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The 2025 BCHS high school curling provincial team, back row Justin Mrazek, third and Jacob Falkenberg, skip and coach Chad Falkenberg. Jesse Elsbett, lead, front left and Micah Fontaine, second. | LAWRENCE BLOCK PHOTO

That's provincial gold for high school curlers

SANDRA M STANWAY
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There was loud whooping, applause and relief from spectators and cheering and yelling from the Brooks Composite High School boys curling team who earned the provincial gold making school history.

"That's gold! That's gold! We did it," yelled the team who hugged each other after the match.

On Saturday the BCHS team defeated Medicine Hat High 6-4 for the gold medal, a goal the team set three years ago.

By the fourth end Brooks was down 4-0 but there was a break and a turnaround.

"After the fourth end we just had a reset and grouped ourselves together," said third Justin Mrazek.

"We came out strong and stole four straight ends, which brought us the win."

"Honestly, at the start of the game I was thinking I was ready to go home, thinking like, oh yeah, ready to lose, ready to take a second but after the fourth end break we just had a full reboot," said skip Jacob Falkenberg.

Second Micah Fontaine couldn't look at the last shot.

"I was closing my eyes with my head on my broom and then I just saw the one it hit go through the hole and our rock was still sitting there on the top four foot, and I just couldn't believe it," he said.

The host Brooks team, reached the final round after going 4-0 in the round robin and defeating Didsbury High School 3-1 in the semi finals.

Last month Didsbury defeated Brooks at the South Central Zones to advance as the zone representative while the host team Brooks had an automatic entry.

The semi final game was a hard match for Brooks as the teams are evenly talented.

Falkenberg said he would have been fine with a win or a loss in the final match.

"It was really just a more relaxed game. Not nervous." He said whether or not BCHS had lost the final match it showed that they played well.

"We showed that we deserved to be here," he said.

The provincials mark the end of the current BCHS team. Falkenberg will graduate this year from BCHS.

Lead Jesse Elsbett who attends BCHS, while St. Joseph's Collegiate students Fontaine and Mrazek will pick up Payton Wagner for next season.

"I'm just really happy to end on a win because that was the three year plan. That was the whole deal when we started this team

that by the third year we want to win provincials."

He said winning the school's first curling gold was "pretty cool."



BCHS curling coach Chad Falkenberg gives his son Jacob, team skip, a hug following the gold medal game on Saturday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



BCHS team members Justin Mrazek, left, and Micah Fontaine, react to their gold curling medal win on Saturday night. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

City's deputy CAO fired; harassment incidents filed

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The Bulletin has learned that deputy CAO Amanda Peterson has been terminated by the city.

An email to CAO Chris Parker as to why the termination took place and what the next steps are went unanswered as of press time.

Also we have learned that harassment reports have been filed with Alberta Occupational Health (OHS) and Safety.

Peterson worked for the city since December 2011 as the deputy CAO, a position she maintained throughout her employ except for a short time in 2024 when she assumed the acting CAO's position until the new CAO was hired in July 2024.

"This decision is not a governance decision. Our responsibility is with the CAO," said mayor John Petrie.

Petrie said he did have a discussion with Parker prior to Peterson's termination.

"According to the MGA (Municipal Government Act) the council and mayor cannot get involved. If we get involved in operational stuff it will be a disaster," he said.

Also, according to an OHS report from Feb. 14, 2025, officers conducted a work site inspection to discuss concerns they had received.

During their visit they met with Petrie, who acted as the employer representative.

The parties discussed the disciplinary action complaints.

"At the time of the

inspection, the employer confirmed that incidents of harassment have been reported to the employer but an investigation had not been completed," states the OHS report.

However, Petrie said he wasn't told who or how many complaints had been received so an investigation would be difficult for him to do. A third party was hired to complete the process which is to be completed by April 14.

The city has also been ordered to update their violence and harassment prevention plan.

The plan was last updated in 2021 and is to be done every three years and, according to OHS, at the earliest time possible when an incident of harassment occurs.

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March 9, 2025



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

COUNCILLOR COMPENSATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

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INVASIVE WEED ALERT

DOWNY BROME IS SPREADING!

Did you know? Downy Brome is an invasive, noxious weed that is taking over our rangelands in the County of Newell. It spreads aggressively, outcompeting native plants, reducing forage for livestock, and creating a serious wildfire hazard by late June.

Why is it a problem?

! **Early Growth & Competitive Advantage:** Downy Brome germinates in fall or early spring, establishing before native grasses and crops. This gives it a competitive advantage, reducing forage availability for livestock and wildlife.

! **Fire Hazard:** By late June, the plant dries out completely, becoming highly flammable and contributing to the risk of wildfires.

! **Difficult to Eradicate:** Once established, Downy Brome spreads aggressively, making long-term management essential to prevent its dominance.

How to identify it:

- Grows in early spring, turning purplish-green before drying out
- Soft, drooping seed heads
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Look for it on your property! The earlier it's caught, the easier it is to control.

How does it Spread?

- ? Contaminated cultivation equipment
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Get Help Managing Downy Brome

The County's Agricultural Service Board is here to help in identification and prevention. Let's work together to keep our lands healthy! Call 403-362-3266 for expert advice on tackling Downy Brome > <https://countyofnewell.ab.ca/weed-control>



OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES

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Burdock – Known for its large leaves & burr-like seed heads, it chokes out native plants & is a nuisance to livestock.



Purple Loosestrife – A water-loving plant that invades wetlands, reducing habitat for fish & birds.



Yellow Toadflax – A deceptively pretty but aggressive spreader that takes over pastures & roadsides.



Baby's Breath – Commonly seen in floral arrangements, it spreads rapidly in dry soils & competes with native grasses.



Knapweeds – A variety of knapweeds harm rangelands & reduce forage quality.



Milkweed – While beneficial for butterflies, milkweed can be toxic to livestock if consumed in large quantities.



Foxtail – This grass is hazardous to pets & livestock, as its barbed seeds can cause serious injuries.



Kochia – A highly drought-resistant weed that spreads quickly, often forming dense stands in fields & ditches.



Canadian Thistle – A deep-rooted weed that spreads aggressively through both seeds & underground roots.



Tall Buttercup – Toxic to cattle & difficult to control once it takes hold.



Scentless Chamomile – This daisy-like plant can quickly overrun disturbed soils, reducing crop yields.



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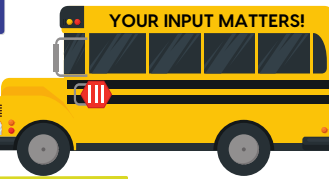
HAMLET RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS - HAVE YOUR SAY!

County Council is considering an amendment to the **Traffic Bylaw** that would allow school buses to be parked on private property in **Hamlets**. This change aims to support our rural bus drivers who call our Hamlets home and need a place to park their buses.

If you're a Hamlet resident or property owner, we want to hear from you!

Do you support this change? Have concerns?

Share your thoughts with us by **4:30 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.**



How?

Email: enforcement@newellmail.ca

Mail or drop-off:
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Brooks, AB
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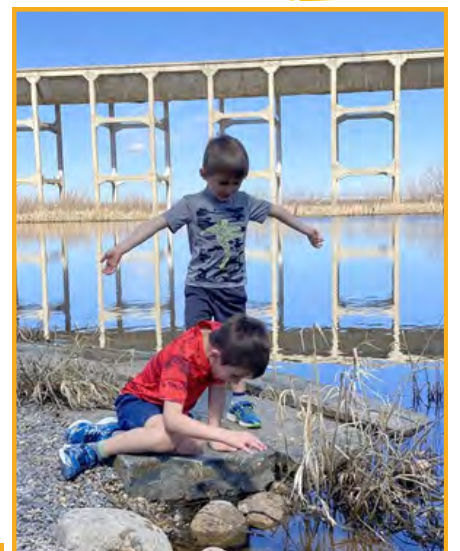


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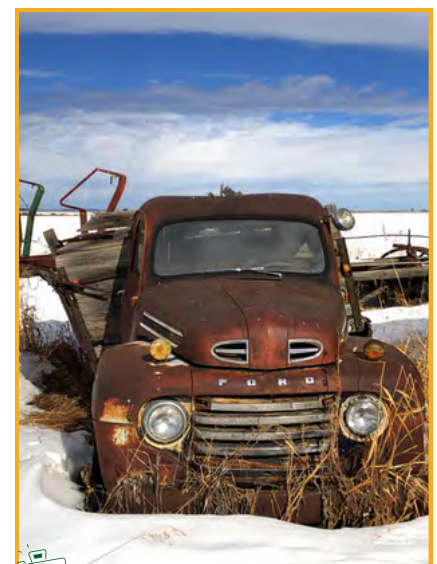
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Tammy Karasek - For the Love of Old Trucks

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Elected officials may not see bid results in updated policy

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While city council committee discusses a proposal to amend CAO bylaw, council was also told there will be an updated purchasing policy that could potentially remove bid results from the purview of elected officials.

During last week's committee meeting Bill McKenna, the city's finance director, told council an updated purchasing policy will incorporate best practices and follow contractual law.

He said that would prohibit a municipality from releasing information about companies and their bids.

He and CAO Chris Parker explained that council will set a budget for an item and after it is awarded they will be notified of the winning bid. If there is an under budget bid administration will select the winning bid and then inform council.

"If council's approved, say a sewer plant at \$35 million, well that's what it is. If the bids come in and there's evaluation processes outlined as per the purchasing bylaw that council will adopt, that's a legally binding agreement between the city and whoever the bidders are,"

McKenna said.

Councillor Joel Goodnough said council currently rubber stamps an item for purchasing.

"The decision's already been made. I'm okay to do this," he said.

However, if the item is over budget, Goodnough asked if it would return to council for approval to allow funds to be taken from another account.

"Not necessarily. We might make a recommendation, we might re-tender it ... there might be a lot of different recommendations. What we won't do is spend \$1.2 million unless council gives us approval," said Parker.

Currently, council is given the bid amounts from each company and a recommendation from a department head. The project and the bid are briefly discussed and a recommendation is presented for council to approve.

When asked if the process will continue Parker said, "We're not recommending that. No."

McKenna said elected officials recently attended a seminar where the risk of the process was discussed.

"That process will put you in legal jeopardy because you're basically violating

contract law by (showing bids with company names)."

He said while he's not recommending that council shouldn't continue the process, "There's significant risk."

"You're going to get the information. You're just not going to make the decision because you made the decision already. We can give a report on the project but how much information depends on whatever it is," said Parker.

While that change is being considered, through the CAO Bylaw, Parker is proposing that council does not need to direct administration to review and enter into any and all agreements.

The only agreements they would review are those from the provincial and federal governments but any within an approved budget do not require a signature.

Parker said if a piece of equipment comes within the set budget, "I'd sign off on that contract."

"I actually would like to see that come in an open council meeting once the tender is done," said councillor Mohammed Idriss.

Parker said information will be released in variance reports.

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Public Notices

Next Council Meeting

- Monday, March 17 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

Next Council Committee Meeting

- Tuesday, March 11 at 4:30 PM
- Brooks City Hall - Hayes Room (201 1 Ave W)
- Open to the public
- The agenda will be available on the Friday before the meeting at Brooks.ca/agendacentre

Join the EcoBrooks Committee!

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

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- EcoBrooks Water Conservation Rebate Program
- Brooks Solar II Community Benefit Grant Program
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Renewed interest in tourism at the Brooks Aqueduct

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There is renewed interest in revitalizing and making the 111-year-old Brooks Aqueduct an attractive tourism destination.

In January Brooks Region Tourism hosted a meeting with reps from the county, city, museum, EID and the province to discuss moving forward.

"We just want to make it more of a regional draw for tourism," said Mitch Iwaasa, economic development officer for the area.

The Aqueduct, which has been maintained from time to time, is situated on a 19-hectare property that is rundown.

"I think from a tourism side you're not going to have a full time interpretative person but in today's day and age there are options for QR codes for a self guided tour. There were some suggestions around that."

"The Brooks Aqueduct is a key part of the story of rural development in southern Alberta and we really appreciate how much the local community in and around Brooks values its importance as a piece of history and a visitor attraction," said Chris Weber

who works on the Aqueduct file at the province with Alberta Arts, Culture and Status of Women.

He said the department's intention is to conserve and maintain the structure to ensure that it can be enjoyed by future generations.

"We are currently assessing how we can continue to best tell the story of the Aqueduct to visitors, both onsite and online. QR-coded signs are indeed one of the ideas that we are looking at," said Weber.

About a decade ago an attempt was made to revitalize the area and enhance the visitor experience with a path that goes along an unclean pond and the Brooks Kinettes installed a children's play area.

Iwaasa said while the region would like to see the area revitalized provincial reps said they would look into the issue.

"The pressure to get things done locally is a little bit higher than perhaps the province. Part of it is funding," said Iwaasa

In 2019 an app to record Aqueduct structure changes was created and used by a PhD candidate. It was the same year funds were provided by the federal and

provincial governments for repairs.

Peter Dawson of the University of Calgary has also completed a digital preservation report which is available online at <https://alberta.preserve.ucalgary.ca/>.

The Aqueduct was built between 1912 and 1914 at the cost of \$700,000 (about \$18.5 million today).

The 3.2 km-long reinforced concrete flume carried water from the Bow River "to transform 55,000 hectares east of Brooks from semi-arid rangeland to farmland suitable for settlement," states the plaque near the structure.

It ranges in height between 20 and 25 meters (66 feet-82 feet).

The majority of the structure remains, while one section was removed in 1983 to allow for the construction of Range Road 142.

In 1988 the site was named a National Historic Civil Engineering Site by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering, in November 1983 it was formally recognized as a federal historic site and in 2000 it was recognized as a provincial historic site.

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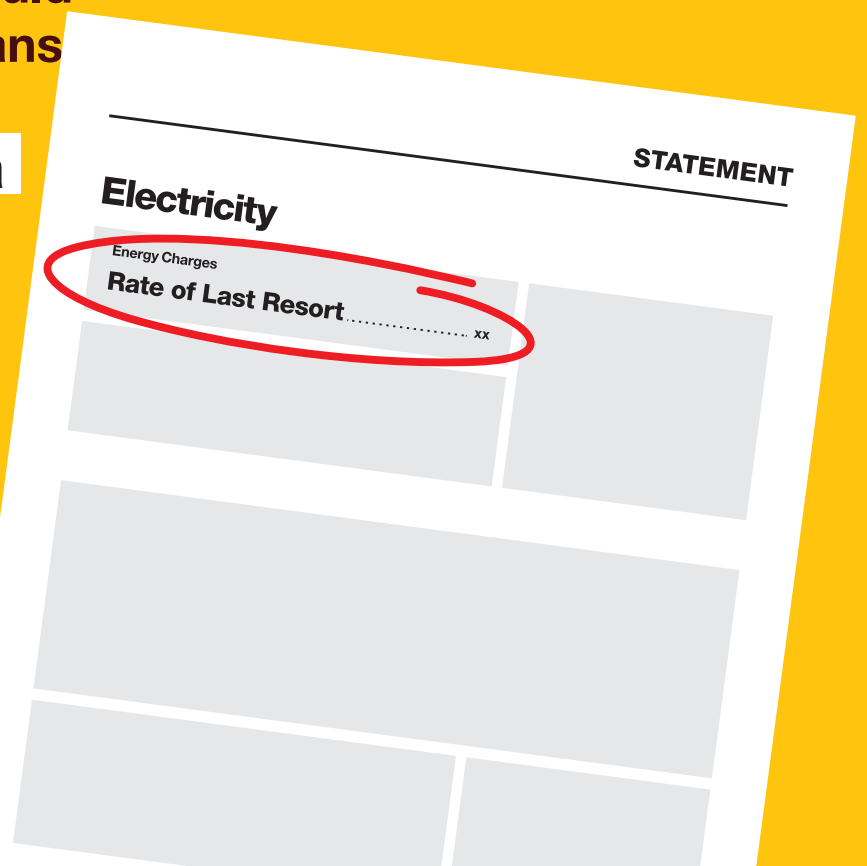
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Provincial budget address CDC and Hwy. 1 and 36 overpass

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The 2025 provincial budget with its \$5.2 billion deficit is filled with uncertainty and questions including the effects from tariffs, a predicted decrease in oil and gas revenue along with a personal tax cut and increased school taxes.

While there will be a change on the first \$60,000 of income earned by Albertans, the provincial portion of the property tax for education will increase this year and again next year to help build additional schools.

The education budget will be above \$10 billion, and it is expected to be above \$11 billion next year.

Across the region the education portion will range in increases from eight per cent for Rosemary up to 16 per cent for Bassano.

The province will collect \$13.065 million in education taxes from the County of Newell, which is an increase of 10 per cent over last year.

County reeve Arno Doerksen said that may lead to a discussion as to how the school tax will affect ratepayers.

"We'll have to take a look at it and see. The final (budget) decision is still ahead of us," he said.

He said the budget is realistic, the province has been careful and a lot will depend on what the year brings whether it's tariffs or free trade.

"I think there's a few outcomes. I think it's a realistic budget, there's a break for the lower tax brackets. It's a difficult reality to deal with and I think he's done a good job," said Doerksen.

While there is some uncertainty in the province, there is some certainty regarding funds for the Crop Diversification Centre.

The county will take over much of its management on April 1.

"It's a good start. They've allocated \$3 million for repairs and upgrades on the facility. That's a good thing and they've allocated \$500,000 for operating which is a good shot in the arm to get started," he said.

Doerksen said there will be more upgrades to be done based on an assessment and the price was higher but the funds allocated are a good start.

"The government will be making more announcements about it so there will be more details."

Through the budget there is funding for both the north (Edmonton) and south (Brooks) crop diversification centres and the Western Crop Innovations in Calgary.

This year's funding is being increased by \$3 million and it will be increased by \$2 million in each of the following two years. The budget states that the funds will be used to help producers address threats

from emerging plant health issues, invasive species and climate change.

Also through the agricultural budget, there will be increases in funding for regional agricultural societies.

A good piece of news is that Highway 1 and Highway 36 overpass is in the planning and engineering stage which is expected to take at least two years.

In the city, the education portion will increase nine percent over last year to \$4,529,436 and while mayor John Petrie agreed that the tax bracket will filter down to residents it will also have an affect on the city's municipal taxes.

The city's residential tax increase is sitting at 5.75 per cent and with the education tax portion that will go above six per cent.

"That's the teeter totter effect," he said.

As well the city expects to get some funds returned for its grant in lieu of taxes.

At a recent council meeting the city wrote off \$12,223 which is deemed to be uncollectable from the province and is half the amount of the levied property taxes for the court house.

Petrie said the increase of Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) will help the city. Its 2025 allocation is \$2,100,833 which is \$286,330 over last year and next year the city's allocation will drop to \$2,085,971.

He said the city is watching for funds for the new wastewater facility that is tagged at about \$39 million.

"I was kind of hoping, and I know administration was looking to see if there's money for the start of that," he said.



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Join us for the 2025 Spring Meeting & AGM
 March 25, 2025 | Cassils Community Hall
 Coffee @ 8:30am | Program @ 9:00am | Lunch with speaker

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Brooks man accused of second degree murder to stand trial

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Following a three day preliminary hearing Abune Tefera Getahun will stand trial in the July 2023 second degree murder of Tesfahiwoot Haile which took place in Brooks.

No information from the preliminary hearing can be published, however, the police reported that Haile, 41, had been found in an apartment complex in life-threatening condition.

He died three days later.

Getahun was charged in November 2023.

The trial will take place on April 9 in Medicine Hat Court of King's Bench.

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COMMENT

The Liberals' disingenuous deathbed conversion in the face of Trump tariffs

We need a government that will do what's right because it's right and rally Canadians around a love of country, not a hatred of Americans

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Why does it take a tariff threat from the president of the United States to force Canada to stop the trafficking of illegal migrants and drugs across our borders? Why does it take a tariff threat to force Canada to get serious about eliminating inter-provincial trade barriers and building pipelines? Why does it take prodding from the U.S. to get Canada to think more seriously about strengthening its military and addressing the urgent need for Arctic security? And most importantly, why on earth should Canadians allow the policies of a U.S. president to define who should be their next prime minister? The real question is: Even if we had the fiscal space (which we don't), it's not your fiscal space, so what gives you the right to commit billions of dollars when you won't even be in government to sign the phase one contracts?

Answer that and stay fashionable.

Not long ago, our lame duck prime minister, his would-be successors and much of the mainstream media seemed to be strong believers that our next prime minister should be a "progressive" who's committed to climate change mitigation, carbon taxes, pipeline prohibitions and a woke social agenda. Then, suddenly, not in response to Canadians but in response to U.S. President Donald Trump, all seem to have made a 180-degree turn. Now they boldly proclaim that Canada's next leader must be a reactionary — reacting to Trump's tariff agenda with a hastily concocted package of counter-tariffs and fanning the flames of anti-Americanism to return a heretofore discredited Liberal party to office.

At the moment, Liberal leadership front-runner Mark Carney is of course being hailed by the unthinking as the reactionary of choice. But not all the cards are on the table: not the yet-to-be-announced negotiating team and long-term strategy of the official Opposition to address the tariff challenge; not the internal pressures on Trump and the U.S. Congress when Trump's populist constituents, who were promised actions to decrease their cost of living, suddenly discover it increasing as a result of tariffs; and not the election campaign, which will test the sincerity of the deathbed conversion of the Liberal party to policies they've denounced for the past decade.

The questions posed above are ones that those of us who love Canada should be pondering. And although the answers to them are complex, the logical conclusion is that the Liberals are merely acting out of political expediency. For the last nine years, Canadian public opinion, and Canada itself at the national level, has been led and shaped by the wrong people with the wrong prescriptions for our national and personal well-being. Their emerging plan to retain power by presenting themselves as the leaders of the "Save Canada from Trump" campaign — the very Canada they themselves have misled and misgoverned — must be vigorously and widely resisted with a "Save Canada for Canadians" alternative.

In particular, what must be repudiated is the callous idea that the only way to revitalize the faith that Canadians have in their own country — the only way to get them to wave and salute their own flag — is to prod them with a threat from a U.S. president. The first real chance to do this will be in the next federal election, an election that ought to put Canada on a new course, with new leadership, supported not by a disingenuous appeal to anti-American sentiment, but by a deep and lasting surge of genuine Canadian patriotism.

Preston Manning, a former Alberta MP and federal Opposition leader, founded the Reform Party of Canada.



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COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



Hegel wrote that "all great world-historic facts and personages appear twice." It was Karl Marx who said that Hegel forgot to add that these repeating events happen "first as tragedy, then as farce." You know, like Adolf Hitler and Donald Trump.

The script goes like this. A right-wing party is created or taken over by a charismatic populist. Tick. He mesmerises half the country with a constant shower of nationalist and racist lies (more than half the country, in Hitler's case). Tick. Once in power, he proceeds to shred the status quo both at home and abroad. Tick. But is starting a war also a necessary part of the package?

Both Hitler and Trump took advantage of relatively new communication technologies to spread their message — radio and mass-circulation newspapers in Hitler's case, Fox and X in Trump's — and they both made lavish use of the so-called 'Big Lie'. As Hitler wrote in Mein Kampf, "The great masses of the people... will more easily fall victim to a big lie than to a small one."

Trump hasn't started any wars yet. He never would start one deliberately, but then Hitler didn't mean to start a big one either. He just wanted to conquer his half of Poland after he made a deal with the Soviet Union, which got the other half. (He'd be back for more later, of course.)

Demanding territory that

isn't theirs is a tendency common to both men: Austria, Sudetenland, and the Polish Corridor in Hitler's case, Canada, Greenland, Panama and the Gaza Strip in Trump's. However, Trump's threats are unconvincing. He talks the talk, but he probably doesn't have the stomach for a real fight.

Hitler fought for four years in the trenches of the First World War, was decorated for his courage, and was a street-fighter in the violent politics of 1920s Germany. Trump was born into money (he was a millionaire at the age of eight), went into the real-estate business with his father, and avoided service in the Vietnam War by claiming that he had 'bone spurs' on his heels.

This is a showman, not a brave man. There is a small risk that his rash and conflicting promises might trap him into a war, especially since Israel's Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is scheming to draw him into a joint attack on Iran. But even the Republican majorities in Congress would probably balk at another American military adventure seeking 'regime change' in the Middle East.

So no, Trump is probably not going to start a war. Hitler was the tragedy; Trump is the farce. But even farces can do great damage. In this case, the principal victim of his antics will be the international rule of law, a fragile and relatively recent invention that has probably spared us from a nuclear war for the past 80 years.

The First World War killed 11 million people. The Second World War only twenty years later killed between 45 and 65 million. There were even a couple of small nuclear weapons dropped on Japan at the end.

That's what happens when you combine traditional great-power behaviour with modern weapons of mass destruction.

Yet here we are eighty years later, and no great power has fought any other great power directly since the Second World War. (Proxies are OK.)

There are now four times as many people on the planet and almost four times as many countries, but the global death toll in international wars across borders (civil wars don't count) has plummeted from a million a month in 1945 to around a hundred thousand a year by 2020.

However, now the numbers are going up again, mainly thanks to the wars in Ukraine and Gaza. They are evidence that the system that has protected us for so long is breaking down.

What the international rule of law means is that sovereignty is sacred; that attacking another country is literally a crime. Borders may only be changed by peaceful negotiation; any changes accomplished by force are illegal.

There is no international police force, so nobody may come to arrest the criminal, but the conquest will never be recognised by other countries. There will be sanctions, boycotts, all manner of nuisances — enough, in most cases, to deter countries from trying to grab some of a neighbour's territory.

It's a flimsy system, but it has served us well for a long time. Lose it and we're straight back to the 18th century — with nuclear weapons. And taking the lead in demolishing this system are two great powers, the United States and Russia, who probably owe it their own survival through eighty years of relative but precarious peace.

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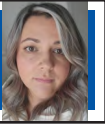
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Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Janice Van Hall on March 4, Katelynne Swenson & Novalee Sandau on March 6, Louis Ketchmark on March 7, Erin Graham & Ian McNiven & Jordan Antill & Emery Blandford on March 8, Karlyn Takeda on March 9, Collin Van Hall on March 10, Ashley Hoffman on March 11.

Alcoma School News- Alcoma JH girls basketball team are headed to Zones in Three Hills March 8. Alcoma JH boys have a season wind up at Alcoma March 6th. Cash concession will be open. March 7th SPEC playgroup will be at the school, 9:30am to 11am. March 7th there is also Alcoma Community kids club in the school library, 12pm to 1:30pm.

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://jumpropforheart.crowdfunder.com/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.

Brooks & District Social Dance Club welcomes everyone to the live music of Sleepless Nights on March 8th @ Nikko Sushi Grill & Bar 225 3rd St. W. in Brooks, There is an admission cost.

Newell Cattle Grazing AGM, March 13 at 7:30pm at the Rainier Hall. Any questions call Barb at 403 363 7457, or email benny@eidnet.org

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

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

PASTOR TERRY JACKSON
Duchess Mennonite Church

What was the first sound you heard this morning? Was it a cry from a baby? The whine from your neighbour's car? Maybe it was an alarm clock pulsating. How you wake up can not only determine the start of your day, but it can also affect your whole day. Some people begin and end their day in panic mode. Rushing from one activity or event to another. In the opposite camp there are those who doddle from one thing to another, with no sense of concern about time (please let me not drive

It's Time!

behind such people). We can live our life in panic mode, and we can live our life in procrastination mode. Neither are helpful and neither follow the pattern of the best life led. Today, I want to call

you dear reader to a life of urgency. Urgency meaning, importance requiring swift action. This is the way Jesus of Nazareth lived his earthly ministry. Making the most out of every opportunity, knowing that the time was short. His follower Paul urged the church in Rome, "Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed." (Rom 13:11) In the same vein, Isaiah prophesied, "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;"

(Isaiah 55:16). The apostles, the prophets, even Jesus himself proclaimed the need to live urgently. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, or even if we will have tomorrow. All we have is today!

That could lead to panic mode. The call to urgency is not one of panic. To simply react to the moment and not plan. The call to urgent living is an alarm clock sounding off for the procrastinators. You do not have tomorrow, you have today as a gift from the Creator. It is time to wake from our proverbial sleep of comfortable lives. Salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Don't panic. Wake up! Ask the Lord what is the

one thing you want me to do today, and then do it. Live with urgency.

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Playoffs started for the U15 tier 1 Brooks Jr. Bandits with back to back wins against against Medicine Hat 2 weeks ago, earning them a spot in the finals against Airdrie. After a tough 6-3 loss on Saturday, March 1st, this team needed to win their next game by 4. The Tier 1 Blue Banner final was played at the Sparrow Arena on Sunday, March 2nd. The Jr. Bandits were up 3-0 going into the 3rd period. In the 3rd period, the team held nothing back scoring 4 more goals to win 7-0. Not only did they win their color banner, they also earned their spot at provincials. They will play the Tier 1 Red Banner winner for the Tier 1 Championship banner and then head to provincials in Wainwright March 21st-23rd as one of the top 8 teams in the province.

Pictured: Gavin Webb, Braxton Ranch, Foster Campbell, Mckinley Tremblay, Cale Ste-Croix, Everett Smith, Messi Chhiv, Hayden Wiscombe, Benjamin Langley, Kingston Smith, Nixon Donald, Braze Shpak, Nash Broersen, Marcus Schwartz, Colby Hewitt, Damian Gagley, Jace Irwin, Kaden Friesen, Knox Brown. Brandon Wiscombe, Jessica Hewitt, Johnny Broersen, Lorne Tremblay.

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MILLICENT LADIES THURSDAY CLUB

MILLICENT - Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society, the Newell Christian Community, and Newbrook Lodge are presenting the Spring Memorial Service "In Loving Memory" of the loss of your family and friend who passed away in 2024. This is a non-denominational service. Everyone is welcome on March 16, 2025 at Newbrook Lodge, 500 3rd St E, Brooks, Alberta.

Some of the Children in our Community are getting together at Red Roof Studio on a weekly basis. Although Rita is retired, she still welcomes Children and Adults to make some Art Work and help

them improve their skills. There are small groups of Homeschooled and School kids who come to the Studio on Highway 544 to work on a project. This is what one of the Children from our Community recently made. For more info about times available, please contact Rita at (403) 456-2933.

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

Kraft Hockeyville 2025 contest is making it's way to

round 2. Please go to their website to comment and share your opinions why Duchess should deserve \$250,000.00 to upgrade their arena before March 2 @ 9:59p.m. We need to keep our smaller community associations viable and submissions help the arena of your choice become top finalists. Fans can start voting April 4 from 7:am mountain time until 5:pm April 5th. Write these dates and times on your calendar. As per the Brooks Bulletin Rolling Hills and Tilley are also competing. Please check out last weeks Brooks Bulletin for more front page info.

Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH

BOW CITY - Birthdays for March are Duane Dennis on March 14, Kay McKay March 26, Kevin and Sylvre Voutier share March 29. Have a great day to all on your special day.

We sure couldn't have had better weather as we had last week. Loving it

There will be a Bow City Community meeting on March 16 at 5 o'clock in the Hall. There are a few things to discuss and positions to be filled. Please mark your calendar.

Yea What a great turn out that they had on Friday night at the Bow City hall. As the Fox and Hounds played. It was well attended and all had a great time. Great job guys for all the volunteers and everybody that helped out to make it happen.

Was our crazy lady card day Thursday and of course the score keeper was a winner and Helene. I have to put out a big thank you to these ladies as they have helped me out tremendously coming here so we can have our cards. As I can't get in to many of the houses. Thank you ladies.

Jake and Kelsi Palko were here for weekend visiting Brad and Carrie. Carrie Tracy and Kelsi made a trip to Medicine Hat on Saturday to do some

shopping. Helene and Ernie Mathieu had daughter Carole out visiting on Saturday.

Devin and Dalcy came on Saturday to help us do some things that needed to be done. We sure appreciated the help. Mom and Dad along with

Greg and Blair joined us for supper. What a beautiful day it was.

It's always nice to see the kids.

Please get hold of me with any news you want to share. 403-363-7496 by Sunday evening

Will you help me?

One win, one loss for Brooks Bandits over the weekend

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The BCHL's second place Brooks Bandits went 1-1 over the weekend.

On Saturday in Brooks the Bandits defeated the third place Chilliwack Chiefs, 5-2 with goals from Nathan Free, Drew Mackie, Luke Bibby and two from Parker Lalonde.

The high-spirited game saw multiple penalties, the majority of which were minor, from both teams.

At one point in the third period there were five Chiefs stuffed into the penalty box.

On Friday night in BC the Bandits were defeated 5-4 in overtime by the ninth place Bucks.

Luke Bibby had a pair of goals, Nathan Free had one as did Parker Lalonde.

At five minutes of the overtime Bucks Rasmus Svartström scored the winning goal.

With just under 10 games remaining for most of the top seeded teams Penticton

Veas, Brooks, Chilliwack, Trail Smoke Eaters, Surrey Eagles, Victoria Grizzlies and Sherwood Park have all clinched a playoff spot and there is still room for one more and Salmon Arm, Cranbrook and West Kelowna.

The Bandits will be on the road this week with games against Trail and West Kelowna Warriors. Their next home game will be March 14 against Okotoks Oilers.



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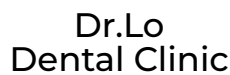
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GPS is the new digital cowboy... it was just a matter of time



Ag
Writer

WILL VERBOVEN

Some years ago, your inquisitive writer speculated on the possibility of using high-tech ear tags to locate cattle on the range. The idea was to use drones to pick up ear tag numbers over a specific area. Distance between the drone and tag was the main problem, but as one might expect, technology has resolved that situation. Such detection technology, minus the drones, is used at auction markets, packing plants, etc., to swiftly and quickly identify groups of cattle arriving at handling facilities. Some clever Aussies solved the direct long-distance connection issue and expanded it into a broader behaviour and health monitoring system. The solution

was a sophisticated ear tag that produced its own solar power, which allowed it to communicate directly with a computer or cell phone via GPS.

The Smart Paddock Company has developed the technology, and its eartags are now being marketed in Canada. Location technology itself is not new and has been adapted for several different uses, including lost luggage, cars, etc. However, this new ear tag location technology is a big step forward because of its ability to provide additional data that could have life-saving impacts on a specific animal.

Basically, the ear tag can show its location in real-time via GPS. If every animal in the herd had such tags, all of them could be located instantly, including any that might have strayed or escaped through a fence. Even stolen cattle could be located. If no

movement was detected over a period of time the rancher could be alerted that something was amiss. Compare that to the traditional monitoring approach of going out once in a while to check on the herd by horseback or quad. By the time a problem was detected, it was probably too late. I suspect there would be few cattlemen who would not see the benefit of real-time herd monitoring. With cows and calves being valued in the thousands each nowadays, losing even a few has real financial consequences.

Digitized electronic herd monitoring is already well-developed for dairy cow operations. The technology is linked to measuring milk production and cow behaviour, such as rest times, feed consumption, and other production considerations. Some systems can detect cow conditions for breeding purposes. Its

revolutionized milk cow husbandry, particularly for large-scale operations where intense production line-type management systems make it challenging to monitor cows individually. Dairy cattle monitoring technology had one early advantage: it didn't require GPS as the cattle are usually confined to a much smaller area within range of electronic base stations.

That brings up the cost of cattle monitoring technology; initially, it's not cheap. However, because tags can be reused, the cost per head will get lower over the years. For milk producers with million-dollar operations and an immediate cash flow from milk sales, that's not a problem. Improvements in milk production due to monitoring show up quickly, but not so much for cow/calf operations. GPS monitoring could reduce lost cattle numbers,

locate sick cattle earlier, better manage grazing conditions, etc. But the savings, although tangible, are harder to quantify, and will cause some buyer apprehension for ranchers.

The preliminary cost for a high-tech GPS ear tag is around \$100 each, plus service fees. That's a \$50,000 jolt for a medium-sized 500-cow ranch operation. Unlike dairy operations, it may take 10 to 15 years to recoup the capital expenditure of the tags, the software, and base stations, never mind the annual service fees and operating costs. Yet if the new GPS tags can reduce labour costs, improve grazing efficiencies, reduce losses, improve cattle health and production and are reusable, they are probably worth the investment. What is hard to determine is the value of "peace of mind" for ranchers, knowing where their cattle are and that

all is well.

As one might expect this type of technology will get better and less expensive over time. One potential (which might already be available) is individual cow temperature monitoring, which would allow early detection of sick cattle. Such early detection would be a rather critical advantage to feedlot operators, and I expect a feedlot version of temperature detection tags is either available or being developed. Imagine an LED red light on the tag turning on whenever a specific temperature is detected. How easy it would be to locate sick animals and sort them out before they reached more obvious untreatable symptoms. It seems the electronic cowboy is here.

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



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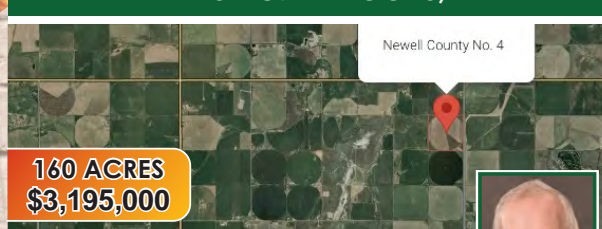
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West end city couple asks for hen program exemption

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

A west end city property owner with 7.4 acres is seeking a couple of exceptions to the city's urban hen program including the number of birds and pen location.

"I'm not asking you to amend it. I'm asking if we could not run under it for us personally," Keith Christensen told the city council committee last week.

The current program allows 10 hens but Christensen would like to double that over time.

Mayor John Petrie said he would support the exceptions but would like to see a time limit so

it can be evaluated and if additional housing is built in the area, he doesn't want the exception to be grandfathered in.

"The bylaw the way you have it works for 99.9 per cent of the lots, so this is only special cases and I imagine this is the biggest concentration of (acreage) lots in the city," said councillor Ray Juska.

He suggested that the Animal Control Bylaw - Urban Hens program remain but make a change for larger lots on a case-by-case situation.

In Alberta, farmers can sell ungraded eggs directly to consumers, for example at a farmers market but not to retailers or restaurants. A producer with fewer than

300 hens is considered to be an exempt producer and while they do not need to register or hold a quota, safe food handling practices are to be followed, eggs are to be clean, properly stored and if they are sold or given away, the carton is to be labeled with the producer's name, address and the date that the eggs were packed.

Regardless of flock size, a producer must apply for a Premise Identification from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation to help traceability in case of disease outbreaks or other emergencies.

City administration will return with changes to the bylaw.

Bassano Banner

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TOM McPHAIL



BASSANO - Happy belated birthday greetings on February 28th to Ken Douglass and Marilyn Armstrong on March 2nd. The first few days of March are special days for Tanessa Andres, Brian Sawatsky, Marj Havens and Janelle Moss. Happy birthday greetings to Ike Klassen in Playfair Lodge.

Happy anniversary to Jose and Carla Rabadan on March 9th. Jose will have to remember to change all the clocks the night before.

We have had the Men's Curling Bonspiel and just recently concluded the Ladies Curling Bonspiel. It gets even better next week with the Mixed Curling Bonspiel running from March 10th through March 16th.

Here are the winners

from the Ladies Bonspiel: first in the A event - the Shannon Gordon rink from Hussar; second in the A event, the Sam (Rutschke) Gilles rink; first in the B event, the Kaylein Wirachowsky rink; second in the B event, Diana Peters rink; first in the C event, the Tenell Schemp rink from Hussar and second in the C event was the Janelle Moss rink.

This past Friday morning, Dennis and Donna Treiber from Kelowna, B.C., stopped at Playfair Lodge for a short visit with their Treiber relatives (Verna, Judy and Bonnie) while on their way to Medicine Hat.

You have heard them and you have seen them. Yes, OUR Canada Geese have returned from their southern wintering grounds.

Obviously, they were able to cross the border without incident.

1935 was a Canada Census year. In preparation for the election, enumerators prepared preliminary lists of eligible voters. A total of 150 names were documented for the Gem district. That list has been compiled and is available for viewing for those interested.

Don't forget to change your clocks soon. On March 9, Daylight Savings Time begins again.

Looking forward to your newsworthy items from Gem, Rosemary and Bassano. I wish to thank the ladies from Hussar who have shared the news from their district with their Bassano readers.



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Rosemary hockey fun



Over the weekend Rosemary's Fun Team hockey league hosted a home tournament which included the Tilley Tigers, top left, two Rosemary Rockets, top right and bottom left, the Duchess Ds, bottom right and Delia Penguins, not shown. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Duchess Dispatch
LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - The promise of spring appeared last weekend in the Village. There is warmth in the sun and I saw many dog walkers, bikes and scooters out on the streets. We drug out the patio furniture and enjoyed an hour of listening to the birds sing and just took in the brief afternoon warmth.

Village of Duchess is going paperless. If you prefer to receive your bills by mail, please call the Village at 403 378 4452 to discuss your options.

Brooks and District Social Club is gearing up for some dancing to live music. The first one this year, will be held on March 8th in the Main Hall of old Legion building and where Nikko Sushi is now. The address is 225 3St W in Brooks. 'Sleepless Nights' will provide the music from 7:30-10:30. Please come out for some good music and great conversations.

Congratulations to the Duchess Storm U15



who took home the yellow banner for Tier 3!

There is still time to enter a team for the Duchess Sturling Bonspiel which runs March 17-22nd. Call Tony at 403 501 8240.

Duchess School news: parent/teacher interviews will be held March 12 & 13th. Don't forget to book a time!; elementary dance will be held on March 27, 3:30-5:00pm and is open for kids in grades 1-6; lost and found items will be donated to charity after Easter break. Please find a minute to stop by and see if anything belongs to your child; a reminder to register your kindergarten aged child online, or stop in to grab a form. Your child must be 5 by December 31st, 2025.

Have a fantastic week and please call or text me at 403 793 1630 with any news items you may have.

Quote: "Never take criticism from someone that you would not take advice from."

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Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Arson at provincial park
On Feb. 25 at 7:36 a.m. RCMP responded to a report of an arson at Dinosaur Provincial Park.

By the time the police arrived, the fire had burned itself out and police found copper wire sheathing.

A witness reported that they saw the suspects driving a U-Haul van.

The vehicle has not been located and the investigation is ongoing.

Suspect arrested after fleeing from peace officer

On Feb. 26 at 1:06 p.m. a city peace officer called police for assistance after an attempted vehicle stop.

Police reported that the peace officer tried to stop a truck that held an incorrect licence plate.

The peace officer pursued the truck, which had made several turns

before accelerating down 2nd Ave W toward 7th Street, but stopped because the truck speed reached 97 km/hour within city limits.

Police located the truck on 1st Ave West as the unnamed male driver was attempting to exit the vehicle.

The driver was charged with flight from police, driving while suspended, operating an unregistered vehicle, displaying unauthorized license plates, failing to stop for a peace officer and speeding.

The vehicle was seized. The driver is scheduled to appear in court on April 16.

Police issue trespassing citations

On Feb. 27 at 1:09 a.m., Brooks RCMP responded to the landfill for a report of a break-in. They found a damaged chain link fence and items stolen.

Three suspects were quickly found to be



responsible and were issued citations under the Petty Trespassing Act.

Driver loses vehicle for 90 days

On Feb. 27 at 11:12 p.m. a roadside screening test was given to a driver after police pulled them over for travelling at a high rate of speed.

The driver failed the test and was issued a fine, a 90-day driving suspension and the vehicle was towed.

Have your say

What do you want the RCMP's priorities to be for the upcoming year?

The annual community consultation is now open and it's a chance shape the detachment's priority.

The survey can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3T3MNPD>.

Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Reminder off the start that Day Light Savings time change is this Saturday night.... Spring ahead before bed!!

More sunlight at days end with longer days.

It's that time of year where winter sports are winding down. Hockey playoffs are in full swing or wrapping up. Basketball is in zone and provincial time; BCHS lady Buffalos host the zone play downs at the high school March 14th & 15th, go check them out and do some cheering! The boys Sr. Team was ranked 1st in the province and are busy fundraising to help with zone and provincial costs. Duchess Storm are into some fantastic hockey playoffs and hosting provincials this month. BCHS curling team hosted provincial playoffs at the Brooks Curling Club. The boys were playing for gold and at time of writing this I don't know how it ended. I'm sure there's a huge thank you by organizers for all of the volunteers, because I know this required a lot of helpers by the ASAA.

Bruce was out to Tilley

on Saturday to watch young Wade Harbinson play a game of Rosemary Rugsrats Hockey. So fun to watch these little ones get their start!

Hayden Mulvey was at the PBR in Lethbridge Friday night riding jr bulls. He bucked off at 7.95, then rode in Cold Lake Saturday night and made it through to the short go but had a nasty one that bucked him off quickly. He will head Monday to Ogden Utah to ride in the Intermountain Icebreaker down there. Good luck Hayden, safe travels!!

Heather Harbinson had a great get away sewing with 3 other local ladies in Kalispell at a Judy Niemeyer quilt retreat @ Quiltworx retreat. The beautiful quilts she creates and all the tips and tricks learned were very welcoming.

Eva and I were in RedDeer on the weekend with my parents to watch Eva compete in the Rurals Wrestling competition; similar to zone playoffs. Sarah drove down from Edmonton to cheer as well. It was a busy day with a

lot of matches for Eva, she competed in a big weight category of 10 wrestlers and secured a trip to Provincials with a 5th place finish. Provincials will be in Calgary March 14th/15th weekend. Good luck Eva. We were able to catch up with family while we were in the city as well.

Many Annual General Meetings will be scheduled for over the next couple of months.

Cassils and Antelope Creek residents are encouraged to come to the Cassils hall AGM on Sunday March 23rd at 7pm and be a part of what's happening in the community and dates that will be set for the rest of the years events.

There will be a Brooks and District dance held on Sat. March 8th 7:30 - 10:30 at Nikko Sushi Bar & Grill 225 3rd St W. Headlining the event is a Brooks Band - Sleepless Nights Admission \$15.00 pp Everyone is welcome!!

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

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Join us at the Scandia Honey Warehouse on Tuesday, March 4th at 6 pm for our annual Pancake Supper & Pie Auction. Enjoy fluffy hot pancakes topped with delicious whipped cream and juicy strawberries with a side of tasty sausages. Yum! Supper will be followed by the always entertaining Pie Auction and Silent Auction. Enjoy an evening of good food and conversation in Scandia!

The Newell Grazing AGM will be held March 13@7:30 at the Rainier hall.

Alcoma School News-the schools casino will be taking place in Lethbridge in June. We are in need of volunteers Tuesday, June 17 from 8pm-4am, if you are able to help out please

contact the school. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up.

Congratulations to our Raiders for a successful basketball season. The Alcoma JH girls basketball team are headed to Zones in Three Hills March 8, Alcoma JH boys have a season wind up at Alcoma March 6th. A Cash concession will be open.

Alcoma has started a school wide Jump Rope for heart fundraiser. Our Goal is to raise \$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.

Check out the Alcoma Facebook page for a link to donate.

It's always great to hear about our neighbors and the exciting things happening in the community. If you have any news or interesting Scandia trivia you'd like submitted in the sketch, please contact me at Karlyn. takeda@hotmail.com or 403-501-3618.

Notice of Application Confined Feeding Operation

Quintus Dairy Ltd. & Philip Van Steekelenburg has filed Application LA24039 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain a registration to expand an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) on the SW 9-20-13 W4M in the County of Newell, Alberta. The application is to extend the existing dairy barn by 60.4 m x 24.4 m, and increase from 73 to 102 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements). This will bring total animal numbers at this CFO to 102 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements) and 130 sheep.

Filing a Response

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a written response to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before **4:30 pm on April 2, 2025**. Submissions should be made to the NRCB address provided below. All attachments sent electronically must be in a pdf format. A copy of the responses will be sent to the applicant for comment. Responses regarding the application may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

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

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

Viewing the Application

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

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

The closing date for submissions:
4:30 pm on April 2, 2025

Dated at Lethbridge AB, on March 5, 2025



Council prevents rescinding of family farm motion

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county has rescinded some outdated policies but one was saved from the cutting board.

In 2014 the county passed a bylaw which was updated two years later, to honour 100 Year Old Farm Families, the county's mini version of the one that takes place each summer at the Calgary Stampede.

Although the county had been looking for a century old farm to bestow honours onto, none who had been asked in the past wanted to be recognized.

"It was a great idea that was brought forward that we wanted to celebrate centennial farms in the county so we put this policy together," Todd Green, the county's ag services manager said.

"I honestly think that we just have a lot of humble wonderful farms that didn't want to be celebrated publicly. We've never had a single person come forward to get a wonderful plaque."

When the policy was made it had been anticipated that in 2014 there were some farms that were turning 100.



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One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Hey! I'll bet most people are happy that maybe soon most of the ice will be melted. The nice weather has been easy to take. My yard has most of the snow finally melted. Gee, here we are into March already. Last month just flew by. But now, March came in like a lamb, let's hope it doesn't go out like a lion, as the saying goes. We do need moisture, so we'll just hope that the ground will be all froze up before we get more snow.

***NOTE** Daylight Savings Time begins March

9th, so don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday night before retiring. Remember that you spring ahead in the Spring. I just wish it would stay on Mountain Standard Time instead of this switching back and forth.

NoteThe Brooks and District Social Club will be holding their dance THIS Saturday, March 8th, 2025 from 7:30pm to 10:30pm at the Nikko Grill and Bar- Hall (the former Legion Hall) with the band "Sleepless Nights" from Redcliff. It will be headed by Pauline Eaton

and we wish her good luck and all the best and hope that we can keep the dances going. Once they quit, it will be gone and that will be sad!

"Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society, the Newell Christian Community, and Newbrook Lodge are presenting the Spring Memorial Service "In Loving Memory" of the loss of your family and friend who passed away in 2024. This is a non-denominational service. Everyone is welcome on March 16, 2025, at Newbrook Lodge. --500 3rd

St E, Brooks, Alberta."

I'm happy to report that Ed Rath has been able to go home from the hospital after his broken hip, back in January. Ed, you take it easy and keep up the walking, so you can get stronger. We wish you all the best in your healing.

Erwin Unger returned home on Friday after spending ten days with his father Pete Unger in Oliver, BC. He reported that the roads were good, via Highway #1.

On Friday Ozzie Schalm's daughter Michelle Richardson and her daughter Macy went to Medicine Hat, where they met with Macy's friend from school for the day. She now lives in Saskatchewan and they met half way. They had an enjoyable day together visiting and also did some shopping before each returning home.

On Sunday there was a Family gathering at the home of Thomas and Barbara Mahrer to help their son, Stephen celebrate another birthday. We wish you all the best Stephen!

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Andrew Nichols on Mar. 12th. We wish you to have a great day and a very "Happy Birthday" to you and to everyone else that is celebrating this week. We wish everyone all the best for the coming years.

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

"The lighter side"
Hal: Did you know you're wearing one black

shoe and one brown?

Cal: What a coincidence.

I have another pair at home just like this!

Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - Bethany Lutheran Church offers regular worship services at 11:00 am each Sunday. All are welcome to attend! This year, Bethany will also celebrate 95 years of worship and praise in the Tilley community. Join us on Sunday, March 16 to mark the occasion.

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.

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

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. The library's Annual General Meeting is on March 11 at 6:00 pm at the library.

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


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

Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society, the Newell Christian Community, and Newbrook Lodge are presenting the Spring Memorial Service "In Loving Memory" on the loss of your family member and/or friend(s) who passed

away in 2024. This is a non-denominational service. Everyone is welcome on March 16, 2025, at 2:00 pm, at Newbrook Lodge, 500 - 3rd Street East, Brooks, Alberta.

For some time, Dave's wife had been nagging him about his playing too much golf. One night, at about 11:30 pm, it all came to a head. Dave's wife suddenly began screaming at him, "Golf! Golf! Golf! That's all you think about anymore!" This shocked Dave quite badly, nearly to the point of collapse! After all, you don't expect to meet somebody on the 14th green at that time of night!

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.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

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Monday, March 17, 2025

Elk's Hall, Bassano, AB 7:00 p.m.

- To present the annual reports of the Chair, on behalf of the Board
- To present the annual report of the Manager
- To present the Auditor's financial report of the Association for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- To appoint the auditor for the Association
- To (re)elect Directors of the Association:
 - one delegate from the franchise area of Bassano
 - one delegate from the franchise area of Rosemary
 - one delegate from the Hutterian Brethren Colonies
- To transact other business, if any, as may properly come before the meeting.

There will be a roast beef dinner served at 6:00 p.m. (members and spouses only).

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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 campsite 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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Annual Meeting Notice


Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 7:00 pm

Lifetalk Counselling Services Office

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Brooks, AB

To RSVP call 403-362-2210 or email exec.director@lifetalkcounselling.ca



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF BASSANO

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 945/25

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

Pursuant to sections 216.4, 606, 606.1 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, and Town of Bassano Bylaw 921/21, the Council of the Town of Bassano, in the Province of Alberta, hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt Bylaw No. 945/25 being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 921/21 for the municipality.

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

AND WHEREAS the general purpose of the proposed amendments is to reduce the minimum floor area of single-unit dwellings from 167.2 m² (1,800 ft²) to 130.06 m² (1,400 ft²).

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw No. 945/25 will be held in the Town of Bassano Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on March 10, 2025

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

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

DATED at the Town of Bassano, in the Province of Alberta, this 11 day of February, 2025.

Amanda Davis
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Bassano
Box 299, Bassano, Alberta
T0J 0B0

Classifieds

Deadline for Classifieds word ads is Monday - 3 PM
Call 403-362-5571

obituaries



HORSBURGH - Mandy Michelle Horsburgh passed away in Lethbridge, AB on February 16, 2025. Born in High River, Alberta on April 9, 1983, Mandy is survived by her children Keiran, Rainbow and Phoenix who she loved with all her heart. She will be deeply missed by her parents Brenda (Brad) and Chris (Joan) and sisters Christina, Terra (Dave) and Nicole (Adam). Her nieces and nephews who she adored, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Special friends Scott and family and friend Kyle. All will miss her smile and infectious laughter.

Mandy moved with her family to Rosemary where Mandy attended school and later moved to Brooks where Mandy worked for the County of Newell Landfill for many years. She loved animals of all kinds including bringing a gopher home from the landfill ... mom quickly chased that out! Mandy's greatest joy was her children. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Laing for their care and support in Mandy's final days. Celebration of Life will be at Cornerstone Funeral Home, Lethbridge, AB. Saturday, March 8th @ 1 p.m. Forever Loved and Always will be missed.

obituaries



FUKUDA - Warren Fukuda, born January 30, 1952 in Brooks, Alberta, son of Tayeko (Frances) and Minoru (Ray) Fukuda died on March 1, 2025 on the farm near Patricia, Alberta, with his wife by his side. He was a beloved husband, dedicated father, doting grandfather, and loyal friend; though he would often joke you could only be friends if you had known each other at least 30 years. Warren's life was enriched by his love of farming, hunting and fishing, but his life was defined by his strong family ties and friendships. He was a man who could do anything he put his mind to, whether it was building his own house or wrangling his many inexperienced helpers into a competent working crew. Warren loved his cows and tolerated his horses, but the greatest joy of his life was to be on the farm, surrounded by family and friends, with both grandkids on his knee, enjoying a good visit. He is survived by his wife Gloria; his siblings Guy, Wes (Heather), Patricia, Brent (Brenda), and Janet; his four children, Ray (Veronica), Natalka (Jason), Katrina (Bunny), and Mataji; two grandchildren, George and Eleanor as well as numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at the Patricia Hall at 10:30 am on Saturday March 8, 2025 with lunch served. As he was fond of saying, "Nobody has more fun than us," so come with your stories and be ready for a good visit. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Warren's name directly to either the Canadian Kidney foundation, 880-5160 Decarie Blvd., Montreal, Quebec H3X 2H9 or charity of choice.

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

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FOR SALE
Wrapped wheat green feed bales.
CALL 403-793-1508
 10-12P

legal notice

IN THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF CALGARY
 NOTICE TO ANJLINA KAMILO NEGOUR
 TAKE NOTICE that subsequent to the Consent Judgment granted by Applications Judge J. Farrington on October 30, 2024, Action No. 1901-16973 in the Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary, an Assignment of Judgement was executed on November 13, 2024. The Consent Judgment and Assignment of Judgement will be mailed to you upon request directed to the offices of Litco Law, Suite 200, 5119 Elbow Drive SW, Calgary, Alberta T2V 1H2. Your whereabouts being unknown, the Court has ordered substitutional service of the Consent Judgment and Assignment of Judgement upon you by the within advertisement.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta, this 4th day of February, 2025.

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 Telephone: (403) 273-8580

APPROVED: Applications Judge of the Court of King's Bench of Alberta 10-11c

celebration of life

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:
Rosemarie Anderson
 The family of Rose-Marie Anderson warmly invites you to join them in celebrating her remarkable life. We will gather at Nikko's Hall on Sat., March 15th, from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM, to share memories, stories, and love for a woman who touched the lives of many. All who knew her are welcome. 06-07p

coming events

BROOKS & DISTRICT MUSEUM'S AGM
 will be held on **March 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm** at the Museum. Regular meeting to follow.
 Phone **403-362-5073** for information.
EVERYONE WELCOME!
 07-10C

coming events

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

livestock

WANTED: FARM LAND TO RENT.
 Contact Gerwin **403-654-8140**
 10-13P

coming events

CASSILS COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sun., March 23
 7:00 pm at Cassils Hall
 10-12P

lost & found

FOUND - Pair of sunglasses found by Catholic School. Can claim at Brooks Bulletin. Must identify. 33-35p

coming events

AGM NOTICE CHAMPION CENTRE
March 20
 at 7:00 pm
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 09-11p

crematorium

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in memory

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 Were opened wide,
 A loving voice said, "Come".

We speak your name often.
 We miss your smile.
 We miss your laugh.
 We think of you every second of everyday.
 We love you.
 We will see you on Heaven's golf course one day...

Love Karen, Vanessa, Eric and Rachel xo

10P

Classifieds

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