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The Brooks Bandits went on a powerplay after Jason Stefanek crashed into Bandits goalie Zach Zahara. Stefanek earned a two minute penalty for the collision. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

City not breaking any law in releasing tender amounts

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The city will not be breaking any contractual law if they release all tender amounts for any project as was stated by the city's finance manager Bill McKennan during a council committee meeting in February.

McKennan said that he is updating the purchasing policy.

That change would potentially remove bid results from the purview of elected officials and the public.

According to Kevin Lee, press secretary for Ric McIvor, minister of Municipal Affairs, the "The Municipal Government Act (MGA) provides locally elected municipal councils in Alberta with the responsibility and autonomy to address a broad range of local issues.

"This includes the establishment of procurement policies and processes to ensure consistent and fair opportunities for vendors submitting tenders.

"There are provisions in place that ensure this process is transparent so municipal residents are aware of council decisions regarding expenditures and have the information necessary to hold them accountable for their decisions."

In other words, Lee said, it is up to each municipality to set a policy to keep tenders either public or private.

Mayor John Petrie told The Bulletin he realizes there's some inadequacies in that.

"It is coming back to the table. I think all the councillors want to see the tendering process," he said.

A couple of projects for Lake Newell Resort

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In addition to pathway construction at Lake Newell Resort, the county anticipates rehabilitating Blue Heron and White Pelican roads this summer.

Mark Harbicht, the county's manager of municipal services, told council there will be impact to residents accessing their property during the road rehabilitation.

He said the roads have reached the end of life so the county will complete a road surface and structure replacement, upgrade curbs, gutters and swales and inspect the water curb stops.

Additional information on the road project will be discussed during an open house on March 26 at the county office between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. or anyone with questions can contact the office at 403-794-2311.

Last week council agreed to go ahead with construction of the resort's path at the resort despite an increase in the cost from \$1 million to the approved bid of \$1.560 million from

Brooks Asphalt.

In addition to Brooks Asphalt, bids were received from Aecon Transportation at \$1.837 million, Go Asphalt at \$1.744 million and PME at \$1.913 million.

The municipality had preferred to award the tender after receiving government approval to use Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) (aka gas tax) to cover the project overage.

However, with no word either way and the early March meeting as the final one to make a decision, council, by a recorded vote of 9-1, agreed to award Brooks Asphalt.

If the county does not get the okay to use CCBF funds, they will be taken from the infrastructure reserve. Those removed funds will not hold up or affect any other current project.

In the event that the grant funding does come through CAO Matt Fenske said the money will be used for another project under CCBF.

Division 7 councillor Ellen Unruh opposed the project.

Bandits earn both home game wins over the weekend; four games remain in regular season

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With just four games remaining in the BCHL hockey schedule and four points separating the first place Penticton Vees and the second place Brooks Bandits, the regular season is winding down and fans are days away from adding the teams to the playoff schedule.

In the preliminary round in both the western and eastern conference, first place will play eighth place, second will play seventh, third will play sixth and fourth and fifth will play.

If the playoff started today, the Bandits would

face Surrey.

Progression of the playoffs will lead to the final game, the Fred Page Cup Championship likely to be held in May or even June.

Since the beginning of the month Penticton has won all four of their matches for eight points while the Bandits, who are four points behind, earned six points for three wins. They also had a couple of losses.

Over the weekend the Bandits won both of their home games, on Friday they defeated Okotoks Oilers 6-4.

On Saturday the Bandits defeated the Trail Smoke Eaters 1-0. The Smoke Eaters had defeated the

Bandits 4-1 on March 7.

The weekend games saw Parker Lalonde continue with his point streak having scored at least one goal in eight consecutive games.

On Friday he scored on the empty net against the Oilers and got the Bandits lone goal on Saturday.

Lalonde has 59 points on the season with 32 goals and 27 assists and is in second place in points for the Bandits and 11th overall in the league.

Nathan Free, who has 30 goals and 37 assists for 62 points, is seventh place in the league. Jeremy Loranger of the Sherwood Park Crusaders has top spot with

94 points, 37 goals and 57 assists.

The final four games for the Bandits begin on March 21 when they host top scorer Loranger and his sixth place Crusaders team.

On March 22 they will travel to BC to play the eighth place Cranbrook Bucks, on March 28 is the final regular season home game when they will play the 18th place Spruce Grove Saints.

The final regular season game will be in Okotoks on March 29 to play the 16th place team.

The Vees will finish their final games at home also on March 29.

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Grasslands seeks land for new school

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Grasslands School Division has asked the city for property for a new school.

The school board is seeking the land as a future school site to construct an elementary school along 4th Avenue East. The parcel is 28688.65 square metres.

"This is going to be our number two priority on our upcoming capital plan. I see this being a few years out but (it) depends on growth within our city," said Rhian Schroeder, assistant superintendent at Grasslands.

The city is expected to make their decision at the next committee meeting.

The fully serviced property is south of the French school and could provide an opportunity for the two schools to share outdoor park space.

Councillor Mohammed Idriss asked why the same property was not discussed when council was considering the new Christ the Redeemer school.

"Why wasn't it presented to us when we were considering space for (the Catholic School)?" he asked. The question was not answered.

"I'm going to leave it there. I think that debate is over with. A good question, there but we're not getting into another debate on this," mayor John Petrie responded.



Grasslands has asked the city for a portion of land on 4 Avenue East for a future school. | BROOKS MAP

Councillor Marissa Wardrop said the old rodeo grounds, "was the only parcel we were aware of."

City council was reportedly pressured during an in-camera meeting to give the 24-acre old rodeo grounds to the Catholic School. The property will not be subdivided.

"I just don't want to rush into designating a site hastily without all the information, again," Wardrop said.

She generally agreed that a letter of intent could be written.

If a decision is made to give the school board the property it is expected that the city will maintain control by designating it as a Municipal School Reserve until a final plan is available. Gavin Scott, the city's

land planner, was asked if council could change their mind and give the property to someone else.

"If you begin down the road of making deals with others, it would be a question how much flack you want to take," he said.

He said it could be done but working with the division another comparable property would have to be provided.

During the Catholic School public hearing Scott said schools are no longer being built in residential areas.

Last week councillor Joel Goodnough highlighted the fact that the proposed Grasslands site will be in a residential area.

"There's some great benefits," he said.



Last week topsoil was removed in preparation for construction of the new Brooks Junior High School. The school will be built on the site of the football field. When it is completed the current school will be demolished to make way for a multi-use field. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - Things have been pretty quiet here in Wardlow, we had a teaser of spring but got knocked back to reality with the wind and a bit of snow last week. I must say that I have had a job, trying to get something done.

I'm happy to report that the Prairie Girl Cook House in Cessford is reopening

next week, it will be nice to have that option again. Be sure to check the hours before you head on out. Looks to me like they will be open every day but Sunday and Monday. Good food and company always there.

John has been busy trying to arrange our next AGM for the Western Canadian Wheelwright

Association to take place in August. This year we are planning to go to Cardston Carriage Museum. Looking into the area there is so much there and close by to see and do, and the area is so beautiful too.

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



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Public Notices

Next Council Meeting

- Monday, April 7 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://brooks.ca/agendacentre)

Next Council Committee Meeting

- Tuesday, March 25 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://brooks.ca/agendacentre)

Road Ban Notice

Starting March 24, a 75% road ban will be in effect on designated roads within the City of Brooks to help protect our infrastructure during the spring thaw.

What does this mean?

Heavy vehicles will be restricted to 75% of their registered axle weight on affected roads.

Watch for posted signs and plan accordingly.

Gopher Control

Starting March 24, the Parks Department will begin gopher control due to the number of gophers. This includes putting an oat/pellet poison into gopher holes.

Please obey signs posted at sites.

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Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools celebrated 30 years of "faith-filled education." Events were held in Okotoks in February. "Reaching this milestone is a testament to the perseverance, faith, and commitment of the many educators, families, and students who have shaped CTR Catholic over the past 30 years," said Dr. Andrea Holowka, school superintendent. Although the system was formed in 1995 through the amalgamation of Catholic schools in Okotoks, in Drumheller and Oyen, the teaching has been going on since 1955 in Oyen, 1959 in Drumheller and 1989 in Okotoks. The first Catholic School in Brooks opened in 1994. Today there are 13 traditional school, four outreach schools. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Plans for Silver Sage include campground and hall

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The Silver Sage Agribition is looking to partner with the community as a whole to help see their plan come to fruition over the next few years.

Ken Neufeld, president, told city council committee last week that they would like to construct an event centre and would like the city to help determine the size, a campground, a staging area for the walking path and relocating the riding area.

There is also a need to replace the arena roof but their initial request is for water and sewer.

"That's going to be our first one," said Neufeld.

"We're always looking as an Ag. Society to say, 'what's our economic impact? How do we assess it? How do we get local recognition for what we do?'" he said.

He said there is potential to do a lot more than what is currently in place.

"We want to work with the region, partner with tourism and see what that looks like," said Neufeld.

He said grants are being applied for and there is the opportunity for in-kind donations as matching grants.

At the March meeting of the Eastern Irrigation District board, members agreed to donate and transfer about 106.3 acres to Silver Sage for \$1.

Surveying and associated costs are to be covered by Silver Sage.

The board will further discuss the transfer and donation during their April meeting.

CLARIFICATION

In the Silver Sage story last week it should have stated that the Agricultural Society requested the attendance of a county councillor as a non-voting member at their board meetings. Council denied the request to allow a councillor to be paid to attend meetings.

In 2022, following a mass resignation of the board and the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies (AAAS) taking it over until a new board was elected, the county accepted a request from the AAAS to help the board with guidance and mentorship. A year later, when the board was stable and on track, the county ended their involvement as a function of council.

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - Congratulations to the hockey players in Duchess and area for a great season and good sportsmanship this past season. A big thank you to the coaches and volunteers who give their time and energy to our young men and women for this long season!

Duchess Golf Club is holding their spring AGM at the clubhouse on Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm. The clubhouse will be open from March 19-22 from 10:00-4:00 and March 24-27 from 8:00-9:00pm.

Addisyn Thompson, daughter of Jason and Jacquie, has officially

committed to Southeast Community College Bobcats in Nebraska in the NJCAA Division 1 Softball as a pitcher/utility! It takes a lot of work and dedication to reach the higher levels of sport and Addi's done just that!

Congratulation to the Brooks Buffalos senior team with their Zones win in Canmore this past weekend. They now move on to provincials this week in Fort McMurray. Good luck!

Have a great week and please call or text me at 403 793 1630 with your news items.

Quote: "May you never forget what is worth

remembering, nor ever remember what is best forgotten."

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We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our sponsors, volunteers, BCHS Staff and everyone involved in making the 2025 ASAA High School Curling Provincials a remarkable success; your support and dedication were instrumental in creating an unforgettable experience for all participants!

Sincerely:

The BCHS Provincial Champion Curling Team: Jacob Falkenberg, Justin Mrazek, Micah Fontaine, Jesse Elsbett & Host Committee Chad & Kimberly Falkenberg, Jen McGregor & Len Mrazek, Nathan & Annette Fontaine, Brian & Anne Marie Elsbett

Pair of search warrants executed last week

SANDRA M STANWAY
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RCMP in Brooks confiscated guns, drugs and ammunition from Brooks homes during two search warrants last week that resulted in four arrests.

The first warrant was executed on March 11 at 4 p.m. at a home on Centre Street in connection with a stolen e-bicycle.

"While conducting the search, police located a .22 rifle in the residence, the firearm was seized," states a police release.

An unnamed 29-year-old male, who cannot be named as charges have not been sworn, was charged with firearms offences and is scheduled to appear in court on April 30.

The e-bike was located abandoned in an alley.

An unrelated firearms search warrant was executed the following day at about 9 a.m. in the Sunnylea area.

"During the search of the residence an SKS rifle was recovered with 50 rounds of ammunition readily accessible," stated a police report.

There was also additional ammunition seized in the residence along with numerous replica firearms and a large bowie knife that



A knife, legitimate and replica guns and ammunition that were seized following the execution of a search warrant on March 12. | BROOKS RCMP

was possessed contrary to release conditions.

Ruben Siguenza, 40, of Brooks was charged with possessing an unauthorized firearm, unsafe storage of a firearm and possessing a firearm that has had the serial number removed.

Fernando Echeverria, 25, of Brooks was charged with possessing ammunition and a knife contrary to a weapons prohibition and

release orders.

Siguenza was released from custody following a bail hearing and Echeverria was remanded until his next appearance in court.

"Brooks RCMP would like to thank the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) branch of the Alberta Sheriffs for their assistance in investigating this residence."

Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - I have decided that I shouldn't write the news while on vacation, because the brain just gets muddled and relaxed!

I missed sharing Hayden Mulvey's exciting news from his trip down at the Intermountain Icebreaker in Ogden, Utah. He bucked off his first bull, but rode the second with a score of 71 points! There were about 60 Highschool bull riders and they take the top 15 to the short go, 11 riders made it through and Hayden was 7th! He drew a bull named Donald Trump and scored 82.5 to win the short go and placed 2nd overall on 2. Congratulations Hayden and best of luck at the next rodeo!

The Cassils Community Hall Annual General Meeting is going to be held Sunday March 23rd at 7pm @ the hall. All area residents are encouraged to come out and get involved in what's happening in the area, set dates for events to come in 2025 and engage in conversation on what is or could be happening here.

Eva Niznik was competing this weekend with 8 other fellow BCHS & Christ the Redeemer wrestling teammates at ASAA Provincials in Calgary. Eva didn't advance out of preliminaries, but left it all on the mats with tough competition. The athleticism and determination of these athletes is so impressive to watch. This ends her short high school wrestling career

but she will continue to wrestle with her club team out of Medicine Hat for another month.

Heather and Curtis Harbinson recently returned from a Mexican vacation with a handful of local couples celebrating a significant milestone for

a few of the boys!!! The sun and relaxation was definitely enjoyed!

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

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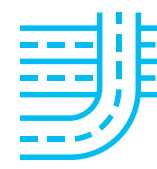
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COMMENT

Carney to lead Canada after trying for years to defund it

The soon-to-be prime minister's plan for net-zero banking would have devastated the country

ROSS MCKITRICK

NATIONAL POST

Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre is very concerned about financial conflicts of interest that new Liberal leader (and our next prime minister) Mark Carney may be hiding. But I'm far more concerned about the one out in the open: Carney is now supposed to act for the good of the country after lobbying to defund and drive out of existence Canada's oil and gas companies, steel companies, car companies and any other sector dependent on fossil fuels. He's done this through the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), which he founded in 2021.

Carney is a climate zealot. He may try to fool Canadians into thinking he wants new pipelines, liquified natural gas (LNG) terminals and other hydrocarbon infrastructure, but he doesn't. Far from it. He wants half the existing ones gone by 2030 and the rest soon after.

He has said so, repeatedly and emphatically. He believes that the world "must achieve about a 50 per cent reduction in emissions by 2030" and "rapidly scale climate solutions to provide cleaner, more affordable, and more reliable replacements for unabated fossil fuels." (By "unabated" he means usage without full carbon capture, which in practice is virtually all cases.) And since societies don't seem keen on doing this, Carney created GFANZ to pressure banks, insurance companies and investment firms to cut off financing for recalcitrant firms.

"This transition to net zero requires companies across the whole economy to change behaviors through application of innovative technologies and new ways of doing business" he wrote in 2022 with his GFANZ co-chairs, using bureaucratic euphemisms to make his radical agenda somehow seem normal.

The GFANZ plan they articulated that year put companies into four categories. Those selling green technologies or engaged in work that displaces fossil fuels would be rewarded with financing from member institutions. Those still using fossil fuels, or have investments in others that do, but are committed to being "climate leaders" and have set a path to net-zero, would also still be eligible for financing, as would those that do business with "high-emitting firms" but plan to reach net-zero targets on approved timelines. Companies that own or invest in high-emitting assets, however, would operate under a "managed phaseout" regime and could even be cut off from investment capital.

What are "high-emitting assets"? Carney's group hasn't released a complete list, but a June 2022 report listed some examples: coal mines, fossil-fuel power stations, oil fields, gas pipelines, steel mills, ships, cement plants and consumer gasoline-powered vehicles. GFANZ envisions a future in which the finance sector either severs all connections to such assets or puts them under a "managed phaseout" regime, which means exactly what it sounds like.

So when Carney jokingly suggested it won't matter if his climate plan drives up costs for steel mills because people don't buy steel, he could have added that there likely won't be any steel mills before long anyway. If his work as prime minister echoes his work as GFANZ chair, we can expect steel mills to be phased out, along with cars, gas-fired power plants, pipelines, oil wells and so forth.

GFANZ boasts at length about its members strong-arming clients into embracing net-zero. For instance, it extols British insurance multinational Aviva for its climate engagement escalation program: "Aviva is prepared to send a message to all companies through voting actions when those companies do not have adequate climate plans or do not act quickly enough."

To support these coercive goals, Carney's lobbying helped secure a requirement in Canada for banks, life insurance companies, trust and loan companies and others to develop and file reports disclosing their "climate transition risk," set out by the federal Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI).

The rule, Guideline B-15 on Climate Risk Management, was initially published in 2023 and requires federally regulated financial institutions (other than foreign bank branches) to conduct extensive and costly research into their holdings to determine whether value may be at risk from future climate policies. The vagueness and potential liabilities created by this menacing set of expectations could push Canada's largest investment firms to eventually decide it's easier to divest altogether from fossil fuel and heavy industry sectors, furthering Carney's ultimate goal.

Yet Carney will become prime minister just when Canadians face a trade crisis that requires the construction of new coastal energy infrastructure to ensure our fossil fuel commodities can be exported without going through the United States. He has said he would take emergency measures to support "energy projects," but I assume he means windmills and solar panels. He has not (to my knowledge) said he supports pipelines, LNG terminals, fracking wells or new refineries. Unless he disowns everything he has said for years, we must assume he doesn't.

Canadian journalists should insist he clear this up. Ask Carney if he supports the repeal of OSFI's Climate Risk Management guideline. Show Carney his GFANZ report. Ask him, "Do you still endorse the contents of this document?" If he says yes, ask him how we can build new pipelines and LNG terminals, expand our oil and gas sector, run our electricity grid using Canadian natural gas, heat our homes and put gasoline in our cars if banks are to phase these activities out. If he tries to claim he no longer endorses it, ask him when he changed his mind, and why we should believe him now.

The media must not allow Carney to be evasive or ambiguous on these matters. We don't have time for a bait-and-switch prime minister. If Carney still believes the rhetoric he published through GFANZ, he should say so openly, so Canadians can assess whether he really is the right man to address our current crisis.

Ross McKittrick is a professor of economics at the University of Guelph and a senior fellow of the Fraser Institute

TIME CAPSULE



BROOKS STREETS IN MARCH, 1968.

Maybe a Short Ceasefire, Maybe Not

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



What's hard to keep in mind, with all the hype that's flying around, is that there's no particular reason for either side in the Ukraine war to want a ceasefire right now, let alone a full peace settlement. The only one who's in a hurry is Donald Trump, and that's just because he's terminally impatient.

The war, which has just passed its third anniversary, is as deeply stuck in the mud as the First World War that it so closely resembles. The Russians use their huge numerical superiority to make small advances at great cost in Russian lives, but at their rate of advance during the past year they would only be nearing the outskirts of Kyiv some time in early 2029.

That does not mean that the current war of attrition will last until 2029; just that nobody can confidently predict the winner now. It could come at any point when there is a drastic change of circumstances on either side: a mutiny in the army, a change of government at home, even some third party joining the fight.

In the meantime each side hangs on, plays its allotted role in the attritional war (much higher Russian casualties but very slow Ukrainian retreat), and waits for the unforeseeable but eventually almost inevitable shift in circumstances to happen. After that, usually, things happen very fast and you have a decisive outcome in a matter of months.

Senior Ukrainian and Russian officers will almost all have been educated in the old Soviet military tradition even if they are too young to have served in that defunct army, and will have passed on this wisdom (if that's what it is) to their respective civilian superiors. They will do what they can in the meanwhile, but they are really waiting for something to change.

And then along comes Trump with a completely different set of motivations and expectations. For him, what kind of peace deal he creates is irrelevant so long as it wins him the Nobel Peace Prize.

Trump was outraged when Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in the first minutes of his presidency in 2009 ("for nothing," as Trump rightly pointed out). There may be a racial element in this, but the injustice of Obama getting the prize when Trump didn't get one has been a frequent feature at his rallies ever since (most recently last October).

"They gave Obama the Nobel Prize," Trump told the Las Vegas audience. "He didn't even know why the hell he got it, right? He still doesn't. He got elected and they announced he's getting the Nobel Prize. I got elected in a much bigger, better, crazier election, but they gave him the Nobel Prize."

For whatever reason, Trump badly wants the Nobel Peace Prize, and he wants it NOW. Once inaugurated, he created an artificial deadline for a ceasefire, claiming that Ukraine had to agree because it had 'no cards' and was doomed to lose the war. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky knew better, but would have lost some Western sympathy if he said so.

Naive people of good will often take the position that any war must end as soon as

possible – especially in faraway places they know little about – because then the dying will stop.

But people who seek to gain by war don't want to stop until they get what they want, and the people they attacked don't want to stop so long as there's some chance of getting back what they lost.

Or would you rather have frozen World War 2 in mid-1942? (Germans in France and at the gates of Moscow, the Holocaust gearing up, and most of East and Southeast Asia under Japanese occupation.)

So Zelensky insisted on preconditions before entering peace talks, whereupon Trump lost it. He ruthlessly cut off the flow of American arms, aid and intelligence information to Ukraine, knowing that in the short run Zelensky could not replace them fully with supplies from sympathetic European states. Zelensky caved, as he had to.

Why is Trump in such a tearing rush? Perhaps for the same reason that he is usually rude and insulting: to unbalance the other side. "It's like hitting a mule with a two-by-four across the nose," his special Envoy on Russia and Ukraine General Keith Kellogg explained. "You get their attention." Or maybe he was just born that way.

However, by the end of last week a parade of Western diplomatic and Ukrainian advisers had convinced Zelensky that accepting Trump's ceasefire proposal would probably do no harm. If Putin is still on top of his game, he will agree to the thirty-day ceasefire, knowing full well that the subsequent negotiations will probably collapse quite fast.

And Trump can relax: the next Nobel Peace Prize will not be announced until October.



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Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Charges laid in January's execution of warrants

Amela Beganovic and Dawna Lee Tatoiu of Brooks have each been charged with

three counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking following the execution of search warrants at the end of January.

On Jan. 30, RCMP reported that a vehicle stop



was conducted in Sunnylea which was followed by search warrants being executed on Maple Drive and Greenbrook Road with a large quantity of drugs found in the homes and vehicle.

In the search Brooks RCMP and the Southern Alberta crime reduction unit seized 183 grams of cocaine, 55 grams of meth and 700 Dilaudid tablets.

Beganovic and Tatoiu are scheduled to appear in Brooks Court of Justice on March 26.

Stolen vehicle recovered

A Volkswagen Passat that was stolen on March 8 while it was running at FasGas was found abandoned along a canal road near Brooks on March 12. The vehicle was undamaged. The investigation is continuing.



Amela Beganovic and Dawna Lee Tatoiu were charged in the Jan. 30 drug trafficking investigation. During a search, police seized cocaine, meth and dilaudid. | RCMP PHOTO

Burning barrel permits removed from fire bylaw's first reading

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council gave first reading to the amended fire bylaw.

The bylaw had been presented last month but council wanted some changes prior to

first reading, including a proposal to remove permits for burning barrels, the requirement for a retention screen and prohibiting burning barrels in hamlets.

Reeve Arno Doerksen questioned the need for all fireworks to have a display permit since many people

occasionally have small family fireworks. Another discussion is expected to be held before second reading of the bylaw.

The bylaw is available in the March 6 council meeting agenda which is available at countyofnewell.ca.

Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - I have to put a special birthday in here as it is Sylver Voutier's Sweet 16th birthday I'm not sure how old dad is but have a great day girl. But happy birthday Kevin too.

Jerri and Joyce Calvert had a road trip on Friday to Vauxhall and had a great visit with Ray and Dixie.

We had a crazy card lady day on Friday and oh my goodness I think I won once we always have such a great time with this. Love the ladies.

Joyce and Jerry travelled to Taber on Sunday to have a great supper with Mark and Jamie Calvert. Great visit and food.

Calvert News: Curtis

had the kids out this weekend- they were sure excited to see the calving has started. Helped dad with some fencing and then went to Ammas and played some board games. Busy day and they are getting pretty good at beating Amma! Bree and Amara were down for the weekend from Calgary. Amma's ramp makes a good roller coaster ride. Have to say I was in heaven with four grandkids this weekend.

It's so wonderful to have family in our lives right now. We gotta take it as it is. Love you guys all and always remember. Tomorrow is another day.

Please get a hold of me by Sunday evening with

anything you'd like to share at 403-363-7496

Would like any news that makes us happy and share.

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Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Dallas Antill & Holly Johnson & Juna on March 20, Liam Guttman on March 21, Connie Price & Esther Nielse & Cara on March 22, Marlee (Takeda) Nojion on March 23, Betty Axelson & Catherine (Graham) Davies & Duane Lindsay & Blake on March 24, Nathan Graham on March 25, Brian & Michele Slenders wedding anniversary & Thomas Brummelhuis birthday on March 26.

Alcoma School News-Mini basketball begins this month for Alcoma students grade 3 to 6. There will be a mini tournament March 26th at Alcoma. Along with a cash concession. Junior High students have begun their badminton season. SPEC playgroup will be at the school in March 21, 9:30am to 11am.

Alcoma has started a school wide Jump Rope for heart fundraiser. Goal is \$1,000. Our kick-off assembly starts on Friday, Feb. 28th with our jumpathon on March 27th. That gives us 30 days to fundraise. Our goal is not necessarily monetary, but a sticky goal. For every ten dollars brought to the school or collected online, the students will get 1 foot of tape to tape a teacher to the wall. Students can put their money in the teacher's jar they wish to tape to the wall.

Our jumpathon will run as stations with a talent show/skill competition afterward. All parents/siblings/community members are welcome to join on March 27th. This is where we will try to successfully tape the teacher to the wall as well.

Here is a link to donate: <https://jumpforheart.crowdfunder.ca/80376>

Alcoma Home and School Association will be doing the casino fundraiser at the Lethbridge Casino June 16 and 17 2025. Still looking to fill June 17th 8pm - 4am shift. 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.

If you have the pleasure of knowing a Brooks Rush U13 Black volleyball player and family. You might know they are having a home tournament on April 12. They are selling raffle tickets for some great items. Draws will be at the tournament, No need to be present.


Scandia board would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their support at the pancake breakfast & pie auction. Tons of support with efforts to the the rebuild of the hall.

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



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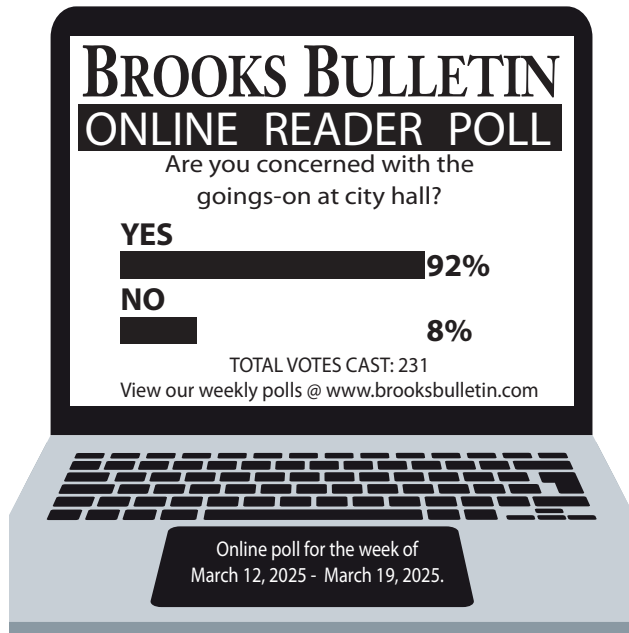
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City to host Canada Day festivities indoors

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The majority of the city's Canada Day event will be held indoors to help make it easier for city staff and volunteers.

Last year's event was held inside due to rain, however, the rain didn't last too long.

In her report to city committee, Mareissa Christman, the city's program coordinator, told council that last year's indoor event resulted in a "significantly improved experience for staff, vendors and volunteers."

She said the air-conditioned facilities provided staff and volunteers with comfortable break areas and staff were able to maintain cleanliness more efficiently.

She said there would still be outdoor elements, such as soccer and fireworks, but

the majority would be held indoors.

Mayor John Petrie said, "It worked out really good having it indoors. It will eliminate the elements of wind and rain and maybe snow at the time of the year."

Prior to COVID the Canada Day event in Brooks started at the museum with a pancake breakfast and antique tractor parade and then it moved to Duke of Sutherland for a full day of activities, a movie and fireworks, however, a lack of volunteers resulted in the removal of the pancake breakfast and parade.

There has been some events in the park but the movie has also been cancelled over the years because the outdoor screen has not been able to stand up to the wind.

Councillor Joel Goodnough said having the event outside is a festival atmosphere while indoors

is very loud.

"It's an excitement. It would be nice to see something (outdoors)," he said.

Petrie agreed about the outdoor festival atmosphere but also reiterated that the elements play a part.

"Is there a way we can introduce some of that element at JBS?" wondered councillor Mohammed Idriss.

The bouncy castles could be placed on the north side of the facility.

Councillor Jon Nesbitt said he enjoyed the event indoors last year and he doesn't believe it would be easy to move everything inside if it is raining.

"We want the ambience outside but we know the importance of the inside," said Petrie.

The pool will remain open as per its usual holiday hours but it will not include free access.

New fee schedule includes CDC South lease prices

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council has updated fee schedule which includes fees for its managerial takeover of the Crop Diversification Centre on April 1 and road allowance closure and leases requested by the Eastern Irrigation District in support of the reservoirs.

The fees for CDC include lease rates for land, office space, storage and greenhouse as well as labour and park space.

Through the schedule, the EID is exempt from application fees related to the closure and lease of road allowances for their

reservoirs and the annual lease rate per mile for road allowances.

CAO Matt Fenske told council that David Hoekstra from the province, who has been working as a strategic advisor on the CDC file, found that a control system that was thought needed replacement can be repaired.

"That saved us \$750,000. Apparently that system is still serviceable," said Fenske.

"We're confident there's going to be room for cost efficiencies over there," he said.

The province's budget included about \$3 million for capital to take care of the

deferred maintenance at the site.

"We're optimistic we've got some runway to get this thing off the ground."


The CDC committee also went through cost estimates based on 100 per cent lease and lower.

At an earlier meeting administration estimated that the county could be responsible for about \$800,000 if everything wasn't rented but that has been revised to \$450,000 as a worst case scenario.

"In the best case scenario we run a little bit of a surplus and that doesn't include all the revenue lines that we intend to be charging for, so cost recovery for any county or Alberta Agriculture staff time, those will be revenue lines not included in the model."

The county will lease a vehicle and equipment from Alberta Ag and that will be charged back at roadbuilders guide rates.

The county will take over the facility as management on April 1 and there is lease interest for the land.



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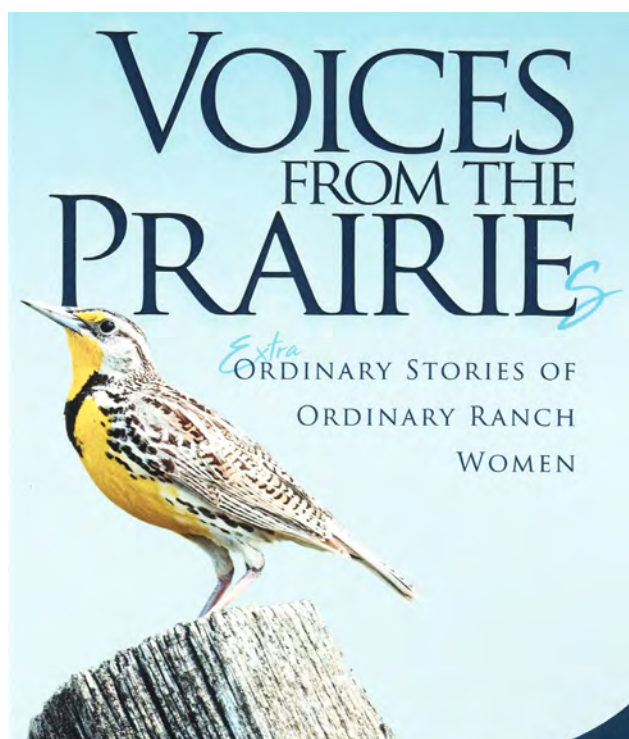
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PLACE: SPECIAL AREAS YOUNGSTOWN SERVICE CENTRE, MAIN BOARDROOM, 404-2ND AVE NE, YOUNGSTOWN, AB

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, the Special Areas Board intends to consider a proposed amendment to Land Use Order (MSD: 064/24) (LUO).

An application has been submitted to the Board that proposed to amend the LUO by introducing definitions, uses and regulations for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) within the Special Areas.

The proposed amendments aim to regulate future BESS developments, including a planned 10 MW Off-Site Battery Energy Storage System in Special Area No. 2, located southwest of Hanna and southeast of Delia (SW 18-30-16-W4M), which is currently under review by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

The proposed amendments include the following:

- Adding definitions for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), distinguishing between Off-Site BESS, On-Site BESS (Small) and On-Site BESS (Large)
- Updating relevant Land Use Districts for BESS developments, including discretionary and permitted uses
- Establishing specific regulations for Off-Site and On-Site BESS, including AUC approval requirements, setbacks, and Emergency Response Plans
- Adding On-Site BESS (Small) to the list of uses not requiring a development permit as required

All BESS projects 1 MW or greater require an application process and approval through the AUC.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the LUO are available at Special Areas district offices during regular business hours and online at www.specialareas.ab.ca.

Any person adversely or otherwise affected by this action, and wishing to address the Board relating to this matter, may attend the public hearing at 1:00 PM on March 25, 2025. Time limit of oral presentations is subject to the Chair's discretion.

Written comments and suggestions are invited and should be addressed to "Proposed Amendment - Special Areas Board Land Use Order". Submissions may be mailed to:

Maeghan Chostner, Communications Officer
 Special Areas Board
 Box 820, 212-2nd Ave. W.
 Hanna, AB T0J 1P0

Submissions may be emailed to:
public.input@specialareas.ab.ca

Written submissions must be received by 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 20, 2025. Written comments will be presented publicly to the Board at the above hearing date.

This notice is given pursuant to Sections 606 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

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Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

2025 SEASONAL CAMPSITE DRAW

The Eastern Irrigation District is now accepting seasonal campsites applications for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. 35 seasonal campsites, with electricity, will be available from May 12th until September 7th, 2025 at a fee of \$3,200 + GST.

Applications for the seasonal draw must be received at the EID Office prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28th, 2025 and must include the \$500 application fee (to be applied to the seasonal campsites fee for selected entries).

Application forms and additional information can be found at www.eid.ca under the recreation tab or at the EID Office. Forms can either be dropped off at the office or mailed to the Eastern Irrigation District at P.O. Box 128, Brooks, AB T1R 1B2.

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Trump exposes fairweather friends... he may dismantle EU non-tariff trade barriers



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WILL VERBOVEN

It would seem that when it comes to trade-related issues between countries, there is little empathy, only vested national interests. So it showed when President Trump threatened crippling tariffs on Canada. The silence was deafening from our so-called friends and allies in the European Union (EU) and the G7 group. Even the British Prime Minister, on a visit to the Trump Palace, seemed to throw Canada under the bus. Not a word of sympathy either for his beleaguered Canadian subjects from Charles the 3rd, the reigning King Of Canada.

Those might be wise political positions, as the EU and the UK probably don't want to raise the ire of a reactionary

Trump if they showed any support for a country he was targeting for tariff retribution. But then again, for the EU, it won't matter as it now seems that trading block will soon be Trump's next target. In some ways, the EU could use some Trump-imposed corrective actions, particularly regarding several of their unfair anti-free market trading practices. The ones Canadian agriculture is most familiar with are the EU's obsession with using non-tariff trade barriers to keep out unwanted competition for large sectors of their production agriculture industry. Even free-trade agreements don't matter in these situations as the Canada/EU treaty has shown.

It is an old story, but the EU has spent decades deviously creating trade barriers based on bogus, non-scientific, politically inspired green ideology.

That would be their fear and opposition to GMOs, steroids and hormones. That negatively affects Canadian beef, corn, and oilseed exports to the EU. The EU has fought and lost WTO unfair trade challenges but to no avail as they are cunningly skilled at inventing ever new ways to block competing imports. Because of the boy scout nature of our trade policy, Canada will not robustly deal with this outrageous EU trade obstructionism. But then, as a medium player in world trade, we don't carry a very big stick.

But luckily for Canada, the EU applied the same non-tariff barriers against the USA, and if Trump carries through with his tariff threats against the EU, they are about to get a rude awakening. Trump has indicated that his reciprocal tariffs against the EU will also include action against bogus non-

tariff barriers against products like US beef, grains, and oilseeds. That would be a great leap forward in finally breaking down that sham barrier. If that were to happen, it would presumably have to apply to Canadian exports of those commodities to the EU.

Unfortunately, the UK has joined their former comrades in the EU in maintaining that they have a right to protect their citizens from consuming deadly food products from Canada and the US that contain the much-feared GMOs and growth supplements. Neither has been able to scientifically prove that those are a health risk. Otherwise, they would have had to publically warn or forbid their citizens from eating almost any food product whilst visiting Canada or the USA. Incidentally, most cruise ships worldwide

serve American beef, even those visiting EU seaports. There are few reports of British and EU cruise participants refusing a US ribeye steak to save their lives. The exasperating part of the UK ban on Canadian beef is that Canada happily allows unlimited access to the Canadian market for British beef, which has increased 300% over the past few years. One wonders why anyone would want to eat British beef instead of Alberta beef, but I guess if it's cheap enough, some consumers will lower their quality and taste standards.

Canada needs to retaliate (but won't) and suspend all UK beef imports, pending whether their processing facilities and sanitation procedures meet our health standards. We could make them pay for the inspections and take our time doing it. God knows

Canadian bureaucrats are world-famous for mind-numbing, time-consuming health and environmental assessments – it could take years. However, to make the Canadian government bend to their will the UK has suspended free trade agreement discussions. Canada will eventually surrender to the demand to get a deal.

But, as noted earlier, if President Trump forces the EU and the UK to end their notorious non-tariff barriers against beef, corn and oilseeds, it would change the attitude of those nefarious EU and UK trade officials who for decades have gleefully had us at their mercy with their bogus claims about our high-quality beef. Trump will prove it was all about keeping out the competition.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and policy advisor.



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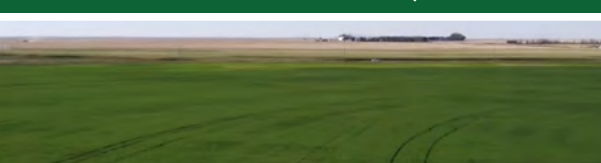


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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



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The Tilley Community Centre will be working a Casino in Medicine Hat on September 24 and 25, 2025 and are looking for volunteers to help with all positions and shifts. Reimbursement for hotel and fuel costs is available. Improvements to the facility will be made with these funds. To volunteer, please

contact Crystal French by phone or text at 403-793-3883.

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

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

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will offer a worship service with Holy Communion on Sunday,

March 30 at 10:00 am with Reverend John Theiss. All are welcome.

A Spanish captain was walking on his ship's deck when a soldier rushed up to him and exclaimed, "An enemy ship is approaching us!" The captain replied calmly, "Go get my red shirt." The soldier got the shirt for the captain. The enemy ship came in and heavy rounds of fire were exchanged. Finally, the Spaniards won. The soldier asked, "Congrats sir, but why the red shirt?" The captain replied, "If I got injured, my blood shouldn't be seen, as I didn't want my

men to lose hope." Just then, another soldier ran up and said, "Sir, we just spotted another twenty enemy ships!" The captain calmly replied, "Go bring my brown pants."

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When Ray isn't ensuring our customers have exactly what they need, you'll likely find him



enjoying his second passion—golf! A well-known legend on local courses, Ray is just as active in the Brooks Golf Club as he is in the dealership. He generously dedicates his time to volunteering, whether it's supporting the golf club, serving on his condominium board, or lending a helping hand to friends and family.

As we celebrate Ray's contributions, we also want to remind you that our Spring Filter & Lube Sale is in full swing! Save 15% on all CNH and Fleetguard OEM brand-name filters and lubricants until March 31st. And don't forget—RME Day is just around the corner! Join us on Wednesday, March 26th, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM for a day of great deals and lunch on us!

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24	25	26 Count Ridge Bull Sale 1:00 pm	27	28 Regular Sale 9:00 am	29

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There were no injuries in an early morning house fire in Brooks on Thursday. Brooks fire officials were called to the scene on Centre Street just after 2 a.m. and upon arrival Barry Yokoyama, the city's deputy fire chief, said he could see fire glowing at the back of the home. He said the cause remains under investigation. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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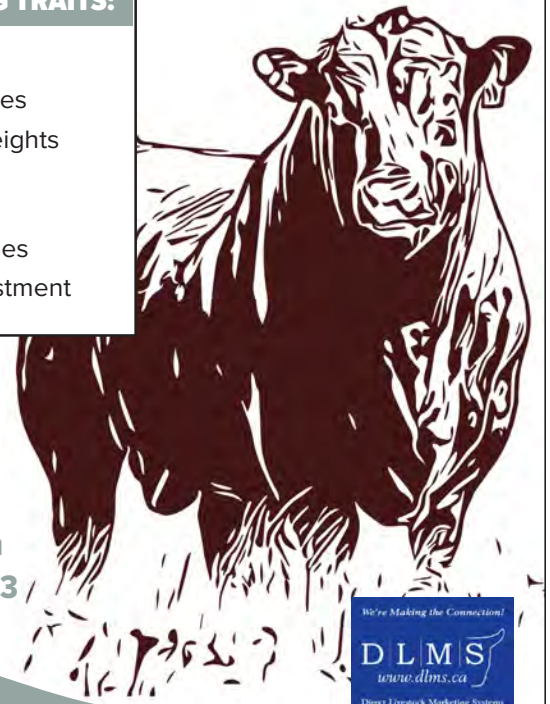
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BASSANO - Sure is a good week for the two Chapman families with Edward & Melanie and Ed & Rosemary celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. Happy anniversaries!!!

I see where Duchess Bethel Mennonite Church will be at Playfair Lodge tonight, March 19th. I don't see any birthdays this month at the lodge.

Speaking of birthdays for the next few days, there are quite a few celebrating their special day. Birthday wishes to Dan Ballance, Rose Pask, Les Lunseth, Daniel Branson, Ty Barlow, Joanne Saunders, Cheryl Lassiter, Edward Schaffer, Ryan Barlow, Sandra Beddows, Hadley and Morgan Marks.

Yes, you heard it correctly!!! The March Equinox, also known as the first day of Spring, does occur on March 20th. On the vernal equinox, the Sun will cross the celestial equator from north to south at that time early in the morning. Forget about March 21st unless you believe in reincarnation and went to check back in during the 22nd century.

I did not receive the names of the winning teams from the Mixed Curling Bonspiel in time for our deadline. They will be posted locally.

I am always receptive to local news from the Banner district. Maybe the local schools have some Spring events they wish to share with our readers...tom1942@hotmail.com.







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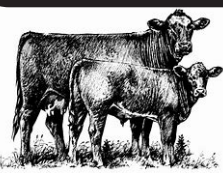
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PARKER - Wesley Maurice Parker of Brooks, born June 29, 1954, in Wadena, Saskatchewan, son of George and Ellen Parker, passed away in Calgary, Alberta on March 8, 2025, with his daughters, Denea and Chelsea, by his side. Wes was a beloved husband, a dotting father and grandfather, cherished uncle, brother, and friend. To know Wes was to love him. He exemplified both strength and softness. He loved it unconditionally and showed that love in all he did. He was the first to show up in a moment of need, bringing his "get 'er done" attitude with him. He was patient, gentle and kind. He baked the best cookies and carrot cake. Wes will be fondly remembered

for his keen wit, his generous spirit, his sense of mischief/humor and the twinkle in his eye when he cracked a joke. Wes loved golf, camping, the lake, music, playing Scrabble, cards and other games, especially because he almost always won. Wes was a respected craftsman, known for his work ethic, professionalism and talent as a framer and contractor. He will be remembered for his skillful framing of many homes in Brooks, for building custom stairs and projects and for constructing the best doll houses ever built for his daughters, nieces, and granddaughters. Wes was predeceased by both parents, George, and Ellen Parker, formerly of Oyen, Alberta and Quill Lake, Saskatchewan, brother John Parker and sister Georgina Parker, sister-in laws Dawna Butler and Sharon Nickel and brothers-in-law Harvey Geortzen and Rick Kunz. He is survived by his wife Donna (Elder), daughters Denea and Chelsea, grandchildren Kale, Lily, Declynn and Chloe; siblings Florence (Dale), Francis, Ellen, Walter (Pat), Esther (Randy), sister-in-law Yvonne; siblings-in-law Dorothy (Jim), Tom (Gun-Britt), Faye (Richard), Jim (Suzette), Marie (Tom), Shirley (Keith), Janice (Paul); bonus children and grandchildren, Derek, Amy, Paisley, Kip and Oaklyn Becker; and his many cherished nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Wes was widely regarded as a favourite uncle, and he loved his extended family deeply and wholly. Wes's life will be Celebrated on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the Brooks Kin Hall (200 7th Street East) at 2:00 PM. The Celebration will be an informal, come and go' style opportunity for friends and family to connect, share memories, tell stories, and socialize. There will be no formal funeral or service. An additional Celebration will be held in early summer in the form of a golf tournament and campout. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating directly to the Calgary Health Foundation to support Cardiac Care, 800-110212 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, Alberta T2J 6A5 or donating blood to Canadian Blood Services in his memory.

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HILDENBRAND - Virginia Hildenbrand April 5, 1926 ~ March 12, 2025 Virginia Lorraine Hildenbrand (nee Anderson), a caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully at AgeCare Sunrise Gardens in Brooks, Alberta, on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at the age of 98 years. Virginia was born in Brooks on April 5, 1926, the first of five children to Fred and Olivia Anderson. She spent most of her

early life on the farm in Scandia, helping with her four younger siblings as well as the home and farm chores while attending Jenny Lind School. Virginia was also an accomplished pianist and vocalist, singing in numerous choirs over the years. She enjoyed singing in church choirs, especially the opportunity to sing with her Anderson family at Salem Lutheran Church in Scandia.

Jim and Virginia were married in 1948, moving to Taber shortly thereafter. This is where they spent the majority of their married life, raising their family while contributing to the social and economic life in Taber. While in Taber, they spent a number of their retirement winters in Yuma, Arizona.

In their later years, Jim and Virginia moved to Medicine Hat where she continued to enjoy canning and baking, journaling, quilting and especially sharing her highly popular cinnamon rolls and ginger snaps, the recipes for which have been passed down.

Jim passed in 2008, while they were living in Medicine Hat. Thereafter, Virginia found companionship with Edwin Deering, and they spent a number of years together until her health necessitated another move. This time, she moved back to her old stomping grounds in Brooks to AgeCare Sunrise Gardens where she spent her last years respectfully and warmly cared for by a wonderful staff as well as her loving nieces, nephews and extended family. Family wish to thank everyone for the care, love and understanding Virginia received over her many years, some of which were not easy.

Virginia was predeceased by her parents; three brothers, Kermith, Ron and Doug; son, Robert and husband, James. She is survived by her sister, Elaine; sister-in-law, Carol; son, Don (Henny) and daughter, Deb (Bryan). She is also survived by grandchildren, Scott (Krista); Erik (Victoria); Corina (Trevor) and Taylor (Hannah); great-grandchildren, Olivia, Naomi and Eve Gelmon and their father Michael; Izayah Tomczyk, Nathaniel, Eliza and Madeline Hildebrand.

Heaven has received another deserving member of the team of walking and whistling angels. Virginia's celebration of life will be held at a later date. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting our website at www.cooksouthland.com) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel, Crematorium & Reflections Reception Facility, 901 - 13 Street S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 4V4. Telephone toll free: 1-877-528-6455. 12-13c

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One Tree World

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ONE TREE - Gee, we had Spring like weather last week and here we are with snow again and quiet cold last few nights with temperatures down to -10 C. Now we have snow, but at least hopefully it won't last long. There was a fair dump on Sunday morning, so a lot of pushing snow off from in front of the house. But I think it's supposed to warm up later this week.

***NOTE**The Brooks United Church THRIFT Sale is THIS Thursday, March 20th from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and see if you can find things you think you need.

Our deepest sympathies go to the families of Vera May Bunn, who passed away on February 18, 2025 in the Brooks Health Centre at the age of 86 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families at this sad time. The Celebration of Life" for Vera Bunn will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025 at 2:00pm in the Brooks United Church with Pastor Janice Whitelock and Reverend Esther Crews officiating.

Vera was a former One Tree resident many years ago in the 1960's and was my neighbour for a few years until she and her husband George moved to the town of Brooks to make their home. Vera and I both belonged to the Farm Women of Uniform and she and I took turns at being either secretary or president of the One Tree organization for several years.

On the 6th Barbara Mahrer went to Lethbridge to her daughter Carina's place to baby-sit her grandkids while there mom and dad went on a holiday. They came home last weekend and then her husband Thomas went down to Lethbridge also, to help Stephen and Nick celebrate their joint birthdays on Sunday. While there on Saturday evening Thomas and Barbara attended a dance there. They were going to return home later Sunday evening.

On Saturday Charlotte Noronha went to Drumheller to be with her family, Corey and Jessica and family on Sunday to help her celebrate her birthday (which is on Tuesday). She was returning home on Tuesday.

Karl and Linda Slomp went down to Lethbridge on Sunday to pick up (Sandra and Matt's kids) their grandsons to stay with them till Tuesday, as they don't have school.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Dallas Alberts, who'll be a teenager on Mar. 20th; to Val Juss on Mar. 21st; to Betty (Slomp) Parent of Edmonton and to Brett Bunney of Duchess, both on Mar. 22nd. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday. We wish everyone all the best in the years ahead.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Brian and Lorene Nichols of Brooks on

March 21st and to my niece Corey (Merkl) and Michael Meyer of Chestermere on Mar. 26th. We wish both couples' much happiness and good health for many years to come together and we wish them all the very best of everything.

"The Lighter Side" A little boy surprised his mom on Mother's Day morning with a cup of coffee in bed. He made it himself and was so proud, so he waited until she finished the whole cup.

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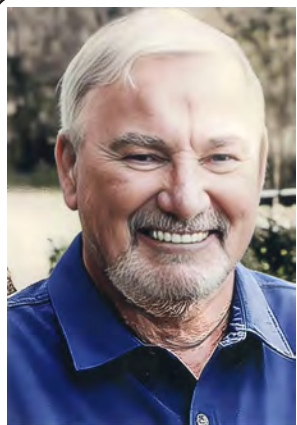


How things change in southern Alberta! Last week the street sweeper was out and this week it's the snow blower! Temperatures are to remain cool this week with warmer temperatures coming soon. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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B. 20 16 3 5 18 16

Clue: In a distant location

C. 4 5 25 24 16 4 5 11 22

Clue: Place of residence

D. 1 20 8 10 6 26 2

Clue: Free of being disturbed

Answers: A. computer B. remote C. household D. privacy

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to working from home.

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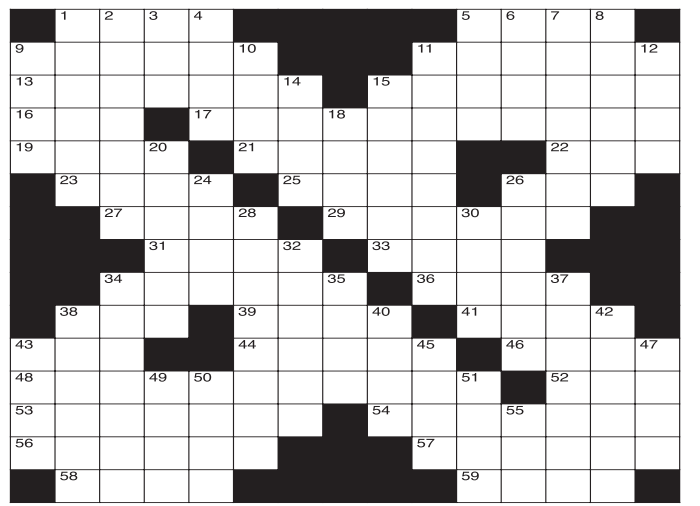
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Answer: Office

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Louisiana on March 22, 1976. I was a fashion model at age seven. I had a breakout role as a party girl who sets her sights on Harvard Law School. I won several awards for playing a country star with an equally famous husband.

Answer: Reese Witherspoon

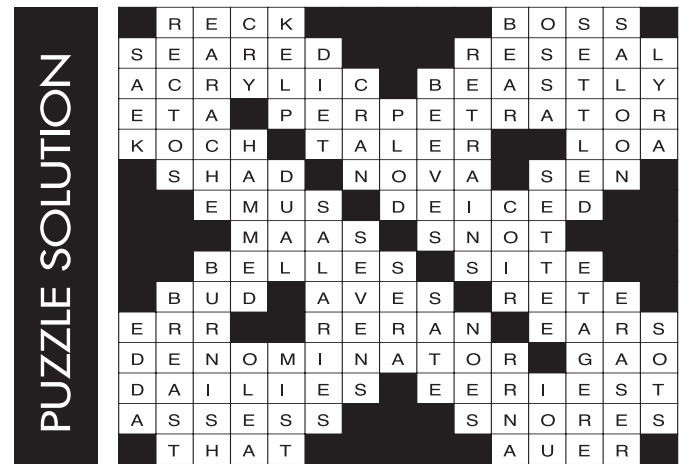


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Take heed
- 5. One's superior
- 9. Prepped meat
- 11. Tighten anew
- 13. Type of textile fiber
- 15. Animalistic
- 16. When you hope to get somewhere
- 17. Offender
- 19. Former NYC mayor Ed
- 21. Type of cryptocurrency
- 22. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 23. Herring-like fish
- 25. Popular PBS program
- 26. Congressman (abbr.)
- 27. Flightless Australian birds
- 29. Defrosted
- 31. Prior Yankee sensation Kevin
- 33. Nasal mucus
- 34. Some are southern
- 36. A place to construct
- 38. Popular beer brand
- 39. Shouts of farewell
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Showed old movie
- 46. Body parts
- 48. A divisor
- 52. Congressional investigatory body
- 53. Papers
- 54. Most unnatural
- 56. Judge the worth of something
- 57. Makes sounds while sleeping
- 58. Which
- 59. Hungarian Violinist

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pages
- 2. Head pain
- 3. A loud utterance
- 4. Large brown seaweed
- 5. Hulu's chef Carmine
- 6. Greek mountain
- 7. Made final
- 8. Bar
- 9. Tai subgroup
- 10. What you eat
- 11. Teaches again
- 12. Small constellation
- 14. Type of berry
- 15. Cows fattened for meat
- 18. A way to hoof it
- 20. Exaggerated a role
- 24. About two
- 26. Long upholstered seat
- 28. What employees earn
- 30. Fiber from a coconut husk
- 32. Digits
- 34. Polish by rubbing
- 35. Liquid body substances
- 37. Furniture with open shelves
- 38. Edible part of a chicken
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Tool used to remove
- 43. Icelandic poems
- 45. Swiss village
- 47. Drunks
- 49. Evergreen plant genus
- 50. Light precipitation
- 51. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 55. An informal debt instrument



PUZZLE SOLUTION

REMOTE WORK WORD SEARCH

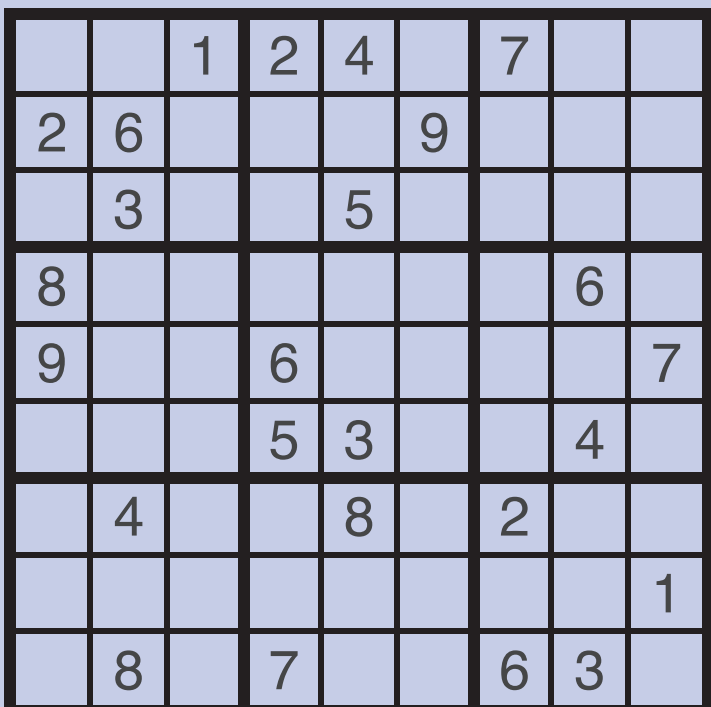
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ANNUALIZED
- ASYNCHRONOUS
- CLOUD
- COMMUNICATION
- COWORKING
- DIGITAL
- FLEX TIME
- FREELANCE
- FULLY
- GIG ECONOMY
- GLOBAL
- HOURS
- HYBRID
- LOCATION
- MESSAGE
- OFFSHORING
- REMOTE
- SOFTWARE
- SOLOPRENEUR
- TEAM
- TELECOMMUTE
- VPN
- WORKLOAD
- WORKPLACE

Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

ANSWERS

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, forcing an agenda right now might backfire. It is best to be patient and let things unfold organically. A few new people may come to your aid this week and support you.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
You might need to reconsider what you have been fighting for, Taurus. A current battle could be particularly hard to win, so you will have to rethink your strategy.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Someone in a position of power might try to convince you that their way is the best approach this week, Gemini. You are determined to stick with what you think is right, but keep an open mind as well.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, avoid impulsive decisions right now, particularly those that are financial gambles. Poor or selfish actions can deliver consequences that are hard to reverse.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Leo, what you desire could be in direct conflict with what a loved one in your home wants. Instead of trying to force your ideas on them, figure out a way to compromise.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, the universe is calling the shots right now and time is moving at whatever speed is right. It might seem

like very slow progress, so you'll need to remain patient.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, this week you might be tempted to put wants before needs. Self-control is needed or you could start spending more than is financially wise right now.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, frustrating exchanges between you and loved ones might leave you retreating to quieter spaces. Any communication is better than no communication, so keep that in mind.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you can resist a certain situation, but you might need to remain flexible as you do so. Don't fight battles unnecessarily right now. Look for the silver lining if need be.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, shortcuts can compromise your personal growth. The pathway to greater success is to work hard and put in the hours necessary to reap the most lasting rewards.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you have more power than ever before, but remember it comes with extra responsibility. Always use your authority wisely and think through decisions thoroughly.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if you hope to make progress, you may have to change tactics. What you have been doing simply isn't working. Start looking at other strategies.