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A beautiful sunrise over Lake Newell on Saturday. | BULLETIN PHOTO

Local companies, individuals owed money by subsidiary of Royal Helium

SANDRA M STANWAY
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Royal Helium and its subsidiaries Royal Helium Exploration and Imperial Helium were granted an extension to file a proposal to restructure the company and address financial challenges as it works through its bankruptcy protection.

Last week an Ontario court granted the application to, among other things, extend the proposal to April 2 and to approve borrowing of up to US\$1.5 million to finance the working capital requirements including \$30,000 to regulatory consultant, \$170,000 to the Saskatchewan ministry of

energy and resources and \$50,000 to the engineering design firm.”.

The filing also includes a stay of proceedings in favour of the company, allowing them to work with their proposal trustee Doane Grant Thornton to streamline operations and conduct a court-supervised sales process.

In January Royal Helium, et al filed for bankruptcy protection under Canada’s Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.

According to court documents the three companies combined owe nearly \$59 million including \$62,270.98 to Brooks and area businesses and individuals, \$19 million to the Business Development

Bank of Canada (BDC) and the Canadian Western Bank.

Alberta’s ministry of agriculture is owed \$69,831.15 and the provincial ministry of finance is owed \$170,387.73.

An unidentified person who is familiar with the situation told The Bulletin he is owed nearly \$40,000.

“If I get a nickel of the money it would be a bonus at this point.”

During the stay no proceedings can begin or continue against any of the directors or officers as the companies have some “necessary breathing room to execute upon a value-maximizing sale or recapitalization transaction for the benefit of the

Applicants’ stakeholder,” states a court filing.

The company, which is based in Saskatoon, opened the Royal Helium plant in Steveville in December 2023 and operations were paused in September 2024 due to the expanding liquidity crisis arising from the commissioning challenges, CEO David Young said in his court affidavit.

Young said the major contributing factor to the liquidity crisis is the failed commissioning of the Steveville facility.

He noted that there was “significant and sustained” negative cash flow driven by direct and indirect contractor costs associated with commissioning the state-of-the-art helium

purification facility.

Young, who took over as president in January 2024, terminated external contracts to avoid incurring further costs.

He stated that the facility was fabricated by a third party company who offered to commission the site at the cost of \$2.7 million.

However, the senior leaders at the time believed they could commission it faster and more economically using their own employees and contractors.

“This turned out not to be the case,” he said.

The commissioning was “rife with challenges” and there were sustained excess costs and labour expenses as they tried to bring the facility’s performance up to

a stable level.

In 2024, the facility produced 18 trailers of helium, achieving revenues of \$2.3 million, however the cost of operating the plant vastly exceeded its revenues.

Adding to their problems, in December 2024 “millions of dollars” of equipment was stolen from the facility which eliminated Royal Helium, et al any chance to restructure the company.

“This assured that the facility could not be re-commissioned without significant cost and delay. As a result, with the liquidity constraints faced by the Applicants, plans to recommence operations at the Steveville Facility were no longer possible in the near term.”

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Invitation to Submit 2025 Recreation Funding Applications

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

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

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

Full details including estimated costs for the proposed initiative and a copy of the organization's most recent financial statement must be included.

Please forward completed applications to:

Division 5 & 10 Recreation Board
Care of: County of Newell
Box 130 (183037 RR 145)
Brooks, AB
T1R 1B2

Or submit by email sent to
administration@newellmail.ca

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Deadline to apply for **SEASONAL POSITIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE POSITIONS?

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

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3. Sunset on Matzhiwin Creek by Tammy Karasek
4. Pigs by Samantha Plett
5. Chickens by Samantha Plett
6. Cow by Samantha Plett
7. January Sunset by Tammy Karasek
8. Frost on a Chain Link Fence by Colette Jako

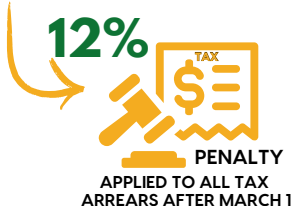
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PUBLIC HEARING

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PURSUANT to sections 230, 606, and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, the Council of the County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw 2088-25 to redesignate the lands at the **Bassano Airport** from Business – Rural District and Special – Parks and Public Service to Direct Control District and to establish the uses and rules for the Direct Control District.



in Council
Chambers

The land that is the subject of the proposed land use bylaw amendment is legally described as Part of the **NORTH 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 21, RANGE 18, WEST OF THE 4TH MERIDIAN**, otherwise known as **Bassano Airport**.

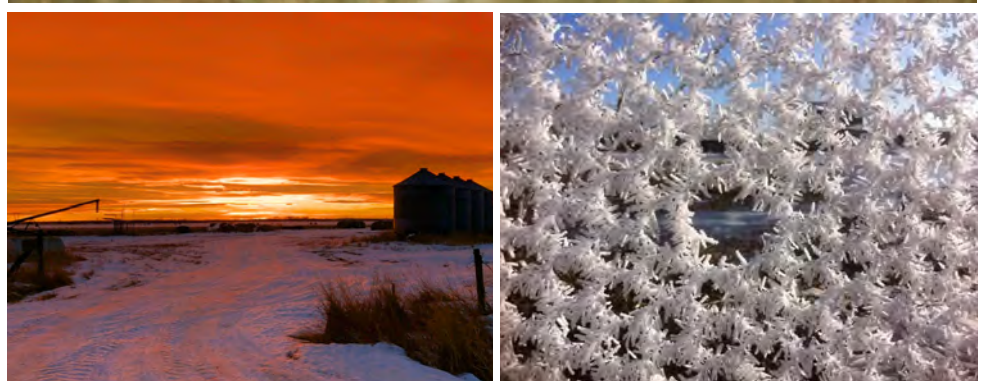
A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the County of Newell office during normal business hours. Anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw should contact the Chief Administrative Officer no later than **4:00 p.m. on the 14th day of February 2025**. Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the public hearing. More info can be found on the **Public Participation** page under **Government** on the County website.



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Drug trafficking investigation leads to a pair of arrests

Over \$23,000 in drugs found...

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Two women were charged last week with possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking following an investigation.

Cpl. Troy Savinkoff, an RCMP media spokesman, reported that a vehicle stop was conducted in the Sunnylea area while two warrants, one on Maple Drive in Sunnylea and one on Greenbrook Road, were executed on Thursday afternoon.

"A significant quantity of illicit drugs were located in all three locations," Savinkoff reported.

As a result of the search Brooks RCMP seized about 183 grams of cocaine with a street value of \$18,350; 55



RCMP display the cache of drugs, drug paraphernalia and cash that was seized in a drug bust last week in Brooks.
| SUBMITTED PHOTO

grams of meth worth about \$3,300 and 700 dilaudid tablets worth about \$14,000.

Charges have not been sworn against the pair so

the names are not being released, however, Savinkoff did confirm that they were released with conditions.

Their first court appearance is March 26.

EID expected to increase water rates to \$6 per acre

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The Eastern Irrigation District board has given second reading to a motion to increase its annual rates and have proposed setting aside a portion of the funds for work on the Snake Lake expansion.

Last week the EID board gave second reading to its

rate bylaw which includes a \$1 increase in the water rate to \$6 per acre.

"Currently, money generated from the water rate and capital assets from new irrigation acres added to the assessment roll since the last plebiscite in 2021 are used to repay the Canada Infrastructure Bank loan," said general manager Ivan Friesen.

Since the loan was signed the district has added about 11,506 irrigation acres.

If third reading is given, Friesen estimates that \$1.8 million will be placed in reserve and remain there until the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is approved.

It's expected that the approval will take at least a year.

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What's Happening

Celebrate Family Day at the JBS Canada Centre

Join us for a fun-filled Family Day on Monday, February 17, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the JBS Canada Centre. Enjoy a variety of activities with **FREE** admission (excluding the fitness centre).

- Drop-In Sports – Badminton, Pickleball, Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, and Skating
- Paint the Ice – Sparrow Arena, 12:00 – 1:30 PM
- Family-Friendly Games – East/West Meeting Room, 2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Glow Dance Party – Flexhall, 4:30 – 6:00 PM

This exciting day of activities is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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, 2025

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)

FREE Black History Month Movie Showing

Join us at Griffin Park Theater for a FREE movie honouring Black History Month! Learn more about Canada's Black History and engage in Culture.

- February 15 at 3:00 PM
- Griffin Park Theater
- 12 and under require parent supervision.
- No food/drink allowed as per theater policy
- Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yupnvpzx>

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, 2025

EcoBrooks Community Benefit Grant Program

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

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

Applications open February 1 and close February 28.

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

Public Notices

Next Council Meeting

- Tuesday, February 18 at 4:30 PM
- Brooks City Hall - Council Chambers (201 1 Ave W)
- Open to the public
- Streaming live on the City of Brooks Facebook and YouTube
- Find the agenda at [brooks.ca/agendacentre](https://www.brooks.ca/agendacentre)

Late Fees Waived for Specific Utility Accounts

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

Which Bills Are Impacted?

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

How Will This Be Processed?

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

How Will Adjustments Be Made?

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

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

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Wow! Our weather sure changed in a hurry. This minus 23 to -25C doesn't feel very nice, especially with that NNW wind. It just drills right into you. Oh well, we'll just grin and bear it, after all it is February. Hope everyone stays inside and nice and warm.

On January 25th David and Melissa Slomp left and flew to Phoenix, Arizona to attend the Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Conference there on Monday and Tuesday, which they found very interesting and informative. They also met and conversed with many

folks from Alberta and Saskatchewan and others from the US that were present. David said that about 50% of the attendees were from Canada. They also attended a baseball game while there. Then they also visited with Melissa's sister Rebecca, who lives in the vicinity there on the Sunday. They returned home on the 29th.

Charlotte Noronha went to Drumheller on last Thursday to help her granddaughter Saige, celebrate her fourth birthday and was returning home on Monday.

On Saturday visitors

at the home of Thomas and Barbara Mahrer were all of their families and Barbara's sister Sandra and her husband Frank Zasadny, of Lethbridge. They were all here to help Barbara celebrate her birthday on the weekend. Her birthday was actually is Monday the 3rd. Happy birthday to you, Barbara and many more good ones!!

Birthday greeting for the coming week go out to Elliott Janko on Feb. 6th; to Jay DeJong on Feb. 7th; to Albert Henrickson and to Joy Christman, both on Feb. 12th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy

Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that has a birthday to celebrate. We wish everyone all the best for the years ahead.

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

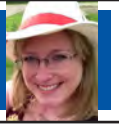
"On the Lighter Side"

A collie dog was bragging about how hard he worked on his farm. A sheep nearby spoke up: "You don't put in any effort; all you do is boss us around."

"What did you say?!" exclaimed the collie. "You herd me," the sheep responded.

Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



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

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

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

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

4130 for more information.

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

Bob went to the doctor for a hearing test. The doctor asked him, "Can you

describe the symptoms?" "Sure," said Bob, slightly confused, "Homer is a big yellow dude who drinks a lot of beer, and his wife is a skinny chick with tall blue hair."

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

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Local RCMP receive King Charles III Coronation Medal

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Bassano detachment commander Sgt. Joe Schmidt and Brooks detachment member Cpl. Sharon McCready were two of 135 RCMP members and employees to receive a King Charles III Coronation Medal during a ceremony in Cochrane on Jan. 23.

Brooks Cpl. Mike Hagel, who was scheduled to receive a medal, will be presented his medal at a later date.

"It was an honour to receive this and be nominated," Schmidt said.

"It was an absolute honour to be nominated and chosen as a recipient for the King Charles III Coronation Medal," said McCready.

"Every time I put on my red serge, I feel a sense of

pride to be a Canadian and to be a Mountie.

"I'm currently in my second posting and thoroughly enjoying living and serving the community of Brooks and the County of Newell.

"This award is a highlight of all that I have worked hard to achieve professionally and I'm very thankful for my colleagues both in and out of the RCMP who I've worked alongside on many files, projects, coaching sports and connecting with community resources.

"Thank you so much to my team in Brooks who make coming to work every day a true adventure and joy," said McCready.

The RCMP K Division members and employees were recognized for their "exceptional dedication" to their communities and their

unwavering commitment to service.

"Their achievements included innovative contributions to the RCMP, leadership in reconciliation efforts and cultural change and participation in domestic operations that directly supported Canadians."

In addition to their service, their involvement in volunteerism and community engagement was recognized as an example of leadership both within the policing community and the one they serve.

The medal is being awarded to 30,000 Canadians who made significant contributions to their communities, provinces, or the country as a whole.



Brooks Cpl. Sharon McCready and Bassano Sgt. Joe Schmidt received a King Charles III Coronation Medal from Salma Lakhani, Alberta lieutenant governor and Rob Hill, Alberta RCMP commanding officer. Cpl. Mike Hagel will receive his medal at a later date. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Vehicles found unlocked, idling during Operation Cold Start

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There were no thefts reported, however, numerous vehicles were found to be idling, unattended and unlocked in the Brooks and Bassano RCMP detachment areas during the provincial Operation Cold Start program.

Brooks officers spoke with 20 vehicle owners and handed out 86 information pamphlets to help educate residents about safeguarding their vehicles during the winter months.

In the Bassano detachment area including Bassano, Hussar, Rosemary and Gem, 25 unattended vehicles were found of which 10 were unlocked with keys in the ignition and valuables inside and 15 had been started by remote.

Brooks RCMP found 13 unlocked vehicles that were left idling with keys in the ignition and four that were locked.

The program took place from Jan. 20-24 between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. when RCMP checked idling vehicles as a way to educate motorists about the risk of thefts.

"This provided an opportunity for officers to engage with residents

and educate them on best practices to prevent vehicle theft in winter," stated Brooks RCMP Sgt. David Searle.

Those who need to warm up their vehicle are reminded to never leave keys, valuables, children or pets inside and to keep the vehicle locked.

"We understand the need to warm up your vehicle in this climate to safely get to work and school with the children in a vehicle that has clear windows and is warm," said Bassano Sgt. Joe Schmidt.

"Unfortunately, many criminals use these opportunities to take advantage of the circumstance by stealing

your vehicle or its contents."

He said there have been many auto thefts in the year from similar circumstances.

"In the time it took for us to leave a pamphlet on your windshield for this campaign, your vehicle or its contents could have been stolen."

During the campaign, the Alberta RCMP noted there were 504 unlocked vehicles left idling with keys in the ignition and 1,277 locked vehicles left idling with keys in the ignition.

Officers interacted with 625 vehicle owners and provided 1,128 information pamphlets.

Sagebrush Arts Society

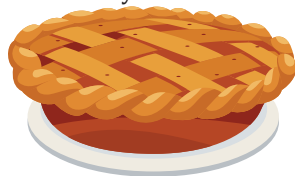
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What Trump's trade war with Canada will cost Americans

Everything from cars to gasoline to uranium is about to get way more expensive

TRISTIN HOPPER
EDMONTON JOURNAL

As the Trump White House follows through with 25-per-cent tariffs against Canada (and 10 per cent against Canadian energy), the most immediate result is that U.S. consumers will be paying billions of dollars in new federal taxes.

Although the coming trade war will almost certainly be more painful for Canada, every available economic projection shows that the effect on the U.S. will be higher prices, job losses and a noticeable hit to GDP.

A tariff is nothing more than a tax on imports, and U.S. imports from Canada stood at C\$592.7 billion in 2023. Energy accounts for \$165 billion of that total.

With the Trump tariffs being set at 10 per cent for energy, and 25 per cent for everything else from Canada, that works out to about US\$83.4 billion in new annual taxes if consumption habits stay the same.

That's slightly higher than the total amount in excise taxes (US\$76 billion) that the U.S. federal government collected in 2023.

Washington collects excise taxes on every bottle of liquor, airline ticket, pack of cigarettes and gallon of gasoline sold in the United States. The tariffs on Canada alone are equivalent to an immediate doubling of those taxes.

And the tax burden rises even higher when accounting for equivalent 25-per-cent tariffs on U.S. imports from Mexico.

According to the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation, the Canada/Mexico tariffs can be expected to drop U.S. GDP by 0.3 per cent, result in the loss of 286,000 jobs, and raise per-household costs by about US\$670.

A November analysis by Scotiabank determined that Canada would be hit far harder in any trade war with the United States, but at noticeable expense to U.S. consumers.

"Under 25% tariffs ... the loss of U.S. GDP could increase to up to 0.9%, and up to 5.6% in Canada with full retaliation or 3.8% without," they wrote.

And the damage isn't just because American consumers would be paying tens of billions in new taxes. U.S. consumption of Canadian goods would naturally go down and shift toward more expensive sources of supply, resulting in permanently higher prices.

Canadian exports to the U.S. are disproportionately comprised of such basic commodities as lumber, aluminum, cereal grains and crude oil. These are easily replaceable, but the only reason they became such a large share of U.S. imports is because they're cheaper than the alternatives.

Dozens of countries are willing to export aluminum to the United States, but the Americans buy \$18 billion worth of the metal each

year from its northern neighbour because Canada is generally able to produce it the cheapest. Aluminum is an energy-intensive metal to produce, so Canada is able to exploit its abundant supplies of hydroelectricity to crank it out at a competitive price.

If Canadian aluminum is suddenly made uncompetitive through tariffs, U.S. manufacturers can find the metal elsewhere — but they're going to be paying more.

The impacts won't be shared equally by American consumers. Rather, they're going to be felt hardest in counties sharing a border with Canada — counties that all mostly went for Trump in the 2024 U.S. presidential election.

Susan Collins, the Republican senator from Maine, detailed the interconnectivity between her state and Canada in a lengthy social media post denouncing the Trump tariffs. Collins wrote that "95 per cent of the heating oil used by most Mainers to heat their homes comes from refineries in Canada."

"The Air National Guard Base in Bangor depends completely on jet fuel and diesel from Canada," she added.

And the situation gets much more expensive when it comes to the Canadian imports that are harder to replace, such as aircraft, auto parts or even nuclear equipment.

A writeup by the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations estimated that U.S. auto prices could be expected to rise by as much as US\$3,000 per vehicle due to automakers being forced to pay the full tariff rate on Canadian and Mexican parts with no immediate substitute.

"The automobile industry is one of the most highly integrated in North America, with parts sometimes crossing a border half a dozen times before final assembly of a vehicle," wrote TD Economics in a Jan. 28 report.

Crude oil would similarly be an example of an import with no immediate alternative, which is probably why Trump tariffed it at a lower rate (10 per cent). Multiple U.S. refineries are configured to only refine the heavier oil that comes out of Alberta.

They did so because Alberta oil, sold to the U.S. at a discount, is some of the cheapest on earth. But if Canadian oil were suddenly hit with a 25-per-cent premium, these refineries couldn't immediately switch to processing domestic oil.

With large swaths of the U.S. Midwest almost entirely dependent on gasoline from refineries configured for Canadian crude, the lower tariff rate helps curb what would otherwise be an unavoidable spike to gasoline prices.

"At 10%, there is likely a gamble that U.S. refiners could absorb some (or all) the impact via profit margins," read a Feb. 1 analysis by TD Bank economists Beata Caranci and James Orlando.

TIME CAPSULE



1938 - Dog team at Swen Bayer's at Lake Newell.

Annex Canada!

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



US President Donald Trump's imposition of 25% tariffs on all Canadian exports to the United States cannot be justified by the false claim that illegal immigrants and large amounts of the synthetic opioid drug fentanyl are flooding in across the Canadian border.

The accusation about fentanyl is preposterous, since the total amount intercepted at the Canadian-US border in the past year is far less than one percent of the amount stopped at the Mexican-US border. Tariffs on Mexico might make sense as an incentive to stop the flow, perhaps, but why on Canada?

As for the alleged border-crossers, why would any migrant who is already safely in Canada (generous to asylum-seekers, gun control, universal health-care, few crazies, and pretty relaxed about race) want to sneak into the United States (deportations, medical bankruptcies, guns everywhere, racism rampant, and 'Christian nationalists' in charge)?

There is no flow of illegal immigrants entering the United States from Canada. It is a fantasy. Unless Trump is simply obsessed with symmetry ("What I do on the southern border I must also do on the northern border") he must have some other motive for including Canada in the top three targets on his tariff hit list (Canada, Mexico, China).

Don't get hung up on the fact that Trump is using the fentanyl problem in order

to have a legal pretext for 'emergency' action that would normally require a congressional decision. Yes, he is using it for that purpose too, but it doesn't explain why he has chosen Canada as a high-priority target.

Neither does the fact that Canada sells a lot more to the United States than it buys from it. Including sales of oil, gas and electricity, Canada sells \$41 billion more to the US than it buys from it — but if you exclude fossil fuels and hydropower, which involve special bilateral deals, the trade balance is \$68 billion in America's favour.

However weird and confused it may seem, therefore, Trump's frequently repeated intention to annex Canada should be taken seriously. So far he continues to say that he will achieve this exclusively by 'economic pressure', and Canadians will cling to this assurance — but they should not bet the farm on it.

The reason it's hard to take the 'American threat' seriously is because countries just don't behave like this any more. (Well, okay, Russia does, but it's the only other country to act on such an ambition, or even to express such an intention, for a very long time.) Nevertheless, Trump's intention is probably real. Just listen to how he speaks.

On 2 February he wrote on Trump Social that Canada "should become our Cherished 51st State. Much lower taxes, and far better military protection for the people of Canada — AND NO TARIFFS!"

"We don't need anything they have. We have unlimited Energy, should make our own Cars, and have more Lumber than we can ever use. Without this massive subsidy, Canada ceases to exist as a viable Country."

It's a waste of time to rebut Trump's lies and distortions line

by line — there's one in almost every sentence — but three things are worth noting. First, Canada's geography means that the only country that can pose a direct military threat to it is the United States. Second, there is no US subsidy of any kind to the Canadian economy. And third, he really means it.

I'm certainly not suggesting that Trump has a plan for invading Canada, or even (as he claims) a step-by-step strategy for squeezing Canada economically until it gives up and surrenders its sovereignty. Neither do I think that he will necessarily succeed in his ambition. But I am saying that he poses an existential threat to the Canadian confederation.

Why do people have such difficulty in believing this? Only 23 years ago another American president, George W Bush, actually invaded the wrong country. (Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction, and no connection with the 9/11 attacks.)

Trump is even more ignorant than Bush, and certainly more impulsive. He has already begun the economic pressure on Canada, and Canada has already responded with like-for-like tariffs. That may be the end of it, for Trump is opening trade wars on many other fronts as well — but when somebody says they are going to hurt you, it's wise to take precautions.

Not one Canadian in ten would freely choose to become part of the angry and divided society to the south, but they may have to endure a long and miserable economic siege to avoid that fate. Everybody else will sympathise, but nobody else will or even can help much as Trump batters at the door.

And at some point Canadians may even have to 'blow the bridges', at least metaphorically.



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Cassils Clarion

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - So according to the all predicting ground rodent winter is sticking around awhile longer! Not sure that you can predict anything this year, the weather has been most strange with all the variations.

Audrey Martel and Don Humphrey's along with Audrey's sister Bev decided to escape a little of it and headed to Mexico. They were in the Buceras and Peurto Vallarta areas as well as Garza which is on the other side. They were soaking up the vitamin D, good food and pina coladas, and I'm certain they had enjoyable weather because we were also visiting Mexico this past week! Bruce and I along with Scott and Kristi Good, Brandi and Lawrence Bremner, and Kent and Tara Stogre all of Brooks did our best to avoid trouble while celebrating Kristi's birthday. We were staying in Barcelo and as my first Mexico/all inclusive adventure it's definitely a good way to travel. Writing this news from poolside and it will

definitely be a shock to the system to return to the temperatures we are watching at home.

Reminder it's not too late to check out the Rolling Hills Ag Societies Annual Valentine's Day Ball. Get your only sold in advance tickets for Saturday February 15th prime rib dinner and dance the night away with the Chevelles. Formal wear is encouraged and tickets are \$55 each available at Cordon Electric in Brooks or online at rollinghills.ca (under the general store). No txts sold at the door.

Family Day school break is around the corner and always seems to mark mid winter. Grasslands students are off February 15-23rd. If you're travelling and taking time to enjoy it do it safely.

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

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



Pastor Maggie Theiss, Trinity Lutheran Church

Have you ever heard the phrase "Just don't talk religion, politics or money and you will be fine"? It is often shared when someone has been invited to a family gathering. Why? Well, these topics always involve passionately held opinions, treasured beliefs and money just makes us crazy. So, the safest course is to simply not talk about them. Stick to the surface conversations about shows, books, children, work, vacations and all will stay 'simpatico', a blast from the past term.

I contend that this

Religion, Politics & Money!

is simply not true! We can avoid mature, respectful conversation about these important things to keep the peace but does it really keep the peace? No. Instead it often moves us to gather in like-minded groups where we do talk about these things but only with people who agree with us, and that is not 'peace'. The tensions are running high these days on all three of these topics and retreating to our corners or trying to have the loudest voice is not a faithful witness to Jesus Christ! Jesus who does not talk peace but tells us He gives peace, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you ... do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

There it is - I am talking religion. Or am I? I pray that I am

talking Jesus. I also pray that all whom have had heard the Good News of the Gospel and given the faith to believe that Jesus is the Light of the World, the Hope for ALL people, and the Savior in whose name alone forgiveness and life is found, along with all who do not know this yet will both take a moment to stop and look at Jesus!

Jesus never encouraged rebellion against worldly even evil authorities. Jesus never sent His followers to judge people and condemn them. Jesus spoke of the mercy of God and above all Jesus pointed people to Himself, to watch and see what He was doing. Still today we are to remember what He has done - given His own sinless life for sinners! Everyone who bears the name of Christ, each

member of the body of Christ is called to love their neighbor as Jesus loves them. To pray for their enemies and serve without prejudice. Let's talk about that - openly, honestly, with humility, respect and compassion. It will lead us to deep, challenging and hard conversations about wealth, greed, power, mercy, sin and love and we will be uncomfortable, even unconvicted many a time, but in the daily grace of God, His undeserved love and favor in Christ, we will be given the strength and the joy of changing our world, one random act of kindness at a time! Want to go for dinner and talk JESUS, religion, politics and money? And then let's talk some more Jesus for He is what the world needs NOW! I'm in ... call me!

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Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Dana Fleming on Feb 6, Rosalind & Renus Vanhal anniversary on Feb 8, Colleen & Gerwin Van den Hoek anniversary Feb 9, Gord Graham & Bobby Bellward on Feb 12, Marley Wisse on Feb 13.

Alcoma School News- If anyone has any bottles for recycling they would like to donate to the school please leave them by the quonset looking building. Thank you for your donations. SPEC playgroup will be at the school Feb 7th 9:30am to 11am. Alcoma Community Library kids club, Feb 7th 12pm to 1:30pm. Feb 8th JH Girls Basketball tournament in Rolling Hills.

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.

Rainier Community-Rainier community Hall will be holding their AGM Feb 11 @7pm at the Rainier hall. The hall is looking for more individuals to come out and share their ideas & support.

All are welcome.

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

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

Rolling Hills AG. Society invites you Feb 15th for a Prime Rib Supper. Tickets can be purchased online @ rollinghills.ca (under general store tab), other options include RH post office, or Cordon Electric in Brooks. Doors open @ 5:30 pm, Supper @ 6:30pm. There will be a live band from 8:30pm-12:30am. No tickets sold at the door. If you need more info contact Michele @ 403-793-4130

Pancake supper at the Rolling Hills hall Feb 26

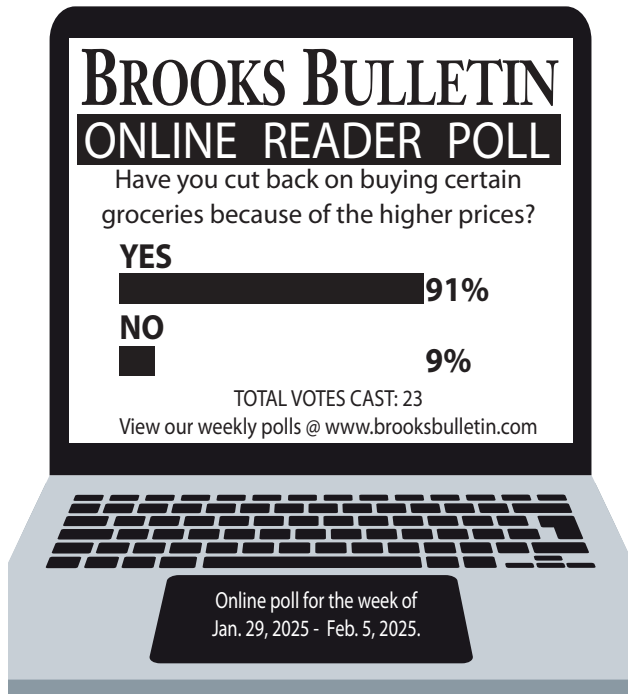
from 5:30pm -7pm to help raise funds for the Rolling Hills arena. If you need anymore information call or text 403 363 7425

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

Stay in the loop with the Rainier Community Facebook Page for more Alcoma & Community Events! Have an upcoming event in the County? We are happy to include it in our emails and promote it in our community! Send us an email @ rainiercommunityclub@gmail.com with your information.

I welcome any emails of information you would like included in this column.

Please contact Colleen by Sunday @ colleenvandenhoeck@gmail.com.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF BASSANO
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 942/24

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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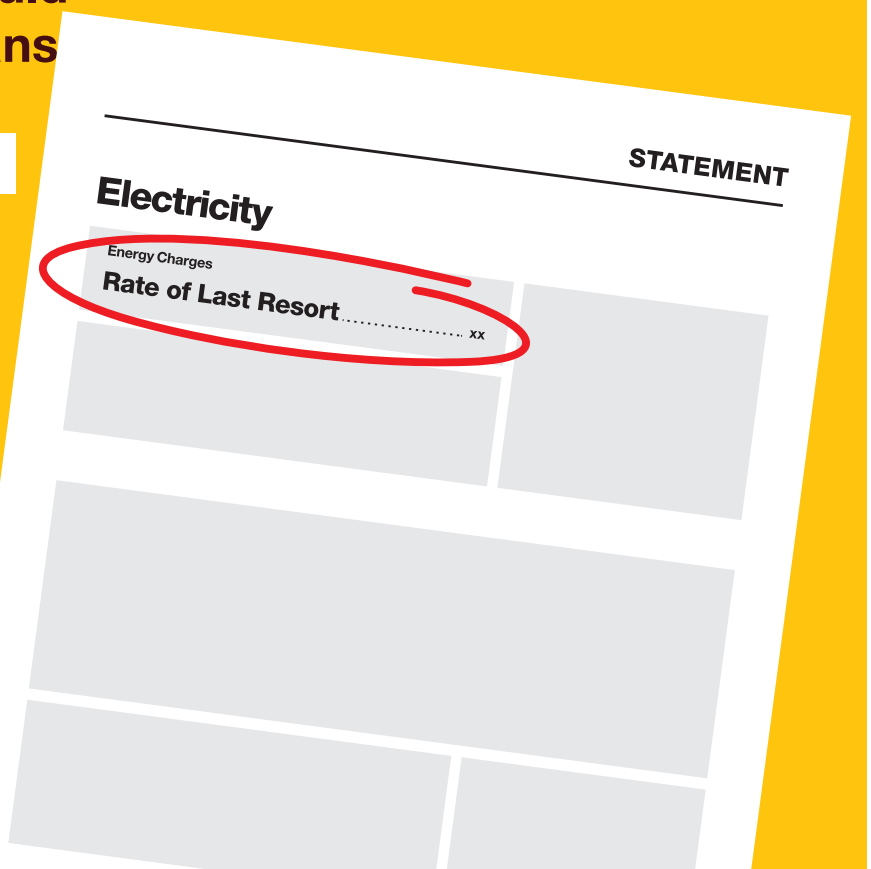
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Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

13-year-old assaulted
Unidentified 18-and-19-year-olds were charged with assault following a report by a 13-year-old.

Brooks RCMP responded to Brooks Junior High School after a youth was assaulted by two others who had entered the school in response to an earlier dispute.

"Staff at the school intervened and the two suspects left," said police.

The youth was transported to Brooks Health Centre with minor injuries.

Male arrested at bank for public intoxication

On Jan. 2 at 9:49 p.m. Brooks RCMP received a report of an intoxicated male who was having difficulty walking.

The man was arrested inside the bank lobby and was released when he was sober and able to care for himself.

Impaired break and enter

On Jan. 19 Brooks RCMP arrested a man who was reported to have been attempting to break into a home.

Investigation revealed that the man, who was intoxicated, mistakenly believed he was at a friend's residence.



He was released by police when he was sober and is scheduled to appear in court.

Vehicle ID given to police leads to charges

On Jan. 18 at 2:38 p.m. police report that the driver of a Honda Civic that rear ended a stopped vehicle fled following the collision at a red light at the intersection of Cassils Road and Greenbrook Drive.

The victim provided police with the license plate number.

The driver of the Honda received citations for failing to remain at the scene, driving without supervision and operating with an expired license.

Stolen ice fishing items recovered, returned

On Jan. 18, 2025, at 9:15 PM, Brooks RCMP were called to the Tel-Star Motel regarding the recovery of stolen ice fishing equipment.

The owner of a truck that contained the items told police that he thought the equipment had been abandoned on the lake.

A propane heater, tent and shovels were recovered and returned to their rightful owner.

The owner chose not to press charges.



Randy Hillier of Claresholm with a pike that he caught on Lake Newell. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Groundwater study to take place in southern Alberta

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Alberta Geological Survey will begin a study to map the quality, quantity and location of groundwater in southern Alberta.

With both an increase in growth and a thriving economy comes a thirst for water which is prone to drought and water shortages.

"With groundwater a critical source of water

in the region there is a need to fill in gaps and better understand how much is available to support communities and businesses in the years ahead," states a release.

To complete the Southern Alberta Groundwater Evaluation by 2027 the province has pledged \$3.8 million so there is a better understanding how groundwater will help the province make the

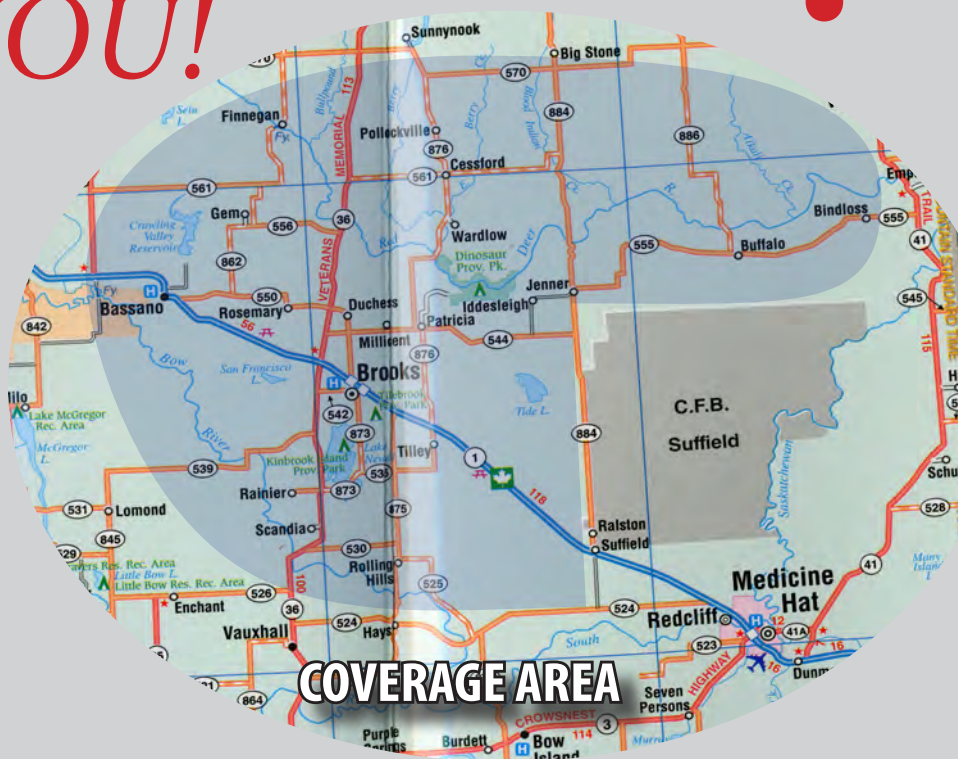
most out of every drop to support families, farmers and ranchers and the environment.

In 2023, 3.8 per cent of all water allocations licenced in Alberta were from groundwater sources.

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Demise of Peavey Mart is saddening... stores were the soul of rural business



Ag Writer

WILL VERBOVEN
It was sad to read about the closure of all Peavey Mart stores across Canada. Over their almost 60-year history, there were few country residents who had not visited the uniquely rural lifestyle stores if they were anywhere nearby. Sure, they were mostly hardware stores and were probably put out of business due to severe competition from giant regional hardware and building supply stores. But they also sold a lot of unique stuff like fence posts, cowboy boots, salt blocks, barbed wire and myriad animal feeding containers for chickens to cattle. The list was enormous; keeping track of the ever-changing inventory must have been

daunting.

Your sentimental writer was quite familiar with Peavey Mart, having worked next door at a feed and vet supply store in a previous life. It wasn't just any Peavey Mart either it was the very first of its kind, and it was built in Dawson Creek, BC. At the time, it was called the National Farmway store and was part of a redevelopment project in 1967 that included a much-enlarged grain elevator complex, feed mill, store and veterinary supply operation. It was a busy operation and was intended to be the prototype for similar developments at other National Grain locations around the prairies. But alas, fate intervened, and within a few years, the concept went in a different direction, particularly at its birthplace in Dawson Creek.

Around 1974, the feed mill burned down and

was not rebuilt, which saw a lot of business in the BC Interior and Okanagan being lost. Then, in 1975, Cargill Grain bought out the National Grain Elevator company and all its assets, including the Farmway Stores. Cargill was not interested in the retail Farmway stores' operation and sold them to the Peavey Corporation of Minneapolis. The name was subsequently changed to Peavey Mart. The new entity then opened new stores across the west, which were later sold to Canadian owners who then bought out several similar rural hardware store chains in eastern Canada.

At one time, there were over 90 Peavey stores across the country. Interestingly, Peavey Mart bought out Tractor Supply Stores (TSS) in Ontario, which was a sizeable chain of American rural lifestyle stores that still operates

across the USA. TSS stores in the US were less of a general hardware store; they catered more to acreage dwellers, hobby farmers and the well-heeled horse hobby industry.

It's hard to know what caused the demise of Peavey Mart – it might be a declining rural, farmer, rancher population, or fearsome competition from big box hardware stores. Amazon probably played a part, or maybe it was unfortunate business and management decisions or all of the above. It's the bit-by-bit losses that kill small-town businesses. Ranches and farms get bigger – instead of buying ten blocks of cattle salt at a local Peavey Mart, they get a ton of blocks for a discount directly from a distant wholesaler. One of the unique aspects of the Dawson Creek Peavey Mart and adjacent feedstore and elevator was that it was located directly on the

Alaska Highway. That location brought in business from American agriculture-connected folks who were returning to Alaska from the continental USA. They would load up on farm and livestock supplies that were much cheaper in Dawson Creek than in remote Alaska.

Most folks are unaware that Alaska has a small commercial-sized ag industry in a few valleys near Anchorage and Fairbanks that supply fresh dairy products, eggs and poultry to the local population. The Yukon and the Alaska Highway had some cattle ranches, numerous hobby farmers, hillbillies, hippy communes, off-the-grid homesteaders and other such denizens who came into the Dawson Creek BC Peavey Mart and adjacent feed store for their last stop, sometimes only once a year.

Some other interesting customers

were outfitters who spent thousands on supplies and feed for their pack horses used on hunting expeditions. Tons of feed were sometimes flown to remote hunting lodges. Other unique customers included dog sled racing folks who bought dog-related equipment and dry dog food pellets by the ton. In the winter, they would pull in with large trucks loaded with frozen livestock and roadkill that would feed their multitude of mongrel sled dogs. It was also a stopping point for over-enthusiastic adventurers determined to complete the 1,500 miles to Anchorage on bicycles, by horse or by foot. It was all interesting times for those of us hanging around the old Dawson Creek Peavey Mart.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



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Tickets for distracted driving, speeding, Class 7 among the highest in 2024

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

In 2024 city peace officers issued over 900 traffic tickets worth about \$498,439 as recently reported to the safe communities committee.

Following the meeting Logan Grant, a city community peace officer, said the tickets were issued for traffic-related offences including distracted driving, failing to stop at a stop sign (57 tickets), no insurance and driving while unauthorized.

Although the tickets were worth about \$498,439 the city collects 60 per cent and the province gets the balance.

"This also doesn't include tickets that might get cancelled or quashed throughout the court process," he said.

Mandatory court appearances are for tickets issued for things such as driving without insurance or driving while suspended.

Among the tickets issued there were 44 tickets for no insurance and nine to unauthorized drivers. Each ticket carries a minimum fine of \$3,000.

City peace officers issued 570 speeding-related tickets, 290 for Class 7 driving-related offences and 172 tickets for distracted driving.

The city's peace officers also maintain municipal bylaws.

Through an education program they will issue a letter which outlines the broken bylaw and the penalty if there is no resolution for things such as not clearing snow and ice, overhanging branches as well as unsightly concerns

such as overgrown grass and weeds.

"In 2024, our department issued 26 nuisance letters, 18 overhanging tree letters, 137 grass letters and 96 snow letters," Grant said.

"The vast majority of the time our department gets compliance from local residents. We strive for education and compliance when dealing with bylaw matters," he said.

"We do have a few properties and owners that require a more assertive approach but unfortunately, that's to be expected."

The CPOs also issued eight tickets in relation to animal control.

"We get a lot more complaints or inquires but the vast majority are dealt with no incident outside of these eight noted," he said.

Another hurdle cleared for Brooks Housing Society

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city's Municipal Planning Commission last week approved a development permit for the construction of phase three of the Brooks Housing Society's Prairie Village in the Meadowbrook area.

Three separate units will be constructed with a total of 20 three and four bedroom units at the estimated cost of \$10 million.

MPC members approved

a variance to allow 30 parking stalls instead of 40 and a front setback from five metres to zero.

The list of 22 recommendations includes a traffic impact study and landscape plan.

MPC chair Fred Rattai questioned the many variances that are sought from multi unit dwellings and suggested that a parking management plan be added as a condition of the recommendation.

Brooks Housing Society

chair Reg Radke said funding applications are being submitted to CMHC and the provincial government.

"Any time line is contingent on those funding applications," he said.

"It's hard to say if it would be six months or a year. It's contingent on those funding agencies."

As part of its grant submission the society received a letter of support from the county.

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - Well, what a milestone. This week is my 1000th Dispatch! I believe that's just over 19 years of the weekly Dispatch. I acquired the Dispatch from Maxine Charlton who gently asked if I would take it over from her as she was moving to Brooks and that needed all of her attention. She loved the idea of community columns and the importance of keeping in touch.

I see club volleyball and hockey are in the middle of their seasons. It's wonderful to see kids engaged and active and I hope they remember to thank their parents for

gassing up, packing up, driving, cheering for their kids every weekend. Parents, grandparents all love it, but what a commitment!

Congratulations to Kathlyn Peltzer who has again captured some medals and a trophy for her expert horsemanship. She attended the combined Alberta Paint Horse Club and Quarter Horse Association of AB. She would say her successes are all because of the horse she rode, but we know that it takes dedication and teamwork to come out on top.

If you are thinking of childcare in Duchess,

please feel free to call Newell Integrated Childcare Society (NICS). The meals are provided and there is a pick up and drop off school delivery. Or email them at <https://newellchildcare.com> if you have any questions!

The Duchess 50 plus club will be having lunch on Thursday, February 6th, 2025 at 12:00pm. Lunch will consist of Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, and Caesar Salad. Dessert will be Brownies and Ice Cream. The venue is at the Duchess Curling Rink Lounge. If anyone 50 plus would like more information please call Daryl at 403-501-4107.

Have a great week and please call or text me at 403 793 1630.

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Crime Stoppers begins new rural sign campaign

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Last month Crime Stoppers announced the organization's new rural sign campaign.

Through Crime Stoppers, people, many of whom want to remain anonymous, report crimes and/or information about crimes to police.

The anonymous tips allow police to investigate incidents they would otherwise not know about.

In 2024, tips from Crime Stoppers helped lead to hundreds of charges being laid and millions of dollars worth of property being recovered.

"The new campaign aims to bring smaller communities together,

raise awareness of Crime Stoppers and encourage citizens to get involved in their community," states a press release.

The campaign emphasizes that anyone can be a Crime Stopper and its goal is to make Alberta a safe place to live, work and play.

"Crime Stoppers will work with the rural jurisdictions and indigenous communities to place signs in high traffic locations informing the public of how to contact Crime Stoppers."

RCMP community safety and well-being branch chief superintendent Peter Tewfik said ensuring the safety and building trust in the communities is a top priority.

"We are proud to work



with Crime Stoppers and appreciate all of the work that they do in bringing communities together and helping keep their fellow Albertans safe."

"This information helps our police partners solve crime, keeping our communities safe," said Alberta Crime Stoppers chair Mark Holik.

Bandits retain third place after BC weekend getaway

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Bandits won two and lost one over the weekend during their three game road trip to B.C. and so remain in third place.

On Friday Brooks defeated the Salmon Arm Silverbacks 6-1, on Saturday the Bandits lost to Penticton Vees 6-1 and on Sunday the Bandits doubled the Vernon Vipers 6-3.

On Jan. 13 Bandits Davide Patella was suspended for a game for an illegal check to the head which was an increase to a penalty he had received during the game.

On Sunday Patella again received an illegal check to the head penalty as did Nathan Brown.

The Bandits remain in third with 54 points behind the first place Vees who have 62 points and second place Trail Smoke Eaters who have 57 points.

The Bandits will face the 16th place Spruce Grove Saints this week in Spruce Grove. The last time the team's met on Jan. 15.

On Saturday the Bandits will host the 21st place Blackfalds Bulldogs. The teams haven't faced each other since Nov. 22.

RMA convention will include county's CO2 resolution

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The spring Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) convention will include a resolution that was submitted by the County of Newell titled Opposition to the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act.

The county has been discussing the issue of carbon dioxide since last July. In August a committee was struck to begin working on the resolution in preparation of having it approved by the municipalities that make up the Foothills-Little Bow Association.

Now that it has passed it will be forwarded to RMA.

The resolution asks the

RMA to advocate for the withdrawal of the Act and to instead promote a balanced approach to environmental stewardship that acknowledges the complex interactions of carbon cycles and their contributions to societal well being.

Writing the resolution the county referred to the CO2 resolution that was passed by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) last year.

The SARM resolution noted that the province is concerned about the federal government's one-size-fits-all approach to climate change and that the policies designed to punish the critical natural cycle of CO2 are "not only illogical but dangerous to the balance of

natural food production."

The county's resolution states that the policy disproportionately impacts key industries in Alberta including agriculture, oil and gas which creates economic challenges for the sectors while CO2 is a critical element for sustaining life.

Foothills-Little Bow is one of five municipal advocacy associations in the province.

Members generally meet twice per year to discuss resolutions. Those that pass their association are discussed by all rural member municipalities at a future RMA convention.

The convention will take place in Edmonton beginning on March 17.

On again off again city PEP membership on again

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city will resume their membership in Palliser Economic Partnership.

Brooks left in 2012, rejoined in 2015 and withdrew in 2020.

In 2023, PEP's executive director made a presentation to the city during which time projects were outlined and a renewed membership was sought. It was returned to discussion last September and at the Jan. 20 council meeting the four members in attendance, mayor John Petrie and councillors Jon Nesbitt, Ray Juska and Marissa Wardrop, unanimously agreed to rejoin. There was no discussion.

PEP undertakes economic development activities that cannot be completed by individual communities on their own.

All of the communities in the region, including the county, are members of PEP and all pay a per capita rate of \$1.

The city's membership fee will be \$14,925. Like the county's PEP membership, the city's membership will be paid through the joint services budget.

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at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse,
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At the time the following matters will be on the agenda:
1. Annual Report - President Report and Committees
2. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements
3. Annual Budget
4. Election of Directors and Officers

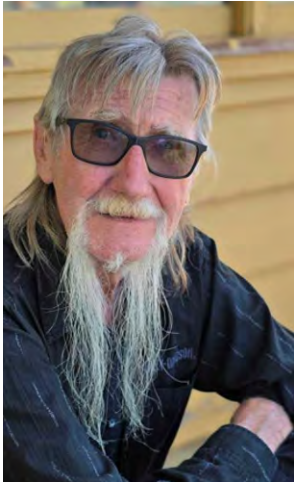
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obituaries



BLACK - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Michael "Buzzard" Bradshaw Black. He passed away peacefully on January 23, 2025 at the age of 73, completely surrounded by love, at the Brooks Health Centre. Mike (Brad) was born in London, Ontario on February 12, 1951 to Doulgas and Irene (Fletcher) Black. He grew up with, and is survived by his siblings Craig, Faye, and Lee. He graduated from H.B. Beal High School, where he took an interest in welding and electronics and would deliver the school news with his friend, Al (Scoop). Mike moved to Alberta in the 1980's. He fostered a love for motorcycles and if he wasn't cruising or hill climbing, he was working on his bikes. Mike also

had a passion for animals and gardening. He took such pride in his garden each year growing things like pumpkins, corn, sunflowers, and a variety of other fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Mike spent his career as a journeyman welder, most recently before retirement, at JBS. Beyond his work, he would use his skill and talent to create various unique and practical projects. Due to his kind, loving, funny, laid-back nature, many considered Mike a close friend. He even became an honorary uncle to his friend Jim's kids, Mike, Harley and Nyky. He met his wife Sharon in 1998, while they both worked at JBS. Before they became an official couple, Sharon moved back to Ontario. They stayed in contact and built a relationship, getting to know each other through letters, phone calls and visits. It wasn't long before they fell in love and Sharon and her youngest daughter, Brittny, moved back out to Alberta to live with him. Loretta, the oldest daughter moved out a few years later with his first two granddaughters, Emily and Hannah. This was the beginning of his family expanding into what it is now. The next grand baby to arrive was Nathan, followed by Natalie, Benjamin and Carter. His family grew even more to include his son-in-law Matthew and newly welcomed grandkids Austin and Makyia. It also extended even further to include "adopted" family Melissa, Candace, Saleen, and Lillith. Mike was a kind and compassionate man whose love knew no bounds. Whether his family or friends were in Ontario, Alberta or elsewhere, he deeply cherished his relationships. Mike was more than a husband, father and grandfather—he was a source of strength and our family hero. His legacy of love and selflessness will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to share in his life. A Celebration of Life and bike run for Mike will happen in the spring/summer. Information will be shared at a later date. To honor Mike's memory and love for animals, donations can be made directly to BAPS, Box 86, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B2 or Cleo's Karma cleoskarma@gmail.com

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TOMLINSON - Deanna Tomlinson (nee Christensen) of Brooks, loving wife of Gene Tomlinson, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family in the Brooks Health Centre on January 26, 2025, at 67 years of age. Deanna was born August 4, 1957, in Innisfail, Alberta to Stan and Delia Christensen, growing up on the family farm outside Dickson, Alberta. After graduating from high school in Spruce View, Alberta, she moved out and found the career in insurance she would dedicate her life to, working at a few offices in Central Alberta. Deanna married Gene Tomlinson in May of 1980, settling in Brooks and raising their children Laramie and Cody on the family farm. Deanna resumed her career in insurance with Wilson, Krochak

& Broadbent, staying with them as they changed to WKB/Newell Agencies and finally Western Financial Group, serving her clients for nearly 45 years, while being nominated and winning the Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the year award twice. Deanna always volunteered, starting with the preschool when her children were young, then various roles with their sports leagues, the Diabetes Association and for the last several years the Brooks Bandits. Throughout the years Deanna enjoyed skiing, curling, playing slo-pitch, and travelling with her family. Dress club and Rummoli games nights with her friends were also highlights. She took immense pride in the beautiful flowers she grew each year. Deanna was predeceased by her son Cody Tomlinson; parents, Stan and Delia Christensen; in-laws Winston and Yvonne Tomlinson; sisters, Carole (Palei Ili) Christensen-Ili and Marguerite Christensen and sister-in-law Della Tomlinson. She is survived by her husband Gene Tomlinson; daughter Laramie Tomlinson; sisters, Lavonne (Perry) Lyke and Darlene (Norman) Graham; brothers-in-law Bill (Evelyn) Tomlinson and Ken Tomlinson, as well as several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 6th at 2:00 PM from Trinity Lutheran Church.

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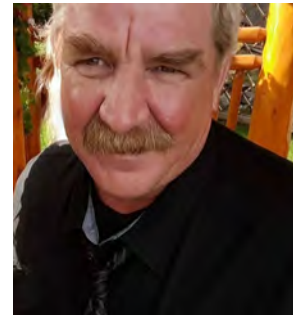


PRESTON - Robert (Bob) Preston of Brooks, Alberta passed away in Brooks at 93 years of age on January 26, 2025. He was born in Hanna, Alberta to Robert and Katherine Preston on September 11, 1931. He had 12 siblings, being survived by; Fred, Madge, Catherine, Ruth, Ada, and Ida and was predeceased by William (Bill), George, John, Joe and two siblings who passed away very young. Bob moved to Brooks about 60 years ago and built a good reputation as a hardworking, honest and kind man. He gave up driving at 80

years of age and made a point to walk as much as he could to get to where he needed to go. Robert was often seen walking to the store or to have coffee. With a health record like his, it seemed like he would outlive us all. To his recollection it had been 50, or so, years since he had gone to see the doctor. He enjoyed sharing what he learned from the bible with anyone. As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, he attended weekly meetings on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings often going out for lunch or coffee after to enjoy further association. Saturday mornings he would take time to reach people at their homes and share something comforting with them. He was always ready to go and on time and never took anyone for granted. Bob is survived by his sons: Gordon, Ronald (Peggy), Reginald, Andrew (Michelle) and Darryl. His grandchildren; Brett, Alex, Zachary, Portia, Virgilia, Regan, Rachelle, Amanda, Christian, Melissa, Alexis, Cassandra, Grady, Mason and Shaye. He has much more extended family, with a previous calculation years ago numbering into the hundreds. We all miss him. Sadly, Bob had to endure the loss of his son, Joel and then lose his grandson Troy. A funeral service will take place at Thom's Funeral Home in Duchess on February 7, 2025 at 2 PM. For further information or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.



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BRUCE - "Duke" Bruce of Wardlow, Alberta, a beloved spouse of Suzanne Stuart passed away peacefully surrounded by family in the Brooks Health Centre on January 31st, 2025, at 58 years of age. Barry was born in Bancroft, Ontario on October 4th, 1966, to parents Ray and Gladys Bruce. Barry is survived by his spouse Suzanne, son Shaun (Jennifer), his daughter Jennifer (Dean), and his grandson Korben. As well as his siblings Doris, Lois, Dorothy, Elmer (Tina), Isabel (Gary), Eric,

Esther (Colin) and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Barry was predeceased by his parents Ray and Gladys Bruce, and his brothers George and Lorne. Public display was not the highest value for Barry, integrity and love was. In a world that's vulnerable to modifying the rules on how we carry ourselves; Barry stayed true to his values and didn't conform to any rhythm of expectations. This same principle was bestowed upon those closest to him, especially his children and beloved spouse. One of the greatest gifts that was handed to Shaun and Jennifer was that he believed in every step they took in life and was always there to ensure they were on the right path no matter what the challenges were. Whether it was creating something out of nothing, being there when it mattered most, or just providing a listening ear, he was there. Duke, you've held numerous doors for others while helping loved ones walk across the street of life. You've provided your jacket against weathering the storm and it's only fitting that we provide the same love that you left us with. The family would like to share their gratitude to the staff of Brooks Health Centre for their wonderful care and compassion given to Barry. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. For further information, or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

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 A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest.
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Requirements:

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- Related experience may be considered

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legal notices

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coming events

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

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Puzzles

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CRYPTO FUN

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Solve the code to discover words related to low vision.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = S)

A. 7 19 6 20 26 20 25 5 5
Clue: Not being able to see

B. 25 3 25 5
Clue: Enable sight

C. 16 6 5 6 2 20
Clue: State of being able to see

D. 4 19 8 5 5 25 5
Clue: Help with sight

Answers: A. blindness B. eyes C. vision D. glasses

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to low vision.

LPIUP

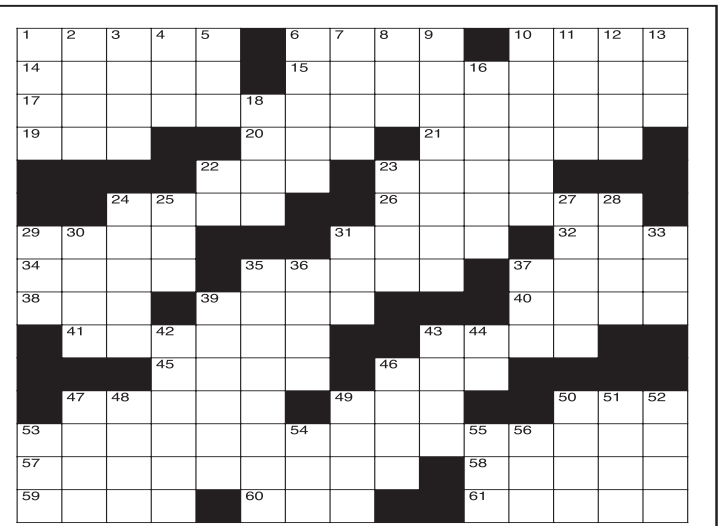
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Answer: Pupill

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in California on February 8, 1961. I was interested in music and various sports in high school. In 1981, I formed the hair metal band I would be in for the majority of my life. We had many hits throughout the 1980s.

Answer: Vince Neil



- ### CLUES ACROSS
- "The Las Vegas of the East"
 - Cook
 - Manning and Wallach are two
 - Chameleon
 - A way to fill up
 - What MLBers hope to play in
 - Unhappy
 - Indefinite period of time
 - Excites
 - Males
 - Mongol leader Genghis
 - Turfs
 - Soda comes in them
 - Not nice
 - Professional organization
 - Part of a play
 - Sea eagle
 - Emily Blunt's character in "Sicario"
 - Beige
 - Mental sharpness
 - Valley
 - Alcyone's husband
 - A place to gamble
 - Flightless Australian birds
 - Call out somebody's name over a P.A. system
 - US spy group
 - Pancakes from buckwheat flour
 - Swiss river
 - Disfigure
 - Have surgery
 - Formal withdrawal
 - Early English council
 - Square measures
 - 2,000 lbs.
 - Siskel and ___, critics

- ### CLUES DOWN
- Mouths
 - Buffalo
 - You plug it in
 - Each
 - Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
 - King of Thebes
 - English name meaning "mythical hunter"
 - Indicates near
 - More herbaceous
 - Gas-powered cars need one
 - Dishonest individual
 - Systems, doctrines, theories
 - The woman
 - The whole of one's holdings
 - Witnesses
 - Doctor
 - Paul ___, Swiss painter
 - Kids look for him on December 24
 - Single
 - Competitions
 - Predict the future
 - Cage for trained hawks
 - Musician Clapton
 - Frozen water
 - Semiformal men's evening attire
 - Most worn
 - Common soap ingredient
 - Former EU monetary unit
 - Provisions
 - Book parts
 - Republic of Ireland
 - Partner to "Pa"
 - Sammy ___, songwriter
 - Dutch colonist
 - Clare Booth ___, American writer
 - Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
 - Minute arachnid
 - From a distance
 - Monthly apartment cost
 - Young women's association
 - Tourist destination
 - "Woman" in Ojibwe language
 - Pointed end of a pen

LOW VISION WORD SEARCH

C	V	H	N	R	I	N	O	C	Y	G	O	L	O	N	H	C	E	T	S
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G	N	T	A	D	T	M	O	O	P	P	E	R	I	P	H	E	R	A	L
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D	P	H	P	H	Y	E	B	L	I	N	D	N	E	S	S	M	G	N	R
B	M	O	Y	Y	F	B	R	A	I	L	L	E	L	M	S	D	L	T	C

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

- ### WORDS
- ALBINISM
 - BLINDNESS
 - BRAILLE
 - CATARACTS
 - CONTRAST
 - DIABETES
 - EYES
 - GLAUCOMA
 - IMPAIRMENT
 - LOSS
 - LUMINANCE
 - MACULA
 - MAGNIFIER
 - NIGHT
 - NYSTAGMUS
 - OPTIC
 - OPTOMETRIST
 - PERIPHERAL
 - RETINA
 - SENSITIVITY
 - SPECIALIST
 - STRABISMUS
 - TECHNOLOGY
 - VISION

PUZZLE SOLUTION

M	A	C	A	O	C	H	E	F	E	L	I	S		
A	N	O	L	E	R	E	P	L	E	N	I	S	H	
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			P	A	G	E	C	I	A					
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Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

ANSWERS

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

HOROSCOPES

right now, Virgo. Since you're in a productive phase, you will make great headway on projects that can really boost your resume.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Think big this week, Libra. Try to see how your efforts can have an effect in the future and not just right now. There is an opportunity to expand your horizons.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, your financial world is looking quite favorable this week. You might have an opportunity to solidify your position on a project or embark on a completely new path.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
The focus is on you this week, Sagittarius. If you have been feeling stuck or unsure, now is a great time to put new intentions into action. People will be drawn to your energy.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
The quiet side of life takes over for the week, Capricorn. You might feel the need to reflect on recent experiences or recharge at home alone. Don't hesitate to take a step back.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Your social life is booming right now, Aquarius. Networking events, group activities or spontaneous meet-ups are ways to connect with some like-minded individuals.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, this week you are all about setting goals and following through with your plans. The universe is on your side right now, and you will find it is quite easy to succeed.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You're in the mood to get things done this week, Aries. Your ambition is fueled and it is the perfect time to take charge and tackle overdue projects. Be careful not to rush things.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, your focus shifts to personal growth and intellectual exploration this week. You might find yourself investigating travel plans or diving into new hobbies.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Money and other resources take center stage this week, Gemini. Whether you are reevaluating your investments or getting your finances in order, you may need to make a few tweaks.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may find you're a bit more introspective than usual. Your emotions are running deep, and it is a key time for some self-reflection. Be mindful of insights coming your way.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, it is a week of transitions for you. Something in your life may seem like it will come to an end soon, but this closing of one chapter is necessary for personal growth.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Work and your career take center stage