



# BROOKS BULLETIN

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025



A worker guides HALO safely to the ground on Friday in a field in east Brooks prior to a cheque presentation from Inter Pipeline. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Inter Pipeline provides HALO with major donation

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HALO Air Ambulance flew to Brooks on Friday to accept a \$275,000 donation over three years from Inter Pipelines.

"We're making sure that our commitment is spanning all the layers of where our employees, their families and their community's are," said Kyle DeGruchy, Inter Pipeline's senior vice president of transportation.

"There's always been a partnership there. It's about expanding it and continuing to support the work that they do. It's not so much about one and done. There's always a need for ongoing funding. This is really a long term partnership as opposed to a moment in

time," he said.

"We're really excited to have them on board at this level. I mean, \$75,000 a year is a massive amount and I think more importantly the commitment to multi-year partnerships is really what makes a difference, right?"

"It makes planning and organizing and knowing exactly where we stand that much more secure and ultimately that's what we need is to have predictable and stable funding," said Paul Carolan, CEO of HALO.

Next month HALO will bring a second helicopter medical helicopter online, however, they will continue to crew one and use the second when one is down for maintenance, a gap that has needed to be filled.

Carolan said the second

helicopter will be branded HALO for the first time in the company's history.

"When you see it in the sky, it'll be very obvious. It's different colours."

Seeing the Inter Pipeline logo that is affixed to the helicopter, DeGruchy said it's cool to see.

He added that it was also "cool" to listen to Carolan and the HALO people talk about how much the funding means to them and its impact.

"Just hearing it firsthand and being a part of, you know, a lot of great companies here (while pointing to other company logos) that clearly see it the same way as us, it's pretty cool," DeGruchy said.

## City OKs amendment that could see eightplex on .36 acre lot

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By a vote of 4-3 city council approved an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to allow for the construction of a medium density development on a .36 acre parcel at the corner of Kellington Close and Second Street East.

Voting for the amendment to change the lot from single residential to medium residential density were mayor John Petrie and councillors Joel Goodnough, Ray Juska and Bill Prentice. Opposed were councillors Mohammed Idriss, Jon Nesbitt and Marissa Wardrop.

During the hearing property owner Don Elmer, who was the only person speaking in favour of the development, sought clarification on development responsibilities and provided locations where medium density properties exist.

Six adjacent property owners presented their opposition for the amendment during the public hearing last week. The amendment could allow a four or eightplex to be built on the .36 acre property.

The biggest factors expressed by those who opposed the amendment were parking, the use of Second Street as a shortcut that sees a lot of speeding while children play on or near the roads and they questioned if there is a need for such a multifamily development when there is a nearby complex that often has vacancy signs.

"We just don't feel that we would want extra cars that a fourplex or an eightplex is going to bring," Tracy Krinke told council.

She presented a petition to planning on Feb. 14



City council approved a Land Use Bylaw amendment to allow for a medium density residential development up to eight units and potentially 16 parking spots on this .36 acre property at Kellington Close and Second Street E. The city's MPC will consider a development permit in the future. | SM STANWAY PHOTO

prior to the meeting that was signed by close to 60 residents who oppose the change stating that it could decrease property values, increase traffic in the back alley and there will be "parking overload" on Kellington Close.

"I haven't talked to a person who doesn't want to see something happening there but everybody was of the opinion that we would like to see a single family dwelling or at the very most a duplex," she said.

"I can't see that this would be an issue for a lack of rental space that we need to think more than a four or an eightplex. It just seems too much," said Penny Bannister.

"I just hope as a city council that you guys listen to our concerns that it's too small of an area for the density."

Sandy Hyslop urged council to plan.

"We need to think ahead how it is going to work. I ask you to take a handle on this and see if we need to

plan things better. Are we just going to hand out these bylaw changes without thinking about the future?" she asked.

With council's approval, at some point in the future a development application will be taken to the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) to approve or deny. If it is approved, the residents can call for a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) hearing to hear their case.

Gavin Scott, the city's land planner, said it would be "quite difficult" to meet the requirements for parking for eight units on the property.

"It is not the biggest property. The parking requirements would put it closer to a dozen if not 16 (spaces) depending on the number of bedrooms and that's a lot of parking to try to fit on here. Those things weigh through the development process," he said.



HALO's Air Ambulance landed in Brooks on Friday for a \$225,000 donation over three years from Inter Pipeline. CEO Paul Carolan, third from left, is shown with Kristen Simpson, Cory Neufeld, Paul Hawksworth Kyle DeGruchy and Doug Wright of Inter Pipeline. The donation is to help provide ongoing funds to the air ambulance service. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



The new Scandia Hall is framed as work and fundraising continues. In September, the Quonset that was used as a hall was removed to make way for an updated structure. When the hall was taken down, some of the flooring was saved to be used as a donor recognition board in the new hall. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



## THE COUNTY OF NEWELL IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

### COUNCILLOR COMPENSATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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



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Go to OPPORTUNITIES > MEMBERS-AT-LARGE on the County website.



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## 2025 COYOTE INCENTIVE PROGRAM REMINDER

- Coyotes are important** to the ecosystem but can impact wildlife, livestock & public safety when overpopulated.
- Incentive:** \$20 per coyote managed before **Mar 31, 2025**.
- Process:** Bring coyotes to the Shop at the County Administration building for ear clipping & payment. **183037 Range Road 145, Brooks, AB**
- You are responsible** for proper disposal after ear clipping.
- Eligibility:** Open to County residents, urban residents within County boundaries & landowners/managers.
- Only County coyotes qualify.

**Let's work together to protect our community & wildlife!**

## FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### NEWELL REGIONAL DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

We are **Hiring!**

This crucial role ensures the provision and integration of emergency services, safety codes compliance, and disaster services throughout the County of Newell. This role requires a strong understanding of fire service operations and the ability to collaborate effectively with diverse teams and communities.

The critical duties of this position include developing and facilitating comprehensive fire certification training programs, assisting in fire emergency investigations, ensuring compliance with safety codes in the fire discipline, assisting local Fire Chiefs from 9 Departments with multi-jurisdictional fire service responses, and overseeing equipment maintenance and vehicle repair programs.

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

INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE?

Read full job descriptions & find instructions on how to apply by visiting the *Employment Opportunities* page on the County website.

or SCAN THE CODE



## DISTRACTED DRIVING ALBERTA TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER



Eyes on the road, hands on the wheel—distraction and fatigue can be just as dangerous as impairment.

**STAY ALERT, STAY SAFE!**

### 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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Log in or set up an account with Virtual County Hall.

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Go to SERVICES & FEES > E-SERVICES 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.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



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

## PUBLIC HEARING

### PROPOSED BYLAW 2092-25 - ROAD CLOSURE

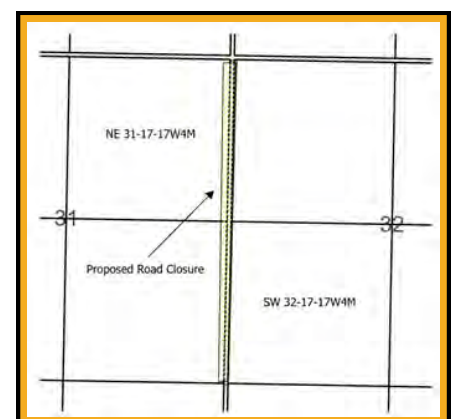
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** The County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to close the following portion of roads: **Adjacent to the E 1/2 31-17-17W4M**

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



Or via the livestream.



# Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY  
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## Man ordered to stay away from salon

Staff at a hair salon reported to police that a 44-year-old man was making inappropriate comments to staff and disturbing customers and was not wanted on the premises.

On Feb. 14 at 9:40 a.m. Brooks RCMP attended the salon and charged an unidentified man with mischief. He was also placed on conditions including not to attend the business.

## Woman found hiding was breaching conditions

On Feb. 16 at 3 a.m. during a traffic stop, RCMP saw a female known to them hiding beneath a blanket in the rear of the vehicle.

Police knew the female had been on conditions that included a curfew.

She was taken before a justice of the peace on charges of breaching her probation, breaching a release order and resisting arrest and was held in custody until court last week.

## Thefts from vehicles continue

Several items, including ID, credit and gift cards were taken from vehicles overnight on Feb. 16 and Feb 17.

While the investigations continue, RCMP remind residents to lock their vehicles and remove

valuables.

## Fraudulent job offer

A victim lost \$17,000 in a scam that involved a job offer on WhatsApp.

On Feb. 18 RCMP received a report of a fraud case involving an online job scam.

RCMP reported that the victim was contacted via the app with an employment offer that promised commission payments.

However, the victim was required to cover a specified 'cryptocost' before receiving any earnings.

The victim sent about \$17,000 before realizing it was a scam.

Police remind everyone to remain vigilant against fraudulent schemes including ones where you have to provide your information and/or send money.

Scammers use tactics to pressure their victims into sending funds quickly and they make it difficult for them to verify the legitimacy of the request.



This is also the time that many people will receive fake texts, calls or emails from CRA.

To check if the number is legitimate check online at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/scams-fraud/verify-cra-contact.html#h2>.

A CRA scam to avoid is the Working Canadians Rebate scam.

The CRA reports that text messages are being sent about the rebate and requesting you to reply and follow instructions to deposit the rebate.

"The CRA does not send text messages about benefits, credits, rebates, tax refunds, or payments," states the CRA.

The tax-free \$250 rebate will be automatically delivered by direct deposit or cheque in early spring to those who are eligible.



A vehicle crashed into a light pole on Second Street West near Indian Pan Flame just before 2 a.m. Thursday morning.

| SUBMITTED PHOTO

# BROOKS-MEDICINE HAT is hosting a TOWNHALL

WEDNESDAY,  
March 5th, 2025

DOORS OPEN  
At 6:00pm

HERITAGE INN AND CONVENTION CENTRE,  
1217 2 St. W., Brooks



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## What's Happening

### Arts, Culture, and Heritage Board Grant

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

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

Apply now! Visit: [Brooks.ca/598/Arts-Culture-Heritage-Board](https://www.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](https://www.brooks.ca/827/Recreation-Grant-Opportunities) for details.

Deadline: February 28

### Get Active: Explore Our Recreation Schedules

Looking for drop-in gym times, arena skate times (including shinny and public skate), pickleball, or swimming pool hours?

Check out our full recreation schedule to plan your next activity!

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

### 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](https://www.brooks.ca/310/EcoBrooks-Committee)

## Current Job Opportunities

Looking for a rewarding career? Check out the latest job opportunities with the City of Brooks!

- Human Resources Advisor
- Economic Development - Summer Student
- Safety Officer
- Temporary Utility Operator
- PT Customer Service Representative (CSR)
- Recreation Casual Labourer
- Recreation Casual Operator
- Recreation Operator I, II or III
- Water & Wastewater Operator
- Water and Wastewater Technician Co-op Practicum

Apply today: [Brooks.ca/313/Careers](https://www.brooks.ca/313/Careers)

## 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
- The agenda will be available on the Friday before the meeting at [Brooks.ca/agendacentre](https://www.brooks.ca/agendacentre)

### Next Council Committee Meeting

- Tuesday, March 11 at 4:30 PM
- Brooks City Hall - Hayes Room (201 1 Ave W)
- Open to the public
- The agenda will be available on the Friday before the meeting at [Brooks.ca/agendacentre](https://www.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
- Community Events: Earth Day, Family Day, Farmers' Market & more!
- 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](mailto:jwallace@brooks.ca) for more info.



The U15 Grasslands Football Club Strikers won the U15 gold medal at the Allstate Family Day Classic indoor soccer tournament. The Strikers were defeated by Rockies Athletico of Calgary during the round robin but defeated the same team in the finals to take first place. Back row are coach Kevin Balaski, Rafael Taleb, Nico Brown, Mahamed Aden, Jason Thomas, River Brown, Jamal Gelcho, Abdulgani Eleyyup and Christy Turgeon Brown, manager. Front row are Jade Flexhaug, Talia Cook, Douglas Rincan, Cadence Wenzel, Tahir Ahmed, Grayson Balaski, and Muhammad Zameel. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

# County denies additional RV on rural residential property

SANDRA M STANWAY  
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The county's Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) has denied a request for a variance for an Aimoto subdivision resident who wanted permission to have three additional RVs on his property.

MPC was told that there are currently five RVs on the property and two will be removed but Gordon Fingler, who lives in a rural residential district, wanted a variance to allow three

RVs to remain.

He told MPC the RVs are for visitors and visiting family members.

"My concern with giving a variance is that if all of the parcels all around there, like all of those acreages, did the same thing we would basically have a campground at Aimoto Acres," said councillor Lynette Kopp.

Councillor Kelly Christman said the vehicles are visible from Highway 550 and there are many neighbours in the subdivision.

"If we were to vary it would be or could be a very difficult situation," she said.

MPC agreed that the vehicles should be removed.

Staff told council there would be no option to convert one of the units into staff housing since there is no staff and an RV cannot be used as a home.

"An RV cannot be used as a dwelling so that wouldn't work," said Maria Jackson, planning and development supervisor.

Fingler will be allowed to keep one RV.

# Man gets time served on charges but kept in custody

SANDRA M STANWAY  
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Chol Mayol Ador, 38, resolved breach charges and was released from custody on those charges but was remanded in custody until his March trial on assault and uttering threats charges, despite a surety and defence seeking 24/7 house arrest.

The court found that the surety was reliable however, they would not be at home with Ador 24/7 due to work.

Shortly after 1 a.m. on June 26, 2024 police were called to the Plaza

Apartments where they found a group of men, including Ador, in a hallway drinking and listening to loud music. Ador pleaded guilty to breaching his curfew. On Aug. 3, 2024 at about 1 a.m. he was arrested by an officer at the 7/11 for being out past his curfew. Police had been at the store for a separate investigation. Then on Oct. 27, 2024 still bound to a curfew and with an address in Greenbrook Mobile Village and a no contact order with his mother, police were asked to locate Ador. At 10:30

p.m. police went to the Greenbrook home address but the owner did not know Ador. On Nov. 29, 2024 just after 10 p.m. he was found sleeping on a sofa in his mother's home. He has been in custody since that day.

The Justice agreed to the joint submission of 120 days pretrial custody, including days served earlier in the summer and although he was released from custody on the breach charges, he was remanded to custody until his trial in March on assault and uttering threats charges.

## 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-the schools casino will be taking place in Lethbridge in June. We are in need of volunteers Tuesday, June 17 from 8pm-

4am, if you are able to help out please contact the school. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up! 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.

## Buffalo Briefs

LORRAINE MONKMAN

BUFFALO - Finally the weather has moderated somewhat so being outside is now much more pleasant. I do hope that the warmth continues till the ice is gone though!!

Just a couple of reminders this week: This Friday, February 28 is the Jake Mathews Concert at Buffalo Hall with ham supper being served at 6:00 p.m. and the show beginning at 7:00

p.m. Tickets purchased for the December show will be honored. Come out and enjoy this entertainer.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 4 when Buffalo Ladies Club will host the annual Pancake Supper, Bingo and Bake Sale. Supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Bingo and bake sale later in the evening. See posters for details and we hope to see you there.

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# NOTICE

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

### Are you ready for the 2025 camping season?

- Create your account & update payment info at [www.campspot.com](http://www.campspot.com)
- Figure out your preferred 2025 camping dates
- Set your alarm for March 1 - 9:00 am
- Go online & book [www.campspot.com/book/prairieoasispark](http://www.campspot.com/book/prairieoasispark)

Scan here to book

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Draw: March 31, 2025. Licence 712760. Tickets must be purchased in Alberta. Must be 18+ to purchase. Please play responsibly.

# EID to pay \$365K for failing to insure safety of diver in 2022

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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The Eastern Irrigation District will pay \$365,000 in connection to the death of a diver during an occurrence on Oct. 19, 2022.

Last Wednesday the EID pleaded guilty to a charge under the Occupational Health and Safety Code for failing to ensure that the flow through an intake of a pipe, tunnel, duct or similar installation in the vicinity of a dive is stopped and the intake mechanism is locked out before the dive begins, and that it is not restarted until after the diver leaves the water.

The court was told that Terry Ferner, 54, was hired to repair a gate in a dam between Lake Newell and Rolling Hills Reservoir south of Brooks.

The recreational diver, who was promised a boat slip and a campsite in exchange for his work, was tethered with a rope and he had 2500 psi of air in a tank that was enough for one

hour.

The court was told that air bubbles were seen on the surface and the rope was tugged a few times indicating movement but after about 50 minutes there was no tugging and Ferner couldn't be lifted from the water.

When his tank was found it had 2000 psi remaining.

His family and friends noted through Victim Impact Statements that he was the glue that held the family together and they are still reeling from the incident.

"I am in tears. I miss and grieve as much today as I did two years ago," said his mother Hilda Ferner.

She said the look of loss on her grandchildren's faces is one that she will take to the grave but that she can find forgiveness in her heart.

"Please save someone else's life by following the safety rules."

His daughter Emily said she received an I Love You text from her dad at 12:53 p.m., a text that he often sent. At 8:11 p.m. she got the

worst news.

"The weight of the loss will live on," said Terry's brother Mike.

Since the dive, the court was told, a policy was put into place by the EID with a complete dive ban except by professionals.

In April 2023 the gates were replaced which "will reduce the likelihood of this ever happening again."

Speaking to the family and friends gathered in the Brooks courtroom Justice Gordon Krinke said the sentence is not a measure of Ferner's worth.

"There's no money that can rectify the situation. Nothing's gonna change that," he said.

Through a creative sentence order the EID is to pay \$300,000 to the Central Alberta Underwater Search Team and \$65,000 to the Alberta Underwater Council for training by April 25, 2025.

The EID also voluntarily set up a trust fund for Terry's children.

Nine additional OHS charges were withdrawn.

## Bassano Banner

BASSANO/GEM/ROSEMARY

TOM McPHAIL



BASSANO - About the most excitement these days is watching the ice melting on our streets and maybe finding lighter clothing instead of bundling up to withstand the recent MINUS 25 to 30 temperatures with windchills making it feel much worse. But hang in there for a few days. March is on its way. What does the Old Farmers Almanac predict?

Other than the weather to discuss, just a few reminders. The Gem Community Annual General Meeting is a must

for residents there to hear reports from various committees. Check your calendar for March 4 at 7:00 p.m. SHARP!!!

This week features some spectacular curling in Bassano as the Ladies Curling Bonspiel continues right through until March 1st. We should have some winning rinks reporting by

next week's Banner.

The staff and residents of Playfair Lodge prepare to wish Agnes Kraznai a happy retirement on March 28. All the best, Agnes, as you turn over your office to a new matron.

Your correspondent looks forward to some local news items from Rosemary, Gem and Bassano.

**BROOKS BULLETIN ONLINE READER POLL**  
Do you think the local economy will pull through if Trump imposes 25% tariffs?

YES	63%
NO	37%

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Online poll for the week of Feb. 19, 2025 - Feb. 26, 2025.

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# Energy from waste MOU signed so SAEWA's mission is accomplished, says councillor

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It's been close to two decades for the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste (SAEWA) program to show something tangible and last week they signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Global Green Energy Group to move forward in the facilitation of a framework for SAEWA members to develop a modular facility within the membership.

"With this agreement

SAEWA and its member municipalities have taken a giant step forward in making energy from waste for our smaller communities an achievable, cost effective and environmentally responsible alternative to landfilling," said SAEWA chair Ray Juska.

"Members have shown great interest in starting to work with Global Green to initiate projects, and SAEWA will be there to assist as needed."

"All five partners are extremely excited to get this energy from waste project

on the go," said county councillor Neil Johnson.

He said the local project was to have been put in motion last week.

The project, which could be operating as soon as next year, still needs to have a few final pieces set including site and waste agreements.

"I'm not sure where SAEWA is going to go after this but it's pretty well completed its mission and brought the energy from waste facility here and that's it. Mission accomplished," said Johnson.



## Know a Volunteer Hero?



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## COMMENT

## Trudeau shows his brazen disregard for taxpayers hasn't quit yet

*Trudeau is so dazzled by the graphite and glitter of his high-speed rail project that he's just ignoring the caretaker convention*

JOHN IVISON  
NATIONAL POST

At this stage of his political career, a Justin Trudeau press conference should be like living next to the highway. With little more than two weeks left in office, the prime minister's musings should be irrelevant background noise, with no spending implications whatsoever.

Yet the announcement on Wednesday in Montreal that the federal government plans to hand over nearly \$4 billion to a consortium to develop high-speed rail between Quebec City and Toronto was a reminder that Trudeau's still got it when it comes to brazen disregard for the taxpayer.

The prime minister's position is unchanged constitutionally. He is presumed to hold the confidence of the House of Commons until the House says otherwise.

But he has resigned and it is clear that his government would fall had he not prorogued the House. As such, the "caretaker convention" should be in place, discouraging a lame-duck government from blowing a hole in the next lot's budget. This is a clear violation of that convention.

Trudeau is so dazzled by the graphite and glitter of the high-speed rail project that he obviously cares little for such niceties.

He was in his element in Montreal, waxing lyrical about Canada lagging behind as the only G7 nation without high-speed rail. He identified the winning Alto consortium — Atkins Réalis (formerly SNC Lavalin), Air Canada and French train operator SNCF Voyageur — that will now co-develop the plan to bring to life a line connecting Quebec City, Trois-Rivières, Laval, Montreal, Ottawa, Peterborough and Toronto.

The dedicated 1,000-kilometre electrified route would allow trains to travel at 300 kilometres an hour, halving the time it takes to get from Montreal to Toronto currently.

Trudeau said it will improve the bonds between cities, raise productivity, reduce costs for businesses, boost inter-provincial tourism, take cars off the road, induce weight loss and reverse aging.

I made up those last two, but the prime minister's enthusiasm was unbridled, calling it a "nation-building project we can all be proud of."

"It will turbo-charge the entire economy," he said.

There is much to be said for high-speed rail, if you can provide a frequent and affordable service, such as the Italians do between Turin and Naples, or the French do between Lille and Marseille.

Evidence from Japan suggests high-speed rail can reduce housing costs and congestion by making it easier to live further from big cities. Electrification could reduce emissions.

Three consortia bid on the contract, so the private sector clearly believes there is a business case.

But against the prime minister's impetuosity should be weighed the reality of rail travel in Canada. Via Rail, which received \$462 million in the last budget for a new fleet, had a \$381.8-million operating loss in its last fiscal year. Passenger numbers in 2023 were still lower than they were pre-pandemic.

These high-speed-rail projects are massively expensive: Transport Canada estimated \$80 billion, but more recent studies suggest a figure nearer to \$120 billion. California approved a high-speed rail project between Los Angeles and San Francisco in 2008 but construction didn't start until 2015 and, so far, only 35 kilometres of track has been completed.

Trudeau said that his announcement is a sign that "this is real," after 26 studies over the past 33 years.

But it's not. The \$3.8 billion earmarked by the government has been announced but not approved by Parliament. That approval will have to be forthcoming before contracts are signed.

Even if approved, that money is for consultants who will spend the next four to five years deciding where to locate stations and track. Not one shovel will break ground.

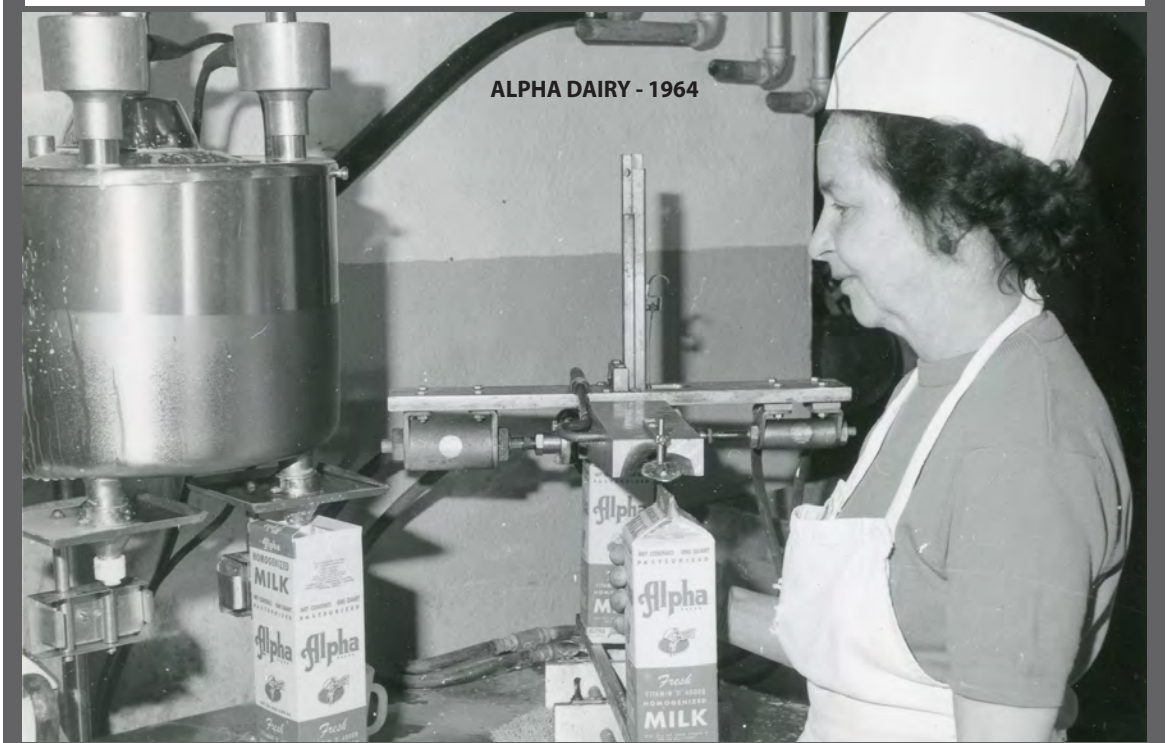
Yet, for Trudeau, as always, the announcement is the thing. He now has his fingerprints on the largest infrastructure project in Canadian history.

"It takes a will and determination to move forward and lock in this project," he said. "This investment in Canadians, which starts right now, will be very difficult to turn back on."

Transport Minister Anita Anand was on hand to recite the first verse from the Book of Trudeau: i.e., "We can't afford not to (spend)."

"How could they (the next government) not invest in the potential to add \$35 billion a year to the economy once this project is complete?" she asked, rhetorically.

## TIME CAPSULE



## Trump: 'Flood the Zone'

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



The planning for a hard-right takeover of the US federal government was detailed and meticulous, and its execution by Elon Musk and his young Silicon Valley storm troopers was ruthless and mostly successful. They did indeed 'move fast and break things', notably in gaining illegal access to the Department of Treasury payments system by sheer intimidation.

That's the system that processes all federal spending and accounts for more than one-fifth of the entire US economy. Court orders to cease and desist straggled in days later, but by then huge amounts of Congressionally authorised spending had been stopped in obedience to President Trump's executive orders, or simply by Musk's people turning off the taps.

They are out of the building again now, but they have undoubtedly taken copies of all the key accounts with them. Meanwhile court orders fly back and forth, but when the restraining orders that would stop Musk's rampage finally work their way up to the Supreme Court, Trump's bench of tame Supreme Court judges will throw them out.

This was where the real coup happened. Donald Trump's role was to provide a constant stream of distractions that drew the media's attention elsewhere. He succeeded: the 'mainstream' US media are always suckers for another Trump horror story, however extreme and unlikely.

The strategy he used was

best described in 2019 by Steve Bannon, chief Trump strategist in the early days of his first term as president: "The opposition party is the media, and because they're dumb and lazy they can only focus on one thing at a time...."

"All we have to do is flood the zone. Every day we hit them with three things. They'll bite on one, and we'll get all our stuff done. Bang, bang, bang." And Trump has been delivering enough 'things' to keep the media permanently distracted, which doesn't really take three things every day. Most days just one will do.

Declare that you will impose tariffs against Mexico, Canada and China. Talk about buying Greenland from Denmark (as if it didn't have a government of its own). Have a 24-hour 'crisis' when Colombia refuses to admit chained deportees arriving unannounced from America on a US Air Force plane. Threaten to annex Canada.

Impose tariffs on China but postpone the Canadian and Mexican tariffs for a month. Threaten to invade Panama (where the Chinese do NOT run the Canal). Talk about taking over the Gaza Strip and turning it into a 'Riviera on the Mediterranean'.

Talk about imposing tariffs on the European Union. Say the US wants to "clean out that whole thing" (the Gaza Strip), take over the region, and resettle the existing population (Palestinians) elsewhere. Say Canada wouldn't exist if it weren't for US 'subsidies' (i.e. US payments for Canadian oil, gas, electricity, steel, aluminium and lumber). Flood the zone.

Meanwhile, Trump's executive orders mirror the to-do list of Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation's plan for instituting permanent right-wing rule after a Trump election victory. Take partisan control of key government agencies, terminate

diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programmes, and deport masses of illegal immigrants.

Coming soon: close down the Department of Education, cut Medicare and Medicaid, and slash corporation and capital gains taxes. Let billionaires pay the same flat rate of income tax as single working mothers. The whole project serves the interests of the rich, the white and the Christian, which means plenty of distractions will continue to be needed.

And this may be the Achilles heel of the entire project, because the Distractor-in-Chief himself is so easily distracted.

Look at the way Trump is talking himself into a preposterous and unsustainable commitment to empty the Gaza Strip of Palestinians and rebuild it on the shores of the Mediterranean as a resort and casino for the world's rootless people. This is a recipe for American 'boots on the ground' for at least a decade.

Or, closer to home, watch him turn America's closest ally, biggest trading partner and formerly trusting friend, Canada, into a fearful and disaffected enemy. That's more than forty million people. Ninety percent of them live within four-hour drive of the US border — but 90% of them also do not want to be Americans.

So Donald Trump is serving the extreme right's cause well at the moment, but in the longer run he is just likely to sabotage it with his random enthusiasms and equally random prejudices.

The time will come, probably within a year or eighteen months, when the insiders start to see him as a liability and even as a threat to their great project of transforming America. At that point JD Vance will look like a promising, more reliable replacement — and Donald Trump, after all, is but a mortal man.



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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!

Dance to the music of "Sleepless Nights" on Saturday, March 8 at the Nikko Sushi Bar & Grill (hall), 225 - 3 Street West, in Brooks. All are welcome!

Tilley & District Public Library hours are Mondays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 4:00 to 7:30 pm;

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Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 4:00 to 7:30 pm; Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The library's Annual General Meeting is on March 11 at 6:00 pm at the library.

Tilley Seniors Society luncheon is the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 pm for all members and invited guests.

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.

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will offer a worship service with Holy Communion on Sunday, March 16 at 10:00 am with Reverend John Theiss. All are welcome.

A pastor made an announcement one Sunday that the church was in dire need of funds. He told the

congregation that whoever made the largest donation would be given the privilege of choosing three hymns the following Sunday. When the offering plates were brought forward, the pastor saw that someone had placed a \$1000 bill in one of the plates. Unable to contain himself, he immediately shared his joy with his flock. He requested the person come forward to thank them. A very quiet, elderly and saintly woman slowly came forward. The pastor thanked her profusely for her generosity and asked her to pick out the three hymns she would like. She slowly raised her arm and pointed to the three most handsome men in the room and said, "I'll take him, and him and him!"

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.

## Who are you watching?

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



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If you tune into the news these days, it seems like things are changing faster than we can keep up. Whether it be south of the border, or within Canada, or globally. And if we aren't careful, current realities could evoke any number of emotions: anxiety, fear, discouragement, and many more.

It is in times like these where we should take the words of Hebrews 12:1-3 to heart. In those verses we read the following: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by

such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (Hebrews 12:1-3)

That phrase in verse 2 tells us to "fix our eyes on Jesus." Yes, things in our world around us ebb and flow and rise and fall, but Jesus NEVER changes. Which is why, especially

as times get more chaotic and uncertain, we need to regularly return our eyes, our thoughts, and our heart posture, to focusing on Jesus. In the uncertainty of the times, Jesus is not uncertain. Jesus is alive and well, and He is not nervous.

When you find yourself starting to flounder due to the events in the world around us, just remember to turn your eyes back to Jesus. If we fix our eyes on Jesus, then, as it says in the next verse, we "will not grow weary and lose heart." The troubles of this world fade in comparison to the majesty and authority of Jesus.

So, is it time for you to turn your eyes back to Jesus again?

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# Bandits back in second, enjoy three consecutive wins

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The BCHL Bandits have gone undefeated in their last three games, have officially moved into second and have earned a spot in the playoffs.

It is the first time the Bandits are in second place since a core group of players left the team in December to play in other leagues following a rule change by the NCAA.

The Bandits and Bulldogs met twice last week.

On Family Day Monday Brooks blanked Blackfalds 6-0 in Blackfalds and at home on Friday the Bandits defeated the Bulldogs 9-2.

Some of the Bandits notable highlights from the pair of Bulldog games include goalie Chris Quizi stopping a penalty shot and Nathan Free getting a pair of assists and a hat trick; his second of the season. His last one was in November against the Pentiction Vees.

On Friday at home Bandits Keith McInnis and Cooper Pierson each scored two goals and Dante Siciliano scored his first goal of the season while Quizi earned his sixth consecutive win. The game saw a couple of goals reviewed, one by Bulldogs' Nicholas DiPaolo and one by Parker Lalonde. Both goals were good.

On Saturday in Brooks the Bandits defeated the Vernon Vipers 7-1.

Mathis Dufour scored the team's first and last goal of the game and had an assist.

Other goal scorers were Parker Lalonde, Drew Mackie, Nate Yellowaga, Liam Fitzpatrick and Nathan Free scored on a penalty shot.

As of Sunday the top three teams, Brooks, Pentiction Vees and Trail Smoke Eaters have all clinched a playoff spot in the Interior East Division.

Brooks, in second place, is four points behind the Vees and five points ahead of Trail.



Bandits goalie Zach Zahara makes a sensational stop on Saturday against the Vernon Vipers. Zahara stopped 22 out of 23 shots to help the Bandits defeat the Vipers 7-1.

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## Food origin and ownership not always clear - part one ... Mexican can be American, can be Canadian



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WILL VERBOVEN

Media reports have been breathlessly praising Canadians for buying local instead of American. I expect that, for most urban Canadians, it's a shocking experience just to find out that their food is actually grown somewhere and does not magically appear at their local grocery store every morning. But, it gets more perplexing for the innocent patriotic consumer, who is now told that just because a label says Canada does not mean that it is truly Canadian. Depending on the descriptor word, such as Product of, Made in, Manufactured in, or Processed in; the Canadian origin or content can be anywhere from zero to 100% depending on some

nuanced government regulation.

The cynical might say that except for the 100% label, all others are designed to fool the naive consumer into thinking that they are buying a genuine all-Canadian product. It seems even the 100% claim only requires 98% content. I suspect all the different descriptors and content minimums are the result of decades of lobbying by importers, brokers, manufacturers, processors, etc, all wanting to give the allusion to the innocent consumer that their products are Canadian. They sort of befuddle the details a bit, knowing most consumers don't read label fine print.

For sheer impudence, I like the label "Prepared in Canada," which then states in fine print, "may or may not contain domestic or imported products," that would be typically Canadian and sort of covers all the

angles. I suspect many Canadians would only read the first three words and assume it must be Canadian - which is what the crafty marketer is hoping for.

Retailers are now displaying small signs, stickers and labels with the word Canada on them to guide consumers to buy local. Perhaps the true indicator that a product is genuinely 100% local and Canadian is that the price is usually higher than imported products. But wait, there is more for the bewildered consumer to contemplate, that being: is it all imported products you want to boycott or just American imports in order to stick it to Trump. Well even that needs careful scrutiny because some products are imported into the US and then packaged and marketed as sort of American.

For instance, there are a couple of giants

in the continental fresh berry business; they are growers, buyers, contractors, packagers, distributors, importers, exporters and brokers of berries from Canada, the USA, Mexico and other central and South American countries. The labels are always the same with the US address of the company. You would be forgiven if you didn't notice which country it came from because the berry marketer is more interested in quality and consistency than the country of origin. No problem with that, but regardless of where those berries come from, the shrewd US berry business giant will still make most of the profit no matter where the berry is grown, including any from Canada.

Ponder this situation: is Alberta beef truly 100% Alberta - well, it is most of the time. There are times when Alberta feedlots buy American

feeder cattle, feed them American corn and then sell the finished cattle to an American-owned beef processing plant in Alberta, where the workers are members of an American labour union. That beef is then sold across the country as Alberta or Canadian beef. I guess the water used in this situation is 100% Canadian, or is it?

Thousands of tonnes of 100% American beef is imported into Ontario and Quebec every year with no imported product labelling; the innocent consumer presumes its Canadian. Will retailers now label it as imported from the USA - probably not. I guess they can use the universal "Prepared in Canada" label to dodge the American product label. Apparently, in the US, for beef to be labelled a Product of USA, it must be born, raised, fed and slaughtered in the US.

It's hard to avoid American involvement

in most of our food procurement because of their considerable control of the continental and even some offshore food imports. Bananas aren't grown in the US or Canada, but two major American companies grow, process, ship, and distribute them across the continent from Central and South America. It's the same for fruit and vegetables from Mexico, Chile, and Peru, as much of the business is dominated by US companies. There's no problem with that; it's all free enterprise. But it does make buying 100% Canadian a rather tricky exercise. More next time.

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## One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well what a welcome surprise in the change in the weather. This is much easier to take. What a difference from last week's -30's and -27 & -28C. I'm sure there were some cattlemen, that were really having to watch their little babies being born during that extreme cold. If they have sheds for them it's much better even if it's not heated they are out of that cold. I often wonder, how do those poor little birds stay alive in that extreme cold.

\*\*Note\*\*The Brooks and District Social Club will

be holding their dance on Saturday, March 8th, 2025 from 7:30pm to 10:30pm at the Nikko Grill and Bar- Hall (the former Legion Hall) with the band "Sleepless Nights" from Redcliff. It will be headed by Pauline Eaton and we wish her good luck and all the best and hope that we can keep the dances going. Once they quit, it will be gone and that will be sad! Unfortunately I likely won't be attending as my hip is really giving me grief.

Visiting at the home of Ozzie Schalm the past weekend were his daughter Sherry and

his granddaughter Lily Richardson, both of Calgary. I'm sure they had a great visit, Sherry with her sister Michelle and Jeff and her dad and Lily with her parents and grandpa.

On Tuesday of last week, I had an appointment in Medicine Hat and I had Diana Goff of Scandia come along with me and then after we did some shopping. After that we stopped in at my brother George and Jean's place for a cup of tea and visit. It was a mighty cold day, as when we left home in the morning it was -32C and when we returned

home in the afternoon it was -27C.

Barbara Mahrer and her three sons went on a Family Ski Trip to Lake Louise on Friday and they were joined by her brother Michael and his three kids of Calgary. Then on Saturday they stayed and visited at Canmore and everybody had an enjoyable time. No body had any injuries, just fun. They returned home on Sunday. Meanwhile Thomas stayed home to hold down the fort.

Charlotte Noronha went to Drumheller last Friday, then on Saturday she went to visit a friend in the hospital in Calgary, then returned to Drumheller and then on Sunday visited with her son Corey and Jesse and family. Then on Monday she went back to Calgary to visit with some other friends before returning home.

On Thursday Dianna Visser of Cheadle came down to visit with her brother Joe and also her sister Priscilla in extended care. Then in the afternoon Joe and Dianna took Pizza in to extended care to be with Priscilla and they celebrated Joe's birthday together. Then in the evening they came and got me to go to the Newell Concert presenting "The Piano Heist", which was very good. Those two young fellows sure did play those Keyboards and piano keys and I don't think there should be any dust left on

those keys for sure. All in all it was a great evening, then they brought me home and we had a snack and tea after. All was good.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Tyler Airth and to Riley Mortensen, both on Feb. 27th; to Stephen Mahrer on Mar. 1st; to Kathy Rehm (Houseman) of Calgary and to Robert Maclagan, both on Mar. 3rd; to Ramey Schuett of Strathmore and to Irene Ruzsvanszki of Calgary, both on Mar. 5th. We wish each of you all a great day and we wish everyone all a "Very Happy Birthday" and we wish everyone all the best in the coming years.

There aren't any anniversaries that I know of this week.

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

On the Lighter Side

My grandpa was very tight with his money. One day, we took him out for a coffee and treat. We parked and asked him what he'd like, and looking at the sign, he said "I'll have the free WiFi."

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## Millicent Mirror

MILLICENT LADIES THURSDAY CLUB

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

Some of the Children in our Community are getting together at Red Roof Studio on a weekly basis. Although Rita is retired, she still welcomes Children and Adults to make some Art Work and help them improve their skills. There are small groups of Homeschooled and School kids who come to the Studio on Highway 544 to work on a project. This is what one of the Children from our Community recently made. For more info about times available, please contact Rita at (403) 456-2933.

Brooks and District

Social Dance Club is hosting live music of Sleepless Nights, on Saturday March 8th at Nikko Suchi Grill & Bar, 225 3rd Street W. in Brooks. Everyone welcome! Cost \$15.00/person. Any Questions please call Pauline 403) 793-5315.

Kraft Hockeyville 2025 contest is making it's way to round 2. Please go to their website to comment and share your opinions why Duchess should deserve \$250,000.00 to upgrade their arena before March 2 @ 9:59p.m. We need to keep our smaller community associations viable and submissions help the arena of your choice become top finalists. Fans can start voting April 4 from 7:am mountain time until 5:pm

April 5th. Write these dates and times on your calendar. As per the Brooks Bulletin Rolling Hills and Tilley are also competing. Please check out last weeks Brooks Bulletin for more front page info.

Ken and Marlene Robinson spent a glorious 3 weeks in Punta Perula, Mexico enjoying warmth and sunshine. Marlene also has upcoming eye surgery this week and we wish her well.

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Take care everyone and enjoy the melt.

## Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - Brooks and District dance will be held on Sat. March 8th 7:30 - 10:30 at Nikko Sushi Bar & Grill 225 3rd St W. Brooks Band - Sleepless Nights. Everyone welcome.

If you have driven through Scandia lately you'll see that the walls for the new hall are going up! Exciting times for Scandia! Now we need to keep fundraising to finish the hall interior. So please join us on Tuesday, March 4 at 6 pm for the annual Pancake Supper and Pie Auction. Enjoy fluffy pancakes topped with delicious whipped cream and juicy strawberries with a side of tasty sausages. Supper will be followed by the always entertaining Pie Auction and Silent Auction. Enjoy an evening of good food and visiting in Scandia!

Brad, Carrie, Jakob and Kelsi Palko were in Cabo for a week. What a great time it was! Should have stayed longer to avoid the cold, although it wasn't too bad to come home to.

Carrie's sister Peggy was at the Palko house for a quick visit to bring the dog home that she was watching while they were away on holidays.

# Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - Canada came through with a win over the U.S. in the 4 Nation's Cup, last Thursday. That was such a fun series to watch. It was awesome to see Canada come out on top and Canadians coming together to cheer!

Many t.v's we're also tuned into the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Rachel Homan and her

team had a great week and deserved to win.

Brooks and District Social Club is gearing up for some dancing to live music. The first one this year, will be held on March 8th in the Main Hall of old Legion building and where Nikko Sushi is now. The address is 225 3St W in Brooks. 'Sleepless Nights' will provide the music from

7:30-10:30. Please come out for some good music and great conversations.

Congrats to a few local hockey teams that have advanced in their playoff season. The Duchess U13 Storm are heading off to the banner game this weekend. Good luck! And congratulations to Duchess U15 team who came back to win after being down

5-2 at the end of the second period! Way to keep your coaches and parents on their toes!

Duchess Arena was nominated for Kraft Hockeyville, giving us a shot at \$250,000 for much-needed arena upgrades! This is huge for keeping our rink running and continuing to be the heart of hometown hockey.

But your help is needed! Submit a story (just answer 3 quick questions) about what Duchess arena, home town hockey and community means to you, share photos, and get people cheering for us! Every submission counts toward helping us reach the finals. Deadline is March 2nd. Submit & Share! Let's rally together and make this happen! Go to hockeyville.kraftheinz.com, and make sure you do it for Duchess arena. It takes a village, folks, please give it a try and show your support.

# Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Katelynn Doll & Tessa on Feb 27, Stephanie Graham on Feb 29, Janice Christensen & Debbie Takeda on March 1, Gavin Bilsky on March 2

Condolences to the Hallman family with the passing of Anne Hallman on February 1st at the age of 84 years. She was a long time resident of Rainier and was very involved in our community. Those who would like to make a donation in honor of Anne may do so directly to the Rainier Community Hall.

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.

Congratulations to Shane, Amber and Lee Davidson with the birth of their son Brock Roy born February 5th. Lee will make a great big brother to Brock.

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.

Brooks & District Social Dance Club welcomes everyone to the live music of Sleepless Nights on March 8th @ Nikko Sushi Grill &

Bar 225 3rd St. W. in Brooks, There is an admission cost.

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.

# Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - That week off was sure a cold one here in Wardlow, we only ventured out when we had to, one to an appointment in Medicine Hat, where we were able to check on Missy's puppies they are growing like little weeds, even baking a bit. Puppies are just so cute but they do tend to grow up. We also rounded up Kallie and Jake

for a meal and a quick visit.

It is with deep sadness that we learned that one of our pioneers of the Cessford area, Lillian Nester has passed away. She was one of the first people that we became friends with when we came to this area. Lillian was a bundle of energy and a fun person to know. In later years she lived across the street from a good friend who we visited often. Lillian was a great cheerleader for her family, she will be greatly missed by a lot of people.

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**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](http://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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**CLARIFICATION**  
In a story last week on the county wanting to reduce insurance burdens on organizations, it was incorrectly stated that Rolling Hills receives \$250,000. The community receives \$120,000 and they require \$250,000 to get their ice plant operating.

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# 36,000 cartons of contraband smokes seized in Brooks

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

No charges have been laid in connection with the interception of a load of contraband cigarettes that were destined for Alberta.

On Feb. 13 at 11:30 a.m. Brooks RCMP received information of a suspicious truckload of cigarettes at a local business.

Police intercepted the truck and found that it contained a shipment of 36,000 cartons of contraband cigarettes that were destined for Alberta.

Two individuals were arrested. They were



Top, cartons of seized cigarettes by Brooks RCMP. Below, the semitruck lined with the cartons. | RCMP PHOTOS



released without charges.

Gina Slaney, an RCMP media spokesperson, said while it could take up to a year to lay charges, if ever, the individuals released may not have had any knowledge of the shipment.

"It's way bigger than them," she said.

No additional information is being released, including the provincial registration of the truck or the street value of the product.

# Time served for man involved in recycling depot mischief and assault charges

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Abdul Jara Mohammed, 39, received seven months in custody but was released with time served in relation to a series of charges including his role in the intent to break and enter at the Newell Recycling depot in February 2024 and an assault last month.

In Brooks Provincial Court the Justice accepted the joint submission of a global sentence.

Mohammed is also the subject of a 12 month peace bond during which time he cannot have any weapons, cannot contact his mother except with an order of family court to see his children and he must attend for assessment and counselling.

Mohammed was also ordered to provide his DNA.

Mohammed was set for a trial in April but changed his pleas to guilty to avoid a trial.

In relation to the Newell Recycling incident, he pleaded not guilty to break and enter with intent but guilty to the lesser charge of mischief to obstruct, interrupt or interfere with the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property.

He also pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to comply with release conditions.

The court was told that just before midnight on Feb. 7, 2024 Brooks RCMP responded to the site for a break and enter where two men, including one man who was identified by the caller, were inside the compound and who later fled in a red van.

The court was told that CCTV footage showed the men had crawled under a fence and were looking into vehicles that were parked in the compound.

No items were taken. Police found the van with one man identified by the caller and Mohammed.

Mohammed was found to

be breaching a curfew and weapons court order when he was found out past his curfew and with a pocket knife.

In his second set of charges from Jan. 20, 2025, Mohammed pleaded guilty to assault with a weapon, uttering threats and failing to comply with release conditions.

The court was told that police received a 911 call from Mohammed's mother, who had been acting as his surety, that Mohammed had become angry because of

the noise while his mother was cleaning the house. Mohammed, the court was told, threatened to rip his mother's eyes out and he pressed a hammer up against her head while screaming at her.

Mohammed was also bound to a release order to have no weapons

"I love my mother. I would never do something bad to my mother. She raised me, raised my kids. I love my mother," Mohammed told the court.

## Eastern Irrigation District

# NOTICE FOR FILING NOMINATIONS



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:

### Electoral Division 2 (Rosemary / Duchess)

The boundaries of Division No. 2 shall enclose the following lands ["Section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:

- 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

### Electoral Division 4 (Cassils / Brooks)

The boundaries of Division No. 4 shall enclose the following lands ["Section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:

- 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

### Division 7 (Rolling Hills)

The boundaries of Division No. 7 shall enclose the following lands ["Section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:

- 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

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 **8<sup>th</sup>** day of **April, 2025.**

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

Ivan Friesen, Returning Officer



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BASSANO IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 945/25

To be held at 6:30 p.m., March 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 adopt Bylaw No. 945/25 being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 921/21 for the municipality.

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Bassano desires to reduce the minimum floor area requirement for Large Lot Residential (R3) single unit dwelling of Land Use Bylaw No. 921/21.

**AND WHEREAS** the general purpose of the proposed amendments is to reduce the minimum floor area of single-unit dwellings from 167.2 m<sup>2</sup> (1,800 ft<sup>2</sup>) to 130.06 m<sup>2</sup> (1,400 ft<sup>2</sup>).

**THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT** a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw No. 945/25 will be held in the Town of Bassano Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on March 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), March 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 11 day of February, 2025.

Amanda Davis  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Bassano  
Box 299, Bassano, Alberta  
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## Eastern Irrigation District

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING



TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Meeting of the irrigators of the Eastern Irrigation District will be held at the Heritage Inn, 1217-2nd St. W, Brooks, Alberta on **Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025**, beginning at 1:30 o'clock in the p.m. to:

- (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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2025.

Ivan Friesen, General Manager  
Eastern Irrigation District

# Bears bring comfort to children with Type 1 diabetes

SUBMITTED

When Nicki Manning was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in Brooks, it took almost 10 years before she was introduced to another person with the same chronic condition.

Receiving a life-changing diagnosis can be scary and lonely, even more so in a small community with less opportunity to meet people with the same diagnosis.

Today, Manning is a unit clerk at the Brooks Health Centre where she's helping newly-diagnosed patients know they aren't alone, alongside colleagues in the Alberta Health Living Program and in partnership with the Brooks Health Foundation.

Type 1 diabetes is most often diagnosed in childhood, limiting the options children have to engage with online communities and supports.

"I follow a whole bunch of inspirational Type 1 people online and they're motivating and show that we can do hard things," says Manning.

"But kids can't join social media until they're a bit older, so I was thinking about what could help introduce them to this new community."

Inspired by bears seen elsewhere, Manning purchased buttons that look like the continuous glucose



Nicki Manning's bears, with sensors stitched on their arms, much like the ones that patients with Type 1 diabetes wear, bring comfort to children diagnosed at the Brooks Health Centre, where she's a unit clerk. | NATHAN LUIT PHOTO

monitor worn by Type 1 diabetics to monitor their blood sugar levels. After mentioning the project to Shawna James, coordinator of the Brooks Health Foundation, Manning found herself with a closet full of bears to choose from.

"I grabbed a handful of bears from the foundation, and with my amateur sewing skills, stitched the buttons on the back of their arms," says Manning. "It takes me five minutes to do and the look on the kids' faces is perfect."

Often, Manning meets newly-diagnosed patients in the emergency department

— like Allison Lelek and her mom, Robyn Preston. Receiving a gift and connection from someone who's been in those same shoes helps make a scary time a little less intimidating.

"The feeling of inclusion in these bears, I can't even explain it," says Preston. "Just the fact that she's got something that represents her and the things that she goes through."

Manning met Lelek when she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes last spring. By sharing some of her own experience, she hopes to give a realistic view of what it's like to be diabetic.

"I feel like it's important for parents to see me and know that I'm OK," says Manning. "I have a career, I have a family, I have a good relationship with my diabetes — and it's doable."

Manning is proud to represent people with Type 1 diabetes in her community, and is glad she's found a way to connect with newly-diagnosed children in her community.

"This is such a simple little gesture to help comfort them, so they can see they're not alone," says Manning. "This bear is a symbol. We're always attached to something — I have an insulin pump on and it's 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This bear also has this attachment."

"It's small, but it's meaningful."



Allison Lelek gives her new stuffy a heartfelt hug. She received the bear soon after receiving her Type 1 diabetes diagnosis at the Brooks Health Centre. Mom Robyn Preston says she's grateful for the feeling of inclusion the bear provides her daughter. | NATHAN LUIT PHOTO

# County fire bylaw sent back to staff before first reading

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council sent the amended fire bylaw back to staff before giving first reading.

One of the hottest issues discussed by council was the need for burning barrel permits

Stewart Luchies, the regional fire chief, added the permits in as a way to safely monitor the barrels.

In his report Luchies noted that, "significant updates are needed to ensure the bylaw aligns with current emergency service standards and best practices."

The proposed revision included general housekeeping, permits for burning barrels to provide an opportunity to ensure that precautions are being taken such as setbacks and the use of a mesh screen to help contain sparks and embers.

Council thought the permits would be too onerous for both staff and the residents and stated while most owners are responsible there are those who won't follow.

Layne Johnson, the county's director of corporate services, said they would not be going out to visit farm yards to ensure barrels are permitted.

"It would be complaint driven and if there's a need for us to follow up, the opportunity is there to go out and meet," he said.

"I think it would be taxing for the staff and taxing for the ratepayer to (get) the permit," said councillor Greg Skriver.

"You can't legislate stupidity out of people. It just doesn't work. I just think we're better going down the road of education," said councillor Holly Johnson.

The council wants to ensure that mesh screens are mandated for fire pits.

## Brooks & District Fish & Game

# 2025 BFGA AWARD WINNERS

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Black Bear	Jose Pable: 20 0/8"
Elk	Evan Scheurman: Gross 221 3/8", Net 216"
Moose	Monte Busse: Gross 159 3/8", Net 158 4/8"
Mule Deer (Typical)	Doug Rutherford: Gross 168", Net 162 2/8"
Mule Deer (Non-typical)	Nic Enders: Gross 169 2/8", 158 4/8"
Pronghorn Antelope	Vincent Elgersma: Gross 81 2/8", 80 0/8"
White-tailed Deer (Typical)	Lorne Russell: Gross 151 1/8", Net 146 1/8"
White-tailed Deer (Non-typical)	Joe Entz: Gross 156 2/8", Net 153 5/8"

#### MEN'S ARCHERY

Moose	Gerald Huber: Gross 180 6/8", Net 174 0/8"
Mule Deer (Typical)	Devon Fika: Gross 137 7/8", Net 125 4/8"
Pronghorn Antelope	Jordan Johnson: Gross 75 1/8", Net 73 4/8"

#### LADIES - RIFLE

Pronghorn Antelope	Annette Fontaine: Gross 66 3/8", Net 65 3/8"
White-tailed Deer (Typical)	Kersey Daniels: Gross 125 2/8", Net 122 3/8"
White-tailed Deer (Non-Typical)	Sarah Fika: Gross 136 4/8", Net 125 1/8"

#### YOUTH - BIG GAME (RIFLE) - BUCKS

Black Bear	Xaiden Cyr, 17"
Moose	Ashton Tymchuk: Gross 156 5/8", Net 148 3/8"
Mule Deer (Typical) - 1st Place	Talan Osadczuk: Gross 185 5/8", Net 182 4/8"
Mule Deer (Typical) - 2nd Place	Clayton Russell: Gross 102", Net 93"
Mule Deer (Non-typical)	Ollie Johnson: Gross 160 2/8", Net 155 5/8"
White-tailed Deer (Typical) - 1st Place	Clayton Russell: Gross 98 4/8", Net 96 6/8"
White-tailed Deer (Typical) - 2nd Place	Cooper Briggs: Gross 95 4/8", Net 93 6/8"
White-tailed Deer (Typical) - 3rd Place	Chase Fontaine: Gross 85 2/8", Net 83 1/8"
White-tailed Deer (Typical) - 4th Place	Xaiden Cyr: Gross 53", Net 50 6/8"
White-tailed Deer (Non-typical)	Saxon Quinton: Gross 135 4/8", 132 4/8"
Wolf	Cooper Briggs: 14 4/8"

#### YOUTH - BIG GAME (ARCHERY) - BUCKS

Mule Deer (Typical)	Saxon Quinton: Gross 155 1/8", Net 152 1/8"
White-tailed Deer (Typical)	Talan Osadczuk: Gross 158 7/8", Net 152 6/8"

### BIRDS

#### MEN'S

Canada Goose	Larry Busse	13 lbs.
Hungarian Partridge	Larry Busse	1.0 lbs.
Ring-necked Pheasant	Jim Johnson	40 1/4"
Sandhill Crane	Jonathan Pool	6.14 lbs.
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Cameron Smith	1.94 lbs.
Snow Goose (Blue phase)	Richard Heringer	6.74 lbs.

#### LADIES

Ring-necked Pheasant	Sally Bartman	37 1/2"
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#### YOUTH

Canada Goose	Parker Russell	11.4 lbs.
Hungarian Partridge	Xaiden Cyr	0.86 lbs.
Ring-necked Pheasant - 1st Place	Xaiden Cyr	36"
Ring-necked Pheasant - 2nd Place	Parker Russell	34 1/4"
Ring-necked Pheasant - 3rd Place	Clayton Russell	33 1/2"
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Xaiden Cyr	1.84 lbs.
Specklebelly Goose	Clayton Russell	6.3 lbs.

### FISH

#### ADULT

Brown Trout	Stu Philpott	24 1/4"
Lake Trout	Chris Hermann	32"
Northern Pike	Kevin Barath	43 1/2"
Rainbow Trout	Chris Hermann	19 1/2"
Walleye	Jordan Johnson	28"

#### YOUTH - BUCKS

Brown Trout	Jep Janzen	14"
Goldeye - 1st Place	Hunter Greenstein	14"
Goldeye - 2nd Place	Jep Janzen	12"
Northern Pike - 1st Place	Ollie Johnson	45"
Northern Pike - 2nd Place	Wylie Campbell	44"
Northern Pike - 3rd Place - tie	Cole Altwasser	41"
Northern Pike - 3rd Place - tie	Talan Osadczuk	41"
Northern Pike - 4th Place	Tanner Barath	35"
Sauger	Tyson Larsen	15 1/4"
Lake Sturgeon - 1st Place	Hunter Greenstein	31 1/2"
Lake Sturgeon - 2nd Place	Tyson Larsen	29"
Walleye	Talan Osadczuk	30"

#### YOUTH - DOES

Northern Pike	Morgan Barath	34 1/2"
Walleye - 1st Place	Annabelle Pool	22 1/4"
Walleye - 2nd Place	Lucy Johnson	15 1/2"

### GRAND AGGREGATE TROPHIES

CATEGORY	SPONSOR	WINNER	SCORE
Big Game - Moose	Wildlife Taxidermy	Gerald Huber	180 6/8" Gross 174 0/8" Net
Birds - Pheasant	McColman Oilfield Hauling Ltd.	Jim Johnson	40 1/4"
Fish - Northern Pike	Brooks Home Building Center	Ollie Johnson	45"

### MEMORIALS

#### ROCKY UNSER MEMORIAL - YOUTH

Typical White-tailed Deer	Talan Osadczuk: Gross 158 7/8", Net 152 6/8"
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*Congratulations to all the winners*

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## obituaries



**BUNN** - Vera May Bunn of Brooks, beloved wife of the late George Bunn, passed away in Brooks on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 at the age of 86 years.

For updated Funeral Service announcements please visit [www.sfh.ca](http://www.sfh.ca)



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## obituaries



**OLIVIER-WEBBER** - Holly Lynn Olivier-Webber of Brooks, loving wife of Dennis Webber, passed away in Brooks on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 at the age of 61 years. Holly was born in Drumheller, Alberta. April 3rd, 1963. She is the fourth child born to Clarence and Shelby Jean Olivier, she has 3 older sisters. Debbie Dovichak, Cindy Hankel, and Shelly Janke. As well as two younger brothers. Clancy and Darrin Olivier. Holly began school in Marithorp, Alberta, then moved to Whitecourt, and then to Veteran for grade 3. She then moved to Tilley for grade 6 and finished her education there. Holly was competitive and loved school

sports, ladies curling and fast ball. She had a strong passion for attending curling briers and Scottie's tournaments. Holly met Dennis Henry Webber at Emerson bridge. Fortunately, he got to spend the weekend with her because he had 3 flat tires. The rest is history. Married February 14th, 1989, and again in the Catholic Church October 21st, 1989. Shyloh Shelby was born August 31st, 1989. Followed by Delore Dennis Gabriel on April 26th, 1994. October 10th, 1996 Austin Bowden George joined as the 3rd child. Holly and Dennis's first home was in Rosemary in 1989. Then moved to Sunnylea in Brooks for several years. Then moved to Uplands, where they currently reside. Holly loved her family more than anything. Spending time with her husband, kids and spoiling her grand children is some of the things she lived for. Holly was an animal lover, especially for her dogs. Holly loved to travel and have fun, especially with the oil wives club of Brooks and their convention trips. Camping with family was an all time favourite, didn't really matter where, Rock Lake, Emerson Bridge, Rolling Hills Reservoir and going to the mountains for Canada Day long weekends. Holly enjoyed riding her motorbike. As her nieces and nephews grew up, they all loved her. Cruising with the music blaring and windows and sunroof open, singing as loud as possible. If you were looking for your kids and called Holly, she said "nope, didn't see them" as they all poured another drink. Holly loved to play crib, and always enjoyed beating everyone, especially her father. Another thing Holly loved was to shop, a day trip to the Hat with sisters, or Shyloh, or a girl friend, she even drug Dennis to go shopping. In July of 2020 Holly was diagnosed with Cancer. From July 2020 till Feb 2025 Holly had ongoing tests, numerous appointments, surgeries, and chemotherapy. During this time Holly showed the definition of a true warrior. Holly always loved working with people, from working at the steak loft, Suzy shirt, and the heritage. She tried her hand as an ambulance attendant. Eventually, she took her health care aide certificate and then completed her unit clerk where she worked until her health failed. Holly taught first aid / CPR courses for many years. Holly loved to be part of community and be with friends. It showed as she participated in the Brooks Oil wives club, Brooks and District Health Foundation, and a coach for Austin's soccer team of the Grasslands Soccer Association. She volunteered in many other community events. God was ready for you, but we were not. The world won't be the same without you Holly, in our lives. But Holly touched each and every one of us and has left us with everlasting memories to cherish in our hearts. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 7th at 11:00 AM from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rev Eligio Canete Celebrant. In memory of Holly, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to either Brooks Animal Protection Services (BAPS), Box 86, Brooks Alberta T1R 1B2 or the Brooks and District Health Foundation, Bag 300, Brooks Alberta T1R 1B3.



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**NESTER** - It's with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to the matriarch of our family and a dedicated member of the Brooks community. Lillian Joyce Nester passed peacefully February 20, 2025, at the Brooks Hospital with an exhausted body after a life well lived. Grandma was born at home on the farm at Patricia during a blizzard to Steve and Mary Ulrick, the 6th of 8 kids, on February 23, 1935. She was blessed to have grown up in a family with strong values that taught her how to work hard, clean impeccably, care unconditionally and laugh without worry. If you knew Lillian, you knew she lived her life much like she was born, in a whirlwind that never let grass grow under her feet. Being one of the middle girls,

she was called upon to help raise the younger ones and spoke that she was often in trouble for one thing or another. She looked forward to 4-H with the John Ware Beef Club and completed her Grade 12 by correspondence in between working for local families and as the switchboard telephone operator in Cessford. She met the handsome ranching soldier, John (Jack) Nester, who'd returned from WW2 to homestead in the Cessford area. They married on October 14, 1953, and built a successful ranch on the edge of Berry Creek, where they created a life and family on the same hard work and strong values both her and Grandpa knew as kids themselves. Son, Jack Nester, was born January 13, 1955 and soon after daughter, Marj (Nester) Veno, was born April 18, 1956. Life was busy raising her family, but there was always room for anyone who stopped in at the dinner table where food was always plentiful and hospitality was always warm. If it was on the menu in her kitchen, it had been grown by her hand. From raising her own chickens, turkeys, pork and beef to milking cows and growing a "Hutterite sized gardens" for canning, pickling or sharing with neighbors in need. While she could create a meal for a king from the scraps of a peasant, her baking lacked nothing in comparison even still to this day and we've all been lucky to have shared a seat at her table. Lillian was the ultimate supporter of all things kids and community. If it was a gathering at the Cessford Hall, regardless of the occasion, you better believe she was there to peel the spuds, help host the party and dance the night away! She was a lifetime member of the Ella Jane WI Club at Cessford and curled many years in Pollockville. She was always game to toboggan and try to ski with the kids on the creek hills or sit in the cold to cheer on a hockey game. She loved social gatherings and if it meant a good game of cards or a reason to laugh, she was all in. And in all things cleaning, for the kids 4-H steers she even knew the perfect mix of Mrs. Stewart's bluing to turn calves' hair white. To put it bluntly, she could do it all! The ranch was sold in '82, where Grandma and Grandpa retired to Brooks. They quickly found themselves a new welcoming community with several recreational activities. If you were around the horseshoe pits, curling rinks, or cribbage tournaments, you'd find Jack and Lill. Their competitive spirits found them inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame for Horseshoes in 2007. This came following a lengthy career traveling Canada in their motor home to play horseshoes and have fun. Later, she and her cribbage partners travelled to Prince Edward Island to play in the Canadian Legion Cribbage championship. She was a very active member of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and served on the executive for many years volunteering to cater for countless memorials and events where there was always a sideways look and a lot of laughter. In 1976, Grandma's world changed with the arrival of 4 grandkids in 6 years. That excitement brought tons of pride for them both and they lived through every phase of watching them grow, become adults and start families of their own with open arms. She flourished under the title of GREAT Grandma, or Nana Grapes, to 11 Great Grandkids and one Great Great Granddaughter. Grandma never missed a chance to cheer enthusiastically at a rodeo, roping or hockey game and she was everyone's number one fan. It's safe to say Lillian lived her life to the fullest. She always carried herself with class and took a lot of pride in her appearance. We can all hope to have as many chapters to our stories full of memories as her. Lillian is survived by her daughter Marj Veno (Murray McArthur). Granddaughter Janet (Steven) Yule and their sons, Tate and Wyatt. Grandson Travis Nester and his sons, Colby and daughter Hunter, Hayden, William and Paul. Granddaughter Christy (Brad) Wemekamp and their children Tyler and Amber Helle and Cassie Wemekamp. Granddaughter Kelsey (Wes) Yule and their children, Cash and Piper. Sister-in-law Louise Berg, Brother-in-Law Louie and Doreen Nester and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Jack Nester, son Jack Nester, son-in-law Greg Veno, her parents Steve and Mary Ulrick, siblings Iva and Mike Kozy, Lloyd Ulrick, Norma Thurlow, Hilda and Austin Bunney, Roy and Florene Ulrick, Marlene and George Pickering, Betty and Bob Prentice. Memorial Service to be held on Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 2:00 pm, at the Heritage Inn and Convention Centre, Brooks, AB. Rev. Esther Crews officiating. If so desired, donations can be made in her memory directly to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, 2300 Yonge St, Suite 1200, Box 2414, Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4.

Cremation is entrusted to and conducted at  
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## coming events

**BROOKS & DISTRICT MUSEUM'S**

**AGM**

will be held on

**March 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm**  
 at the Museum.

Regular meeting to follow.

Phone

**403-362-5073**  
 for information.

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## 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  
 811 Cassils Rd. W., Brooks  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 403-793-4796**

01-52p

## feed & seed

**HAY FOR SALE** - Round Bales mesh wrap - 1st cut Grass, 1st cut Alfalfa, or 2nd cut Alfalfa. No Rain, Semi-loads, loading available. Tom Adams 403-633-0445, Duchess, Alberta. 03-18p

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**coming events**

**DANCE**  
 BROOKS SOCIAL CLUB  
**NIKKO GRILL & BAR**  
 Main Hall  
 235 - 3rd St. W. Brooks  
**MARCH 8TH**  
 7:30 to 10:30  
 Band: "Sleepless Nights"  
 \$15/person  
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 09-10P

**coming events**

**AGM NOTICE**  
**CHAMPION CENTRE**  
**March 20**  
 at 7:00 pm  
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**employment**



**NEWELL**  
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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**

**FARM/RANCH WORKER & CLASS 1 DRIVER OPPORTUNITY**

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**POSITION REQUIREMENTS:**

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- 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.
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- Wages: \$25/\$35+/hour depending on experience.
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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.
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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: Please submit your resume and references to ross.r.armstrong@gmail.com or contact us at 403 501 9705 for more details.  
 08-09p

**cards of thanks**

*Thank You!*

The family of the late Deanna Tomlinson would like to thank the many people who supported her during her battle with cancer. The doctors, nurses and support staff at the Brooks and Medicine Hat Hospitals. Those who treated her at the cancer clinic in Medicine Hat and the caring staff at Home Care in Brooks whose concern and advice was special.

All the people that have stopped by and reached out with food and kind words, thank you. The staff at Western Financial Group who never quit hoping for her recovery and a special thank you to JoAnn for all she did to make Deanna's journey easier.

The Brooks Bandits for their presentation and moment of silence to honour Deanna's years of volunteering.

Pastors Maggie and John and the staff at Trinity Lutheran Church for their support and the ladies who provided the reception lunch.

We also wish to acknowledge Myrna for her heartfelt Eulogy and Kim and Phyllis from Western Financial Group for their tribute. Lastly, we thank Kelly and the staff at Smith Funeral Home for their professionalism and kindness.

Thank you!  
 Gene and Laramie

**employment**



**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
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- Overseeing training of any new employees
- Creating and amending clinic policies and procedures

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Please send resumes to the following:  
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# Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



**CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK** - Family day long weekend is tied in with kids having the week off school. I hope you were able to spend sometime with family and enjoy the uptake in the weather at the end of the week. We enjoyed having Sarah home from Edmonton and catching up with her. We also enjoyed attending the Valentines Ball in Rolling Hills as well as the Bow City dance fundraiser with

the Fox and the Hounds. These events are critical to the operation of these small community halls and essential to maintaining they stay functioning in their community. Thank you to the organizers and all the work you put in to creating these lovely evenings out!!

Sue and Jason Giles spent a couple days checking out Banff and being tourists.

Sarah and Eva Niznik spent 3 days

in Saskatoon over the break at the Canadian Jr Angus Association GOAL conference. They enjoyed the event very much, getting to know and reconnecting with other youth with similar ag interests, and listening to industry speakers.

I had a great visit with Mason Hofer who is now back home after a work/travel visit to Australia. He spent the last week in Hawaii

with his grandparents before returning to the land of cold! It sounds like he had a grand adventure and enjoyed his time there, but was glad to be home as well.

If you have driven through Scandia lately you'll see that the walls for the new hall are going up! Exciting times for Scandia! Now we need to keep fundraising to finish the hall interior. So please join us on Tuesday, March 4 at 6 pm for

the annual Pancake Supper and Pie Auction. Enjoy fluffy pancakes topped with delicious whipped cream and juicy strawberries with a side of tasty sausages. Supper will be followed by the always entertaining Pie Auction and Silent Auction. Enjoy an evening of good food and visiting in Scandia!

There will be a Brooks and District dance held on Sat. March 8th 7:30 - 10:30 at Nikko Sushi Bar & Grill

225 3rd St W. Headlining the event is a Brooks Band - Sleepless Nights Admission \$15.00 pp Everyone is welcome!!

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

"There are 2 things we get everyday when we wake up, a chance and a choice" Have a great week!

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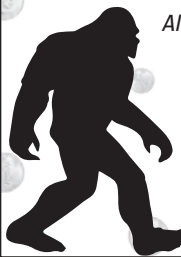
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# Meet the Bow River Riding Conservative candidates

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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As of press time there are five contenders who are vying for the Bow River Conservative nomination.

Earlier this month MP Martin Shields announced that he will not seek re-election which has opened the riding up to a new candidate for the first time in close to 10 years.

Nominations were to have been filed by 5 p.m. on Feb. 25.

The documents will be vetted before the final list of names is released. It is also anticipated that Conservative members will learn when and where they will vote and if there will be a town hall.

Some members believe that if Mark Carney is elected on March 9 to lead the Liberal Party of Canada, he will call a federal election on March 10.

**Graham Abela**, 54 years, Taber police chief



**GRAHAM ABELA**

Graham Abela, husband and father, has been in Taber since 1977 where he graduated high school and is now the police chief.

"I'm just your regular average everyday guy," he said.

He has been a volunteer all his life and he's still got a strong desire to give back and make a difference.

"That's one of the reasons I became a police officer but it's one of the reasons I want to be the member of parliament for this riding," he said.

He said he's a great listener who has learned a lot from MP Martin Shields including the importance of

community involvement.

With his out of the box thinking, Abela said his skills are action oriented and he has proven leadership.

"We need leaders who can think differently, who can get things done where there are a whole bunch of unknowns."

He is concerned about crime and would like to see more resources and legislative changes where required.

He sees the riding as an "economic powerhouse" that provides 30 per cent of food for Canada and he believes a new energy wave is coming to the region so he wants to ensure that policies will be written to allow Alberta to sell their energy to markets outside the United States.

As for the carbon tax he sees it as a major issue in the riding with farms, businesses and large production industries spending millions of dollars.

"It's just not necessary ... We're punished by the Liberal policies around carbon tax. Honestly, we gotta get rid of that."

**David Bexte**, 59 years old, Mossleigh farmer



**DAVID BEXTE**

David Bexte is a lifelong Albertan, husband, father, farmer, volunteer, and a former employee in the oil and gas industry.

"I have been working in Alberta's two largest fields - agriculture and energy so I understand first hand the challenges facing families, workers and businessowners in Bow River. I'm running to make life better for them," he said.

Bexte has been a member of the Bow River

constituency board and he worked with MP Martin Shields on policy and constitution issues and has attended some events with Shields.

Improving life includes the Conservative platform to axe the carbon tax and jail not bail for criminals but his key area is to cut taxes, unleash Alberta's energy and to restore common sense.

"Mainly, I want to recognize that farmers are the backbone of the country and yet Ottawa keeps taxing and regulating and restricting them unfairly," he said.

He wants to cut the tax burden on farmers.

"Family farms are a national strategic asset and we need to treat them as such," he said.

If he was elected the first thing he would like to accomplish is a farm bill identifying they are a strategic national asset to help avoid losing family farms due to taxes.

The US issues for Bexte simply mean, "Canada first. Canada always and Canada last."

He said there is unfair treatment all of the time but Canadians, however, "wouldn't be in this circumstance at all if we hadn't been subjected to the absolutely backwards governments and policies by the Liberals over the last 10 years. We need to build our strengths as a nation, we need to build our strengths as communities and we need to get back to the business of being successful."

In the riding the issues he sees as crucial include taxes and crime but affordability is the hardest.

"It's hard to overestimate or over say how painful it is for families. We donate a lot of beef to the local food banks and it's just heartbreaking to hear how long a whole beef or whole side of beef that we take in lasts. It's days. It's not weeks or months. We need to fix the institutions of our society so this isn't the

norm. This is the exception," he said.

**JL DeCosta**, 27, Chestermere



**JL DE COSTA**

JL DeCosta, who believes he is the best person in the Bow River Riding to get results under a new Conservative government led by Pierre Poilievre, is known throughout the riding and in Ottawa as the "right hand" of MP Martin Shields, where he served as director of parliamentary affairs.

"Don't let age fool you. I have the experience. Thus far I've dedicated my career to defending Alberta and its interests ... and undoing a lot that has been done over the past 10 years," he said.

"For the past five years as many people know, I've worked with all of the municipalities across the riding. I've worked with stakeholder associations locally and in Ottawa. I have the connections in Ottawa. I have the relationships at home.

"I see myself as that bridge between Ottawa and Bow River. The fact is nobody has the experience I do on Parliament Hill and I would like to see Bow River become the great riding that I know we can be and I want to continue on the work that MP Shields has done for the past decade and that I've helped him on along my path for the past five years."

His platform issues include reducing trade barriers and red tape in areas such as development and trade so projects can be built to help get the country back on track.

"We needed to free up those barriers a long time

ago. The sad part is under the Liberals, they've had nine years to do so and they have done none of that. Now, everybody all of a sudden is wanting to do this but they keep forgetting they were in power."

**Ritesh Naraya**, 48, father, Chestermere, educator



**RITESH NARAYA**

Ritesh Naraya, who was born in the Fiji Islands, arrived in Canada with immigrant parents 33-years ago.

Currently he is a second term City of Chestermere councillor in addition to his teaching duties at Mount Royal University in economics, justice, and policy studies and as a lecturer in the law and society program at the University of Calgary.

Naraya sees the step to represent the riding at the federal level as a natural progression saying that he had had aspirations to give back to the community but he wanted to understand governance and that needed to start at the local level.

He said the Conservative government needs people like him with experience in governance, education and he believes he represents the Canadian population, although he said he's a "new newcomer."

Naraya whose 23-year-old son is living at home to try and save money for a home is a member of the generation who many say will not be able to buy their first house.

"Diversifying housing is important and that's something I definitely want to push in communities through provincial and municipal projects (with

federal funding)," he said.

His platform includes "building nations" by making regions more sustainable and self-sufficient, reducing water insecurity, making farmers more resilient against the US tariff threat as well as crime prevention.

He said with the US situation and its effect in Canada, Canadians need to return to focusing on Canada's issues and stop putting them on the back burner.

"We need to bring Canadian focus back to Canada."

**Josh Senneker**, Vauxhall, 24



**JOSH SENNEKER**

Josh Senneker is a self-described "young pro-life Christian" who believes that the riding needs a candidate "who will defend life, protect family and fight for religious freedom."

He said he knew from a young age that his calling was to stand up against the progressive agenda that "devalues life, attacks the family, undermines our freedom and so that's what I spent my life working towards."

Senneker said he worked across the country and in Alberta to help get federal candidates elected.

He said he wants to work for Bow River to ensure that true Conservative values are represented in Ottawa.

"I want to save women only spaces. I'm only aware of two genders. I strongly believe that biological men must be kept out of women's only spaces."



Shyna Ojenos, Elloiza Enopia, Carmen RayRay, Sherwela Bunoan, Julia Tajonera and Charmain Clapano are the Aregobak dancers from the Philippines who performed at the Brooks Got Talent event on Saturday. The event included about 16 groups and individuals who danced, sang, performed monologues and recited poetry. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

## ANSWERS

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