for another 23 years.

The Minors said "after 58 wonderful years ranching along the Red Deer River the reins have been passed to an amazing ranching family from Duchess, Alberta, the Culligans.

In her own words one of the "Fortunate Heirs" of the sale of the ranch, animal caregiver "Cathy Minor" wishes to make a donation that will directly benefit all of our fur babies at BAPS, 1st Avenue East, Brooks, AB. Please come in to visit or volunteer!

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When it comes to federal advertising, the government should 'buy Canadian'

Why are millions of dollars going to foreign tech giants while Canadian media suffers?

LISA SYGUTEK
NATIONAL POST

As a proud second-generation Canadian community newspaper publisher, who is the lead plaintiff on a class-action lawsuit to make sure U.S.-based tech giants don't rip off publishers like me, I was gobsmacked to see that the Government of Canada is using my hard-earned taxpayer dollars to resume advertising with Meta Platforms.

Anyone who watched the inauguration of U.S. President Donald Trump will know that Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg seems more interested in checking out Lauren Sanchez than he does about fact-checking the content on his platforms, which spew misinformation and disinformation faster and more broadly than anything in human history. In fact, he fired his fact-checkers, seemingly to curry favour with President Trump.

Here are the facts my fellow Canadians should know about federal ad spending. Last year, according to the government's annual report on its advertising activities, the feds spent more than \$75 million on advertising. I don't have an issue with spending this kind of money to inform Canadians about what their government is doing. But I have a problem with how the government is trying to reach Canadians.

Of that \$75 million or so, the feds spent nearly \$40 million on digital ads, including over \$8.5 million on search engine marketing and more than \$6.5 million on social media. In comparison, radio got just \$2.5 million and print publications received less than \$1.4 million. That's about two per cent of all federal ad spending on every English, French and ethnic newspaper and magazine throughout the entire country. Yet 86 per cent of Canadians read a newspaper weekly. Newspapers, and ads in newspapers, are trusted.

Here's a case in point: Recently, Totum Research conducted an online survey on behalf of News Media Canada, which found that almost two-thirds (63 per cent) of Canadians trust advertising in newspapers and news websites, while just 28 per cent trust ads they see on Facebook and Instagram. When it comes to their preferred medium to receive information about federal programs, more than half (58 per cent) of respondents cited newspapers or news websites, while only 17 per cent chose Facebook or Instagram.

The feds need to instruct their agencies to get their advertising acts together. For inspiration, they should look to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, who came up with a simple, common-sense solution that doesn't cost Ontario taxpayers one extra cent. His government and its Crown corporations — like the LCBO, OLG, the Ontario Cannabis Store and Metrolinx — are now spending 25 per cent of their ad budgets on local publications. This supports a local Canadian industry that is losing ad dollars to American tech giants.

Local community newspaper publishers like me want the federal government to adopt Ford's common-sense approach. Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, along with Liberal leadership hopefuls Mark Carney, Karina Gould and Chrystia Freeland should pledge to resume the federal ban on advertising with Meta. If their campaigns want to use Meta, that's their business, but no Canadian taxpayer dollars should be flowing to the company.

Donald Trump's tariff threats and his rants about annexing Canada are probably the biggest contributors to Canadian pride since the Montreal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup way back in 1993. Like most patriotic folks I know, when I'm at the grocery store, I'm now double-checking labels to make sure my beef is from Alberta and my apples are from British Columbia. And I'm buying Ontario and B.C. wine, too.

Likewise, our federal government has to get in sync with Canadians when it comes to its advertising spend. Come on, Canada: let's support the home team — and would an all-Canadian Stanley Cup final between Toronto and Edmonton or Winnipeg be too much to ask for?

(Lisa Sygutek is publisher of the Crowsnest Pass Herald and president of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association.)

TIME CAPSULE

February 1964 - concrete plant in Sunnylea.



War: Two Steps Forward, Two Steps Back?

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



In classical civilisations, there was a continuing, unresolved debate about whether history moved forward or just went around in circles: was it linear or was it cyclical? But that debate was largely settled once human beings learned about their deeper past. It's linear.

Once every human being was a hunter-gatherer; now almost none of us are. Once nobody lived in groups more than a couple of hundred strong because bigger groups just fissioned; now most of us live in societies many millions strong. You don't have to call it 'progress', but history certainly has a direction. Which is not to say that it's purely linear.

Just as rivers always flow downstream but may contain many eddies and whirlpools, history can double back on itself. The history of war has already done that several times. There is reason to suspect that it may now be doing it again.

Before the rise of big civilisations, battles between the little human groups of pre-history were frequent, relatively low-intensity, but cumulatively very deadly. Everybody lived on the front line all the time, and early anthropologists estimated that 30% of males (and 5% of females) were killed in war in every generation.

The advent of mass societies brought much bigger battles, but they were less frequent and involved a much smaller proportion of the society. (The

Roman army at its peak was just under half a million men; the Roman population at that time was around 50 million.)

A lot of people got killed whenever pastoral peoples like the Mongols broke into the civilisations, but medieval warfare in Europe and its parallels in China and India stayed relatively small until the 1600s. Then Europe went crazy.

The Thirty Years War (1618-1648) began mainly as a religious civil war in the German-speaking lands, but it ended up as the 'war of all against all' and an estimated 8 million people died. That was about 12% of Europe's population at that time, and it frightened the survivors into making new rules.

Starting in the mid-1600s, existing countries became 'sovereign', and in the next century and a half no major European state was carved up except Poland. Armies became small and professional, and war in Europe shrank back down to a marginal activity that scarcely impinged on the civilian sphere.

But then came the French revolution in 1789 and the Napoleonic wars that followed, with mass armies of volunteers, ideological conflict, and whole states being dismantled. Fast forward to the First World War, 11 million dead, and all the regimes on the losing side (plus several on the winning side) driven from power.

Then the Second World War, 45 million dead, and nuclear weapons by the end. Once again, all the regimes on the losing side destroyed. Time for another go at taming the beast — and amazingly, this time it really seemed to work.

It has been 79 years since the last nuclear weapon was used in anger, and the death toll in wars has fallen from a million a month

in 1945 to under 100,000 a year in the early 2020s. But now it's going back up again — just a bit, maybe half a million in 2024 — but the trend line is worrisome.

Much more worrisome is the fact that just in the past few years all the institutional and legal barriers we put in place to prevent or limit the spread of war have been sabotaged or abandoned. The keystone of the system, the United Nations, was crippled long ago by rival vetoes, but now the foundations are being dug up and cast aside.

The bedrock on which the entire post-1945 system was built is the inviolability of borders. No changes to borders after that date will be accepted by the rest of the world if they were changed by force. Indeed, even attempts to change a border by force, whatever the justification, are illegal. Only voluntary, negotiated, uncoerced changes are acceptable.

That rule has enjoyed almost universal support in principle because all the players understood that this is the only way to end the endless cycle of wars. Nobody is actually obliged to go and fight some other country to stop it from breaking that rule, but their conquests will never be accepted by the rest of the world. So they might as well not do it.

That is the rule which is now being ignored by the greatest power in the system. Russia can claim that the 'old border' of the Soviet Union included Ukraine, and China can at least claim an ethnic link with Taiwan, but Donald Trump demanding to take over Greenland, the Panama Canal, Canada and the Gaza Strip is empire-building of the crudest sort.

If he gets away with that, it's back to the old ways again.



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The Grasslands Football Club's U11 team scored a gold medal at the Family Day Classic in Calgary. The Brooks team went undefeated in their games against four Calgary teams and one team from Beaumont. Brooks defeated Calgary New Frontier 6-2 for the gold. "They played amazing," said co-coach Maria Jackson. Shown are Maria Jackson, Braylee Neal, Hannah Jackson, Abdi Isse, Bryson Paddila, Dominik Simpson, Yong Anyoun, Ammar Idriss, Gabrielle Amaya Garcia, Gustavo Ries, Kesler Lawrence, Jason Saunders, coach and Quinton Saunders.

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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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**Josh Mueller,
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We use it all the time - many of us who grew up in a Christian family and environment as a given, others only as part of a swear phrase - these 3 letters "GOD". But what or whom do we picture when we say it? The term "God" can be filled with all kinds of meaning, from an impersonal energy like "The Force" in the Star Wars franchise to a benign old man in the sky in typical cartoonish depictions. One of the ways God reveals His nature in both the Old and the New Testament of the Christian Scriptures

"God is FIRE"

is in the picture and manifestation of fire. From the encounter Moses had with God's holy presence in the burning bush (Exodus 3:2-6) to John's vision of the fiery eyes of the exalted Christ in Revelation 1:14, we hear again and again that God is a consuming fire (Exodus 24:17; Deuteronomy 4:24; Hebrews 12:29). When we think of the observable universe itself, we find countless stars much bigger and brighter even than our own sun. Truly, the heavens declare the glory of God as they point us back to the awesome power of the Creator (Psalm 19:1-6)! To an extent, this is a fearful image and rightfully so. What God's purity and holiness consumes, is all that is evil, destructive, or useless.

At the same time, we also need to understand it as the very nature of the self-giving, other-centered love that permeates God's whole being. God's love is not sentimental or merely an affectionate emotion. God's love burns with a ceaseless desire to give us life and to make us whole. It also burns within every genuine believer as the fire of the Holy Spirit in the temple of our bodies (Acts 2:3-4; 1 Corinthians 3:16). It is this fire that both warms our heart as we're assured of the Father's love and care and also sets us aflame to love and serve with the individual gifts we've been given. May we all pray: "Refiner's fire, purify my heart - blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire anew!"

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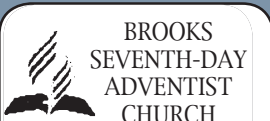
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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - Bethany Lutheran Church offers regular worship services at 11:00 am each Sunday. There will be a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the church. 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.

Bob's wife yelled at him from upstairs and asked, "Do you ever get a shooting pain across your body, like someone's got a voodoo doll of you and they're stabbing it?" Confused, Bob answered, "No." A moment passed and she once again hollered, "How about now?"

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.

Fast time line for Bow River nomination

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

With a federal election looming, the nomination date to find a Conservative candidate for the Bow River Riding is coming even faster.

All nominations are to be submitted by Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

Anyone who was a member of the Conservative Party as of Feb. 13 are eligible to vote, however, a date has not been announced.

The race to replace MP Martin Shields started before he publicly announced his intention not to seek re-election.

As of Saturday Graham Abela, David Bexte, JL DeCosta, Ritesh Narayan and Josh Senneker have confirmed they will seek the nomination.

There has been some predictions that the federal election will be called as early as March 10, one day after the election of a Liberal Party leader.

According to a letter obtained by the Globe and Mail from Jennifer Howard, the NDP federal campaign manager, "If Mark Carney does win the leadership, we are hearing from many Ottawa sources that he intends on calling an election shortly after becoming Liberal leader."

Carney was considered as a prime minister Justin Trudeau replacement in 2019.

Carney's main opponent in the Liberal leadership race is Crystia Freeland who has been elected four times.

On Dec. 16, the day she was to deliver the fall economic update, Freeland resigned from Trudeau's cabinet.

That move was a catalyst to Trudeau's resignation on Jan. 7.

Ten days later she launched her campaign to lead the Liberal Party of Canada.

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TOM McPHAIL



BASSANO - If you live in the Gem district, there is little doubt you have not been involved in curling or been a patron of the library, for example. You are invited to attend the Gem Community Annual General Meeting at the Gem Hall on March 4th at 7:00 pm. There will be committee reports from the fire department, library board, recreation, historical society and much more. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

The entertainment world may have their celebrities who have reached the octogenarian club. They

may have Mia Farrow and Diane Keaton, but we have Mary Newton. Up until today, February 19th, Mary has been a septuagenarian. She has now gained her status as an octogenarian. We other club members welcome her today. HAPPY BIRTHDAY from your family and friends. This is an advance invitation to the bi-annual Women's Wellness Conference submitted by the Bassano FCSS, on April 12th at the Bassano Community Hall. More information will be forthcoming on your Bassano Banner.

If you wish to see some amazing skills on the ice,

mark your calendar for February 23rd through March 1st as the Ladies Curling Bonspiel comes to a curling facility near you, right here in Bassano.

There are numerous birthdays in the days ahead. I must mention a dear friend, Darlene Kirwan, whose special day is February 22nd.

Plenty of activity at Playfair Lodge with Debbie and her Amazing Dogs today, February 19th. Birthday wishes to Sarah and Ken. Later this month on February 28th, there will be a very special going away party for Agnes.

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Meat promoters have some disadvantages - part two ... pacifying producers a factor



WILL VERBOVEN

Previously, I commented on the success of milk production Television (TV) ads with their focus on happy, photogenic cows and happy, handsome farmers on spick-and-span farms. For meat promotion, it's another story. That's not to say there aren't happy hogs and cattle and happy, handsome cattle and hog producers on pristine hog farms and picturesque cattle ranches. However, both groups' ad agencies have to deal with a less-than-happy reality that naïve consumers would rather not deal with in their simpleminded perspective of how meat arrives at their grocery store. The biggest advantage dairy promotion has over meat promotion

is that, like their egg-producer compatriots, their commodities do not require the slaughter of animals to produce their food product. The best approach has been to never even allude to that unpleasant reality – and rightly so.

In a previous life, I was involved in the only lamb TV commercial ever broadcast in Canada. It was a sophisticated generic “eat lamb” commercial produced by the promotion arm of the American Sheep Industry Association, who kindly loaned it to the Alberta Sheep Commission of the day. I cheekily added the words “Buy Alberta Lamb” at the end. I expect it was a Canadian first to this day. That's when I learned how expensive TV advertising was, even for the cheaper off hours when the commercial ran. The US group had a budget of tens of millions and produced several slick lamb commercials and glossy point-of-sale material. But they

never showed images of a pretty shepherd with cute live lambs romping around a pasture. It's better to keep negative thoughts about the fate of those cute lambs from the minds of naïve consumers.

Cattle producer groups have different approaches – promote the final product from a local angle, that being “Alberta Beef” (the greatest national meat brand ever), “Ontario Corn-Fed Beef” (boring) or “Boeuf Quebec. A Taste of Home” (do they raise real beef?) Okay, I am biased. I am not sure those brands really increase beef consumption, particularly the Alberta Beef brand, which preaches to the choir here in Alberta. It's an old sawhorse of mine, but using the legendary Alberta Beef brand in big eastern urban markets would be much more effective. In my long-ago youth living in Quebec, “Alberta Beef” was an

iconic premium brand that was the high-quality standard of the country. But I know provincial producer group politics discourage using that brand in other provinces. But really, does anyone care about Ontario or Quebec beef, even in those provinces. Forgive my rant – but it's true.

The old Beef Information Centre and later Cannada Beef Inc. were supposed to resolve provincial beef brand chauvinism with a national brand. However, the provincial brands still carry on. Luckily, Canada Beef spends most of its budget on US and offshore export marketing. They have to be strategic in advertising; I suspect they have much less funding than the well-heeled dairy industry. Another advantage the dairy promotion juggernaut has is that it doesn't spend ad money on export markets and focuses its moneyed efforts on the Canadian market.

Recent TV commercials from the Alberta Beef Producers brought to mind their past commercials and that organization's challenge in producing TV ads. The challenge is that they want to promote positive consumer perspectives about beef and also show their members that they are getting value for their hard-earned check-off money. I recall some of the first beef ads 40+ years ago, which featured a distinguished-looking rancher on a horse overlooking a hill of grazing cattle, extolling how wonderful it was to raise cattle – it looked more like a tourist travel promotion. The beef marketing brain trust then started commercials with the jingle “Jack Sprat Had No Fat – neither does beef” or something to that effect. Producers were annoyed with that campaign; they preferred the rancher on a horse because they could relate to that

image. Changing that producer perspective took years. I believe that, to this day, Alberta Beef commercials keep producer backlash in mind by featuring images of ranchers in their Alberta-focused promotion efforts. Recent commercials featuring ranching families enjoying Alberta beef meals – is a much better approach. Showing them in Vancouver and Montreal would be even better! Other Alberta beef commercials about sustainability and stewardship are okay and environmentally correct. But I think jaded city consumers have become deaf to overused enviro buzzwords, like sustainability, net-zero, emission-free; they all become so tedious.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and a proud advocate of Alberta Beef.

How Canada gets its groove back: Advice from a friendly American

Political theorist David Polansky says Justin Trudeau has it wrong: Canada does have a core identity.

DONNA KENNEDY-GLANS
NATIONAL POST

“Canada really is a fundamentally rich country that has chosen not to act like one for 10 years,” says political theorist David Polansky.

If you ask the average Canadian — “Are you ashamed that you're an oil and gas giant and have all these incredible minerals?” — the answer is no. But it's a sentiment that's dominant among the governing class, David asserts, and “that governing class is not very representative.”

David, an American now living in Toronto, writes on geopolitics, international orders, nationalism and state-formation and is senior fellow at the Institute of Peace and Diplomacy. He studied at the University of Chicago and the University of Toronto to investigate the future of nation-states in an increasingly uncertain world. Turns out, figuring out the good and the bad of nationalism, patriotism and populism — in an era of Brexit, Russian ambition and Trump 2.0 — wasn't an academic exercise.

“Canada is the third foreign country I've lived in,” David shares in a recent conversation; he's also lived in China and Italy. That's a fair amount of bouncing around for a 43-year-old, I think

to myself, but he seems settled. His wife hails from Montreal and together they've decided Toronto is a good place to call home and raise their kids.

David's been paying close attention to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's experiment with Canadian identity. Both of us wince recalling Trudeau's infamous 2015 statement to the New York Times: “there is no core identity, no mainstream in Canada” and consequently that “makes us the first post-national state.” A few years later, when I questioned Trudeau's heroic defence of a post-nation world (and consequential neglect of his own country) in a commentary for the CBC, the CBC itself and CBC, the CBC itself and a whack of like-minded progressives cancelled me.

The real test of the idea of a post-national state, David explains, is what you do when the chips are down: “Can the ethos of a post-nationalist state stand up and establish legitimacy when times are tough? That's how you know you have a good marriage; when you could weather a bad year.”

Trudeau pushed this radical new version of nationhood, David opines, and convinced people not to attend to what really matters: “the important parts of upholding a

‘It's a gorgeous country. It's a stable country’

nation-state.” And now, when the chips are down, we see the insubstantiality of the idea. David judges Trudeau's experiment with post-national governance an epic failure.

Nationalism is what governments fall back on when things are bad. And this is what Trudeau's now saying — “oh, we do have a country, it is Canada.” All together now, wave that Team Canada flag! But having gutted and removed some of its essence over the years, we're now in a bit of a pickle, David reports, with a nervous rake of fingers through his thick hair.

There's lots to be proud of as Canadians: “It's a gorgeous country. It's a stable country. It's a peaceful country. It's a place that's provided a good life to many millions over the years.” All political communities are going to have dark sides and stains on their consciousness, David acknowledges, there's no avoiding that. But all things considered, Canada still comes out looking pretty good in the grand scheme of things.

Wholeheartedly, we are in agreement; there's plenty of basis for patriotism in Canada. Yet, David asserts, we've had leaders and dominant institutions hostile to the

nation, pushing a sort of false moralism — a rainbow coalition and so on — as a new way of thinking. So many institutions have allowed mediocrities to rule them, who have propounded a very hostile ideology to the idea of a Canadian nation, David laments.

Take the CBC, for example; if you were an alien from another planet, you would find CBC not critical of the government (which is what, of course, the media should be) and instead, it's critical of the Canadian people. “Speaking as an American,” David counters, “it's very hard for me to look at Canada and think, yes, you have so much to hate yourselves for. The adoption of those habits, those mental habits, has been very bad.”

Canadian citizens need to push back, not just against politicians but ordinary bureaucrats. “Look at the school board trustees, mayors,” David says, “I'm struck by how much the default discourse is hostile to the possibility of Canadian patriotic projects.”

Over time, he suggests, that seeps into the culture and people just throw up their hands and are less inclined to be engaged. “And when you do have a real threat, like the

Trump tariffs may prove to be, what's left besides expediency?” he asks.

Ordinary people, David suggests, need to challenge the governing class: “Why are you here? Why is this your job? Why are you lecturing us? What is the moral basis for you to come up here and talk and run down the entire country without remotely trying to put anything positive in its place?”

We can't have this conversation without contemplating the chaotic portents of Donald Trump's inauguration as America's 47th president. Across Canada, Trump's threatened tariffs trigger rage, an insurmountable gloom, even fear of Manifest Destiny's revival. David's an American; what does he see?

Trump's a “creature of pure expediency,” David replies, “he has never given me any indication of someone who has a strong set of political ideas independent of his own whims and interests.” His assessment: Don't think of Trump as someone with a set of clear political ideologies that he's trying to execute in office.

But, David agrees, Trump is a very good negotiator. And “it's a good negotiating tactic to get the person you're going to be negotiating with all in

a tizzy for months before you actually have to do anything,” he smirks. “It puts him at a disadvantage and then it allows (Trump) to seem magnanimous. Anything he doesn't do to Canada now will make him seem magnanimous.”

David gets the anger; he's even written about how Canadians need to be more angry. But there are limits to anger, he suggests, pointing to Brexit: “They had good reasons to be angry and good reasons to feel alienated from the governance of the EU, and yet, almost none of the things that they were actually upset about changed after Brexit. All the same problems were still there, except now they had new ones, thanks to Brexit.”

And what of all this talk of retaliation? “Retaliation is fine,” David nods, “but it has to work. You have to have real leverage.” If I go up to a 300-pound guy and smack him in the face because he insulted me, David explains, that's not retaliation, “that's just an invitation to have my face driven into the ground.”

Canada has resources, David agrees, “And so it's not that I don't think leverage doesn't exist, but you can't just, you know, go and find it after pretending it wasn't there for years.”

Brooks and area RCMP report

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Thefts from vehicles

On Feb. 13 RCMP responded to several complaints of thefts from vehicles that had occurred overnight.

While the investigations continue, police remind residents to ensure valuables are removed or hidden and that vehicles are locked.

Vehicles struck during two hit and runs

A blue Hyundai Santa Fe was struck by an unknown vehicle in a hit and run in the parking lot at Home Time BBQ sometime before 10 a.m. on Feb. 13.

On Feb. 10 at 4:30 p.m. police responded to a collision in Sunnylea.

A blue Dodge Dakota was seen turning onto Birch Street when it slid through the intersection and struck the stop sign causing

damage.

In both instances the vehicles left the scene and anyone with information is asked to contact Brooks RCMP.

Intersection collision

On Feb. 7 at 10:07 a.m., RCMP responded to a collision at the intersection of Greenbrook and Sutherland Drives.

It was determined that a vehicle making a right turn lost control before sideswiping another vehicle and then getting wedged under a mailbox.

Speed was determined to be a factor and the driver was issued tickets.

Pedestrians struck

Two pedestrians were struck while crossing the street at a non-designated crossing on Feb. 10 at 8:14 a.m.

Police report that a parent and their child were attempting to cross the road and stepped out between parked vehicles.

The vehicle had nearly stopped and no injuries were reported.

Aggressive men told to leave businesses

Just before 10 a.m. on Feb. 11 an unwanted male, who was reported to have been rude and aggressive towards Frazer Laundromat staff, was directed by police to leave and not to return.

In a separate incident, at about 7:10 p.m. on the same day, police were dispatched to A&W following a report of an unwanted male who had been disturbing staff and customers.

The man had left but was later located and a verbal warning was issued. Charges were declined.

Man utters threat at health centre

Security at Brooks Health Centre removed a man who a short time later called the hospital claiming he had a firearm and would use it if he was not allowed to return.

Police located the suspect and a search confirmed he did not have a firearm. He has been charged with uttering threats and was



released with conditions. He is to attend court on April 23.

Curfew breach

On Feb. 9 at 3:05 a.m. an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle with a burned-out brake light.

The male driver was identified as being in breach of his curfew and was arrested.

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Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY

DUCHESS - Family Day weekend is upon us.

Students are enjoying a full week off while Grasslands teachers have 3 days off and then must attend their annual convention in Medicine Hat on Thursday and Friday.

Please call or text me at 403 793 1630 with your news items.

Not much news to report this week.

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JBS road work could be underway in May

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The county, which is administering the engineering and construction contracts for the JBS Foods Canada road, anticipates construction this year.

CAO Matt Fenske confirmed that engineers are working on the pre-tender engineering work including topographic surveys, identifying utility conflicts, preliminary drawings, cost estimates, and evaluating off-site impacts of shifting traffic patterns.

Once that work is finished, there will be detailed design work and contract documentation to be completed and ready to go in mid-May.

"The goal is to see construction in 2025," Fenske said.

Improvements to the area will include a new road from the south parking lot of the meat plant to Gun Club Road as well as improvements on Gun Club Road (Township 19-2).

The purpose of the improvements is to help ensure that motorists from the plant can not only avoid 90-minute bottleneck during the shift change but to also use Gun Club to avoid an often dangerous left turn from the plant across Highway 1.





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Club Reporter
Paisley Wirachowsky

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A couple of matches for Bandits before Family Day game



Bandits Davide Patella unsuccessfully tried to beat Bucks goalie Jaden Cholette and open the scoring early in Friday's game at the Centennial Regional Arena. The Bandits were not able to score in the opening period, however, the Bucks did put one past Bandits goalie Zach Zahara. The Bandits did get a pair of goals in the second period and one in the third but the Bucks won the game 6-3. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

The BCHL Brooks Bandits may have clinched a playoff spot on Saturday following their overtime win in Okotoks.

The weekend began at home with a loss. The Cranbrook Bucks doubled the Bandits, 6-3.

The Bucks have been steadily improving. Friday's win was their second consecutive and they added a third win on Saturday when they defeated the Sherwood Park Crusaders, 7-6 in overtime. The Bucks are 11th in the league.

Meanwhile the Bandits were back on the ice on Saturday with their own overtime win with a goal by Davide Patella who scored with 35 seconds remaining in the period.

The Bandits were in Blackfalds on Family Day Monday. The Bulletin will have the highlights in the next edition.

Last Tuesday, Bandits goalie Zach Zahara was named the third star of the week by the BCHL.

Sherwood Park players Jeremy Loranger and Kale Dach were named the first and second stars.

Before the trade deadline the Bandits added a couple of players including bringing

Luke Bibby 'home' from the BCHL Vernon Vipers.

Bibby was on the team in 2022-23. In October 2023 he was acquired by the Vipers, played 10 games with the BCHL Nanaimo Clippers before returning to the Vipers during the 2023-24 season.

The Bandits also acquired Conor Ryan from the Saskatchewan league's Nipawin Hawks.

Ryan is also a familiar name having played for the AJHL Sherwood Park Crusaders 2023-24 before heading to SJHL Flin Flon Bombers that season. He has been with the Hawks since the beginning of the 2024-25 season.

In other news, across the league there have been rumours that the Penticton Vees will be part of the WHL for the 2025-26 season.

Both the WHL and the Vees head staff are not commenting on the expansion rumors, however, the board of governors met last week where they discussed "many aspects around the league's future plans," state news reports.

"We continue to be focused on our season and the final stretch drive before playoffs," an unnamed Vees spokesperson told media.

A WHL representative had a similar message for

the Grand Forks Gazette stating that the WHL board of governors met and discussed a variety of topics including the league's future plans.

"Although no plans were finalized, we continue to evaluate the changing landscape of junior hockey and consider all strategic options for the league's future."

The Vees have held first place since early January.

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LOCAL JURISDICTION: Eastern Irrigation District, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA (the "District")

Notice is hereby given that nominations for the election of a candidate for the office of Member of the Board of the District for each of **Electoral Divisions 2, 4 and 7** will be received at the Eastern Irrigation District office, 550 Industrial Road West, Brooks, AB, **until 5:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.**

For the purposes of this election the description of the boundaries of the electoral divisions are:

<p>Electoral Division 2 (Rosemary / Duchess)</p> <p>The boundaries of Division No. 2 shall enclose the following lands ["Section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:</p> <p>Township 20 Range 13 W4M Sections 31, 32 and 33 Township 20 Range 14 W4M All Sections Township 20 Range 15 W4M All Sections Township 20 Range 16 W4M Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36 Township 21 Range 13 W4M Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 Township 21 Range 14 W4M All Sections Township 21 Range 15 W4M All Sections Township 21 Range 16 W4M Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, E 1/2 15, E 1/2 23, 24, 25 and 36 Township 22 Range 13 W4M Sections 4, 5 and 6 lying to the south of the Red Deer River Township 22 Range 14 W4M All Sections lying to the south and west of the Red Deer River Township 22 Range 15 W4M All Sections lying to the west of the Red Deer River Township 23 Range 14 W4M All Sections lying to the north and west of the Red Deer River Township 23 Range 15 W4M Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36 lying to the west of the Red Deer River Township 24 Range 14 W4M All Sections lying to the west of the Red Deer River Township 24 Range 15 W4M Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35 lying to the south and west of the Red Deer River Township 25 Range 15 W4M Sections 3 and 4 lying to the south and west of the Red Deer River</p>	<p>Electoral Division 4 (Cassils / Brooks)</p> <p>The boundaries of Division No. 4 shall enclose the following lands ["Section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:</p> <p>Township 17 Range 14 W4M Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 Township 18 Range 14 W4M All Sections Township 18 Range 15 W4M All Sections Township 18 Range 16 W4M All Sections Township 18 Range 17 W4M All Sections Township 18 Range 18 W4M All Sections lying to the east of the Bow River Township 19 Range 14 W4M Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 Township 19 Range 15 W4M All Sections Township 19 Range 16 W4M All Sections Township 19 Range 17 W4M All Sections Township 19 Range 18 W4M All Sections lying to the north and east of the Bow River</p> <p>Division 7 (Rolling Hills)</p> <p>The boundaries of Division No. 7 shall enclose the following lands ["Section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:</p> <p>Township 13 Range 13 W4M All Sections lying to the north of the Bow River Township 14 Range 11 W4M All Sections Township 14 Range 12 W4M All Sections Township 14 Range 13 W4M All Sections lying to the north of the Bow River Township 14 Range 14 W4M Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36 lying to the north of the Bow River Township 15 Range 11 W4M All Sections Township 15 Range 12 W4M All Sections Township 15 Range 13 W4M All Sections Township 15 Range 14 W4M Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36</p>
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Nomination forms and additional information regarding this election are available from the Eastern Irrigation District office. If required, an **Election** will be held Tuesday the **8th** day of **April, 2025.**

Dated at the City of Brooks, in the Province of Alberta, this 3rd day of February, 2025.

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- (a) present Annual Reports of:
 - (i) the Chair on behalf of the Board,
 - (ii) the Manager,
 - (iii) the Auditor of the District, and
 - (iv) the maintenance of irrigation works for the District, and
- (b) to conduct any Other Business.

Dated at Brooks, Alberta this 3rd day of February, 2025.

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WIST - Bernadette Mary Wist (nee Bischoff)
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 Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and wife passed away peacefully, at home with Bob by her side, on February 7, 2025. Mom's parents were Frank Bischoff and Magdelina "Maggie" Helm, who both predeceased her. Her brothers and sisters are Frank, Emelia, Alex, Caroline, Archie, Peter, Marlene, Bernard (twin), and Lucille. She had three children, Sherri Close (predeceased), Alex (Shelley) Bischke, and Donnalee (Darrell) Bohnet; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Mom was born in Leader, SK, and moved to Medicine Hat around the age of five, only speaking German. Mom was happily married and cared for deeply by her husband, Bob. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 238 2nd Avenue NE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 5Z9, on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025, at 11:00 am with Fr. Roque Pereira, Celebrant. If unable to attend, family and friends are welcome to participate via livestream by logging on to www.saamis.com and joining the live webcast on Bernadette's memorial page at the above date and time. A virtual guest book is available on the livestream page for those participating remotely. Memorial gifts in Bernadette's memory may be made to the Alberta Children's Hospital, 2888 Shaganappi Trail NW, Calgary, Alberta, T3B 6A8. Condolences may be sent through www.saamis.com or to condolences@saamis.com subject heading Bernadette Wist. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORIUM, "The Chapel in the Park", Medicine Hat, Alberta. Should you wish any additional information, please telephone 1-800-317-2647.

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McCLELLAND - Mickey (Florence Joyce) - After a fierce 3-year battle with f#&king cancer, Mom has earned her wings to heaven from Brooks, Alberta on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at the age of 76 years. Born to Grenville (G.E.) and Dorothy McCaig on May 21, 1948 in Didsbury, Alberta. Mom was raised on a farm east of Didsbury with her 3 siblings. After high school, Mom earned her Nurses Aid Certificate and married her first husband, together they had 3 fabulous daughters (5 star no nothings caregivers). In October of 2000, Mom married the love of her life, Jim McClelland. Through the years, Mom and Jim enjoyed being part of the Young and the Rest of Us Goldwing Biking Club and camping and they were famous for driving every back road just because. Between 1999 and 2004 Mom and Jim were blessed with 9 grandkids and their focus became following around and supporting each and every one of them. Mom and Jim were avid Brooks Bandits fans and after Jim's passing Mom continued attending games. Mom was loved and surrounded by many friends, and they were an important part of her life, whether attending a hockey game or coffee at A&W with her closest friends. Mom was predeceased by her parents, her older sister and her dear husband, Jim. Mom will be remembered by daughters, Cyndy Stevens-Breakell (Rob) and their sons, Kyle and Evan; Kim Seely (Lyle) and her daughter, Amy and sons, James and David; Jody Trembecki (Tom) and their sons, Logan and Dylan; her stepchildren, Brad McClelland; Scott McClelland (Kim) and their sons, Tylan and Ethan; Jody-Lee McClelland and sister, Bev Hill (Dave). Through the years Mom made lasting impression with many people and we know that they will remember her. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Muller and staff at Centennial Health and all of the caring staff, along with Cindy Young, that helped care for Mom at the Brooks Health Centre. A deep appreciation to Stephen at Southshore Pharmacy. Cyndy, Kim and Jody would like to acknowledge Nikki from Homecare, your love and compassion will never be forgotten. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to your local minor hockey associations. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, details to be announced.

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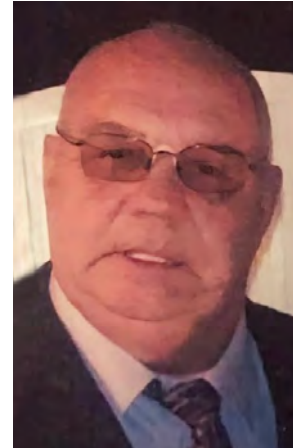
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CLASPER - Alec Clasper of Brooks, Alberta, loving husband of Cheryl Clasper, passed away in Brooks on February 11th, 2025 at the age of 77 years. Alec was born on March 30th, 1947, in Stanley County of Durham, England, to George and Jane Clasper. Alec resided in New Castle Upon Tyne, England, before moving to Canada in 1964. He worked for IPSCO for over 30 years, where he conducted Ultrasonic Testing. Alec married Cheryl Burney on April 4th, 1981, in Brooks. He will be fondly remembered for his love of fishing, crocheting, camping and playing darts. Alec was an active member of The Lions Club in Brooks, serving as President for a time. He will be remembered for his witty sense of humor and will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Alec is predeceased by his parents, George and Jane Clasper and his daughter Louisie. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cheryl; sons, Andrew (Tammie) and Tim; daughters, Jacqueline (Jody) and Kimberley and 3 grandchildren, Brittany, Chey and Linden. A private family interment will be held at the Brooks Cemetery. In memory of Alec, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to The Lions Club Box 732, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 7G6.

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F. Miller Excavating Ltd. in Vauxhall, requires a full-time office administrator.

This position requires a positive phone presence, as well as a willingness, to learn and understand the daily activities and the equipment used.

Some of the daily duties will include, data entry (using access and excel), invoicing (quick books), answering phones, organizing daily activities and helping to maintain our safety program. Various other duties will be included.

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- PALLIATIVE CARE 501-3210
- SPEC ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES 403-362-5056
- DIABETES ASSOCIATION 403-362-5914
- BROOKS & DISTRICT TOY LENDING LIBRARY 403-362-3232
- BROOKS & DISTRICT MUSEUM 403-362-5073
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- BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS
- ASSOCIATION OF MEDICINE HAT & DISTRICT: 403-527-6640
- CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY 403-528-2125
- GOOD SAMARITANS SOCIETY 403-528-5068
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY c/o 362-4141
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- MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY 101, 1201 Kingsway Ave. SE., Medicine Hat T1A 2Y2 403-529-6797
- PRAIRIE ROSE HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE SOCIETY, Bag 300, Brooks, AB. T1R 1B3 403-633-9281

There are so many worthy causes and this is just a little view... watch for next year's additions.

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employment

FARM/RANCH WORKER & CLASS 1 DRIVER OPPORTUNITY

Location: Armstrong Ranches, Bassano, Alberta
 Start Date: April 2025

Armstrong Ranches is a family-owned Farm and Ranch with a feedlot operation, seeking a dedicated and skilled individual to join our team for the 2025 growing season. This is an excellent opportunity to work in a dynamic agricultural environment alongside a passionate and experienced team.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Class 1 Driver's License: Must have a valid Class 1 license with proven driving experience.
- Experience with Livestock: Knowledge of cattle handling and care is a strong asset.
- Farm Equipment Operation: Familiarity with operating, maintaining, and repairing farm machinery is required.
- Welding Skills: Experience with welding is considered an asset.
- Non-Smoking Policy: We maintain a smoke-free environment; only non-smokers will be considered.

WHAT WE OFFER:

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- Benefits Program: Comprehensive benefits package provided.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The position involves a variety of tasks, including hauling feed, working with livestock, operating equipment, and assisting with general farm and ranch operations.
- Applicants must be reliable, hardworking, and able to work independently or as part of a team.

If you are passionate about agriculture and have the skills and experience we are looking for, we would love to hear from you!

To Apply: 08-09p
 Please submit your resume and references to ross.r.armstrong@gmail.com or contact us at 403 501 9705 for more details.

employment



NEWELL
 REGIONAL SERVICES CORP

Newell Regional Services Corporation (NRSC) (Brooks) has an exciting employment opportunity in the following position:

Summer Student Labourer

This is an opportunity for post-secondary students looking for summer employment. Employment will run from the beginning of May until the end of August 2025.

Reporting to the Operations Supervisor, this position is primarily responsible for maintenance and repairs of Newell Regional Services infrastructure. These duties will include mowing, weed trimming, painting and general cleaning.

Newell Regional Services Corporation is responsible for all water treatment and water transmission and wastewater treatment and collection within the County of Newell, including the City of Brooks.

If you are interested in becoming part of our professional team, have a Class 5 driver's license, and a clean drivers abstract, we would be interested in talking to you. Candidates must meet the physical requirements of the position.

This posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Please send your to:
 Mr. Kole Steinley
 General Manager
 Newell Regional Services Corporation
 Box 638, Brooks, AB. T1R 1B6
 or fax: 403-794-4051
 or email: info@nrsc.ca 07-09c

NRSC appreciates interest from all applicants, however we will only contact those being considered for an interview.

employment

CRAWLING VALLEY RECREATION SOCIETY

WE ARE LOOKING FOR OUR 2025 STAFF FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON 02-09c

Then Managers would start the middle of April to the end of September

Grounds Manager is responsible for the campground maintenance for all areas. Operating and maintaining small equipment, supervising staff, and a good knowledge of underground sprinklers. Must be willing to work weekends

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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SOUTH SHORE MEDICAL CLINIC

South Shore Medical Clinic is looking for a **PART TIME MANAGER**
20 Hours per week, 5 hours Monday through Thursday.
Starting date: April 1st, 2025

Position Qualifications:

- Five years office and clerical experience
- Payroll experience
- Strong communication skills
- Strong organizational & multi-tasking skills
- Ability to maintain patient privacy and confidentiality
- Ability to prioritize tasks
- Ability to collaborate with other multi-disciplinary team members
- Proficiency in the use of computer & office equipment
- Ability to work independently

Position Duties and Responsibilities

- Completing payroll
- Bookkeeping
- Overseeing all clinic employees in day to day operations
- Overseeing training of any new employees
- Creating and amending clinic policies and procedures

Please drop your resume at:
620 Cassils Road E
Brooks, Alberta 07-09c

Closing date March 5, 2025
 Only the selected candidates will be contacted for an interview

employment



Eastern Irrigation District We Are Hiring

The Eastern Irrigation District (EID), Brooks, Alberta, seeks a full time **DISTRICT-11 TILLEY WATER DISTRICT OPERATOR** to join our water delivery team.

The Water Operator, reports to the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent, works alongside 10 other divisional team members. This position is responsible for receiving and responding to water delivery and cancellation orders from farmers and other water users, monitoring and maintenance of water delivery and drainage infrastructure, and working as part of a construction crew during the non-irrigation season. The Water Operator will be required to be on call 24/7 for the water season May-October.

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

- strong organizational skills with the ability to manage and prioritize multiple tasks, produce accurate results, and meet deadlines.
- self-motivated with the ability and willingness to work independently as well as productively and cooperatively in a team environment
- effective interpersonal communication skills
- basic computer knowledge
- minimum class 5 operator's license

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.

We thank all applicants for your interest in the EID; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Closing dates for all applicants is February 28, 2025. 07-08c

eid@eid.ca www.eid.ca 403-362-1400

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.

Please call 403-362-5571 or stop in to place your ad.

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Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Jennifer Antill & Marion Freimuth on Feb 20. Ashley & Derek Christensen Wedding anniversary on Feb 24.

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. The donations go towards the student for various activities. Thank you for the continued support. I hope everyone can enjoy their week break from School.

Alcoma Home and School Association will be doing the casino fundraiser at the Lethbridge Casino June 16 and 17 2025.

Looking to fill shifts for June 16 1pm-8pm, June 16 8pm-4am, June 17 1pm-8pm, June 17 8pm-4am. People can contact the school to sign up 403-362-3741 or text Danielle 403-363-9938.

Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public during school hours and Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 8pm. Reminder there is no school the week of Feb 17th, affecting the library availability during daytime hours.

March 4, Scandia will be hosting their annual pancake Supper, and pie auction @ the Scandia Honey Warehouse. I've noticed some changes have started for the hall update,

super exciting for the community.

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



Use of the EID Aquatic Centre was free, along with most of the JBS Canada Centre, on Family Day Monday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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Puzzles



Solve the code to discover words related to heart health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = R)

A. 15 6 5 11 10

Clue: Pumps in chest

B. 13 5 11 14 3 4 23 5 12 13 20 1 5 11

Clue: Having to do with the heart

C. 2 11 6 12 12 20 11 6

Clue: Force of blood moving through body

D. 23 6 12 12 6 1

Clue: Vein or artery

Answers: A. heart B. cardiovascular C. pressure D. vessel

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to heart health.

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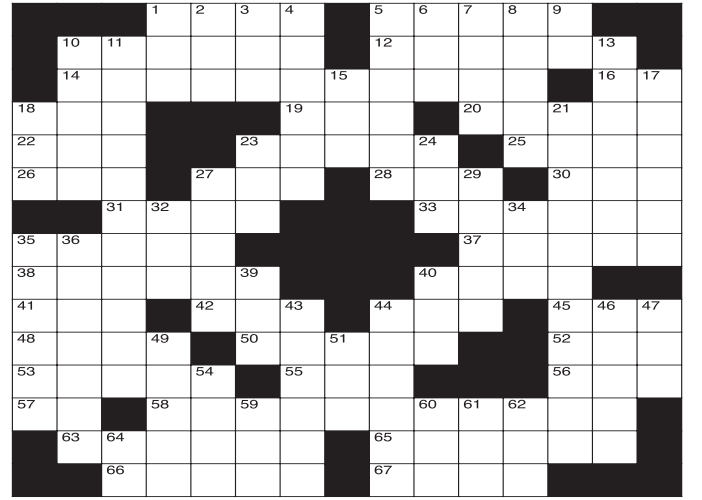
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Answer: Plaque

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in Canada on February 16, 1990. I began to gain a following after anonymously uploading my songs to YouTube. I went on to release a mixtape, which was met with acclaim. I have since won multiple Grammy awards.

Answer: The Weeknd



CLUES ACROSS

- Tropical Asian plant
- Yankees' slugger Judge
- Helps to preserve food
- Plant disease
- One who predicts
- Equally
- Burundian franc
- Pouch
- Arizona city
- Surround
- Hard, heavy timber
- Witnessed
- They ___
- French river
- A way to drink
- Small constellation
- Peruse a written work
- Type of hound
- Plant of the goosefoot family
- Evade or escape
- A way to confine
- Volcanic crater
- Weekday
- Women's service organization (abbr.)
- Local area network
- Sensory receptor
- Posted
- Tibetan pastry
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Very willing
- Golf score
- Consume
- Touchdown
- Tends to remind
- In a way, smoothed
- Poke holes in the ground
- Herbaceous plants
- Taiwanese river

CLUES DOWN

- Body art
- Boxing's GOAT
- Film for posterity (abbr.)
- Prayer
- Calculating machine
- Keyboard key
- Outburst
- Man-eating giants
- New Hampshire
- Type of sword
- Counting
- Pants style
- Political action committee
- U.S. government legislative branch
- Civil Rights Act component
- Contractors take one
- Spanish soldier
- A person's brother or sister
- Expressed pleasurer
- Song of praise
- Shock treatment
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Counteract
- Goes over again
- Popular Dodge truck
- Male adult
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Rope used to lasso
- Become less intense
- Subway rodent
- Lead alloy
- Japanese honorific title
- Advise someone
- Famous NYC museum
- Ocean
- Cathode-ray tube
- Cologne
- It starts with these two

HEART HEALTH WORD SEARCH

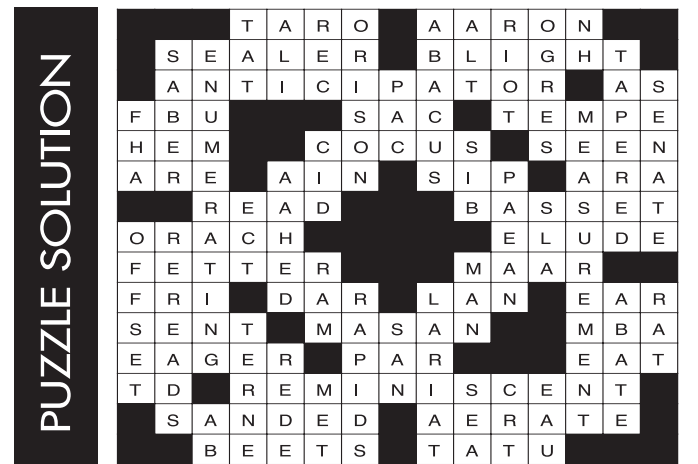


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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- AORTIC
- BLOOD PRESSURE
- CARDIAC
- CARDIOLOGIST
- CHOLESTEROL
- CORONARY
- FAILURE
- HEART
- MITRAL
- PACEMAKER
- PRESSURE
- PULMONIC
- PULSE
- STRESS
- STROKE
- SYSTOLIC
- TACHYCARDIA
- THROMBOSIS
- TRIGLYCERIDES
- VALVES
- VENTRICLE



PUZZLE SOLUTION

Sudoku

8	6							4
				9				3
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Level: Intermediate

ANSWERS

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



can wreck long-term plans.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
 Sometimes you have to give yourself a pat on the back when others are not offering the feedback you need, Libra. You are doing a great job and learning along the way.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
 Aries, impulsiveness may cause friction with loved ones this week, so avoid rushing into decisions. Keep an open mind when others come to you with their thoughts.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
 You often keep your cards close to the vest, Scorpio. Others may be surprised to learn a project you have been working on for some time has come to fruition.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, expect some clarity regarding a recent financial decision this week. You'll get the answers you need about budgeting and other investments you've been mulling over.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
 Personal ambitions are at the forefront of your mind, Sagittarius. However, you may be placing too much importance on financial matters rather than the other rewards from hard work.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
 This week you may be tempted to overcommit to social endeavors, Gemini. Keep your boundaries in check, especially if you are having difficulty telling other people, "no."

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
 You are doing quite well in your professional life right now, Capricorn. But in terms of home life, there are definitely some areas that can use improvement. Focus on those things.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
 Cancer, much of your to-do list this week will focus on your home life. Take a break from the hustle and spend time bringing order and balance to spaces in your home.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, you could be feeling a strong urge to declutter personal spaces, such as the garage, closets or even your home office. Find the time to start sorting through belongings.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
 Your words carry a lot of weight right now, Leo. Be very careful about the opinions you offer and the stories you share. By the weekend you may be called upon for some advice.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, if you have been thinking about making some sweeping financial decisions, now is the time to take action. Putting things off for another day

All it may take is a simple conversation to clear up some persistent misconceptions, Pisces. Figure out when to schedule that talk and afterwards you will feel better.