



BROOKS BULLETIN

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025



Sylvan Diep performed Frank Losser's 1950 hit *A Bushel and a Peck* from the musical *Guys and Dolls*, at the Brooks Music Festival's Grand Finale on Wednesday at Griffin Park Theatre. The festival, held prior to the finale, included 21 vocalists, seven music theatre performers, 10 choirs, five strings, seven piano, six speech, 46 classroom bands, 50 group entries with over 1,000 students from the county. Some of the best performers, including the 11 groups and individuals selected to advance to the provincials, participated in the grande finale. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

One person arrested after high school lockdown

Tilley youth arrested...

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Brooks Composite High School was placed into a lockdown at about 8:26 a.m. on Monday following a threat.

Other Grasslands schools, including the junior high and Tilley School which is about 25 km east of Brooks, were placed in a hold and secure.

"Grasslands Public Schools was made aware of a social media threat involving Brooks Composite High School," stated Rayne Makin, communications manager for Grasslands.

"As a precaution, RCMP were contacted immediately and the school was placed into lockdown which was later downgraded to a hold and secure."

RCMP media reported that the investigation has revealed that there was no direct threat to the school, however, it did involve

students from the school.

"RCMP has arrested a male youth in relation to this threat. He was arrested at his residence in Tilley."

Many of the high school students were temporarily placed at the junior high until the situation was resolved just before 9 a.m.

Although Makin said there was no individual with a weapon on any school premises, a video obtained by The Bulletin shows police entering BCHS with long guns and rifles in hand.

"RCMP continue to investigate and we want to clarify that there was no individual with a weapon at any school. Any social media reports suggesting otherwise are not accurate," Makin stated.

"Student and staff safety is always our top priority. All schools followed our established safety protocol and we are grateful for the support of our staff, families, and local law enforcement," Makin said.

Police are continuing to investigate.

Overall decrease in county taxes

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The county will collect \$33,778,999 in municipal taxes and will collect just over \$48 million in total including \$14,229,572 for the province in school taxes and \$946,010 for the Newell Housing Foundation.

Assessments in the county increased by \$382 million from last year to

\$4.6 billion.

"The 2025 tax rates have been adjusted to capture some of that growth which provided an additional \$817,000 in municipal tax revenue compared to last year's budget," Shannon Biette, the county's corporate services supervisor, told council last week.

Over the last five years the tax rates across the county have generally decreased

except for farmland which has increased by 17.7 per cent to help cover a larger share of the agricultural services budget.

In 2021 the residential rate was 4.2276 mills and the 2025 proposed rate is 3.64 mills, the small business rate in 2021 was 6.8983 and is proposed to be 6.1875, farmland rate was 7.5248 in 2021 and will be 8.8552 which is unchanged from last year.

The non-residential tax rate was 8.9981 in 2021 and is proposed to be 8.25 this year.

"That represents a decrease in (the non-res) tax rate of 8.3 per cent," said CAO Matt Fenske which was largely expected at the end of the provincial oil and gas assessment holiday.

"I think it's a good news story for our ratepayers."

The county gave first reading to the tax rate

bylaw. The final readings are expected to take place at the next council meeting.

In addition, the municipal portion of taxes that are paid by June 16, 2025 will be subject to a 2.5 per cent discount.

Darren Adamson of Avail, who presented the 2024 audited financial statements, said the county continues to be in good financial shape with little debt and strong controls.

He said if there is a change in capital or operating grants from the province, the county would be able to weather some of the changes.

Referring to the letter of recommendation, Adamson said, "The county has a very strong system of processes and controls, so we don't have any recommendations."



TAX Preparation

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Brooks, AB.

Phone: 403-793-2674

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DUST ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS ARE



It's that time again—dust abatement season is here! The County is now accepting applications for the 2025 Dust Abatement Program.

Returning applicants: If you've applied in the past two years, check your mailbox. If you haven't received your 2025 application, let us know!

Apply online! Scan the code.

Or go to [DUST ABATEMENT PROGRAM](#) on the County website.

Applications can be sent to 183037 Range road 145, P.O Box 130, Brooks, AB, T1R 1B2

Or email to : municipalservices@newellmail.ca



New to the program? We'd love to have you join! Stop by the County office (8 AM – 4:30 PM) or call us at 403-794-2311.

PAYMENT OPTIONS can be found on the [Making Payments](#) page on the County website.



PLEASE NOTE: Payment for the program must be received in full before the application can be processed.

What is Dust Abatement?

Learn more about the program on our website to find out if Dust Abatement is right for you, or give us a call at 403-794-2311.



DEADLINE to apply is 4:30 P.M.



NOTICE OF PESTICIDE CONTROL & MOWING ACTIVITIES

Public Notice is hereby given that the Agricultural Service Board of the County of Newell intends to conduct pesticide control and mowing activities during the 2025 growing season.

The County's Roadside Vegetation Control Program is aimed at meeting five objectives:

1. Allow clear sight lines to signs and intersections
2. Reduce snow accumulation
3. Promote road drainage and drying
4. Facilitate snow removal
5. Control weeds (prevent spread)

The program outlined below deals with vegetation control through the application of recommended vegetation control chemicals. The County also uses protective cultural practices to control weeds, where practical, which includes mowing.

2025 PESTICIDE PROGRAM Deals with controlling weeds on County rights-of-way, County-owned land, work within the Town of Bassano, City of Brooks, Village of Duchess, and Grasslands School Division property.

The herbicides to be used include: 2 4-D Ester LV700, 2 4-D Amine 600, Oracle, RT 540, Lontrel 360, Garlon XRT, Estaprop XT, Milestone, Aspect, Clearview, Esplanade, Overdrive, Navius Flex, OcTTain XL and Trillion P.

2025 FOCUS AREA Spray efforts will be focused South of Highway #1, but spot spraying on an as needed basis will be done in the entire County. In addition, spraying may be completed for noxious and prohibited noxious weeds along the Bow River.

Projected timeline of pesticide application —> **May 5 - October 15**

Any residents who **DO NOT** wish to have areas sprayed adjacent to their land must fill out a **NO-SPRAY Application Form and post signs BY MAY 15, 2025.**

These are available at the County of Newell office.

All pesticides and procedures used comply with Federally approved label recommendations and regulations set out by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and Alberta Environment.

2025 ROADSIDE MOWING PROGRAM Begins **June 10th** and will include all developed County rights-of-way. **Anyone wishing to hay a portion of a right-of-way must fill out a Haying Permit by June 1, 2025.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the County's Vegetation Control Program, please contact the **Agricultural Service Board Fieldman at 403-794-2336.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 5 - October 15 - Pesticide Application
- May 15 - Deadline for NO-SPRAY APPLICATION
- June 1 - Deadline for Haying Permit
- June 10 - Mowing begins



Full notice here > [NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS/RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF NEWELL](#)

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MUNICIPAL 2025 ELECTION

THINKING OF RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE?

Rural Municipalities of Alberta and Alberta Municipalities are offering 20 free live webinars from April to September to help you learn what it's really like to serve on council.

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Ask questions, hear real experiences, and get prepared to lead your community.

Visit Us countyofnewell.ab.ca/2025-municipal-election

We are Hiring! **COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER LEVEL 1**

Join the County of Newell's Municipal Enforcement team! We're seeking a dedicated, full-time Community Peace Officer (CPO) – Level 1 who's passionate about community safety, public service, and upholding local and provincial laws with professionalism and integrity.

- Key Responsibilities:**
- ✓ Patrol and promote compliance with County bylaws
 - ✓ Assist in emergency response efforts
 - ✓ Build strong relationships with the public and partner agencies
 - ✓ Represent the County with pride

- What You'll Need:**
- ✓ Criminal Justice Diploma or equivalent training
 - ✓ Valid Class 5 licence & acceptable driver's abstract
 - ✓ Recent PARE test or equivalent
 - ✓ First Aid, CPR, and enforcement-related training are assets

- What We Offer:**
- ✓ Competitive salary & benefits
 - ✓ Training & professional development opportunities

Deadline to apply is 12:00 pm on



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PERMIT FOR USE OF COUNTY ROADS

BYLAW REMINDER

BYLAW 2046-23 TRAFFIC SECTION 8



Planning a parade, procession, or a special event that involves the use of a County Road? Just a friendly reminder that according to Section 8 of our Traffic Bylaw, it's important to obtain a permit from the County first.

Visit the Permits page on our website, with just a click, you can access all the information you need and apply for your permit online.

Let's ensure your event is safe and fun for everyone involved. Get your permit here > countyofnewell.ab.ca/permits



OR SCAN THE CODE

BYLAW REMINDER UNAUTHORIZED MATERIALS ON COUNTY ROADS

BYLAW 2046-23 TRAFFIC

It is unlawful to deposit UNAPPROVED debris/material/substances on County roads.

THIS INCLUDES DO-IT-YOURSELF DUST ABATEMENT



Please be aware that if you are doing this, you may be responsible for all costs to remove unauthorized debris/material/substances.

Please call the County office with any questions or concerns at 403-362-3266.

Sending an E-Transfer? Don't forget the details!

We've been getting more e-transfers lately (thank you!), but many come with no message, making it hard to match your payment to the right account.

Please remember to include identifying information in the message field like your:

- # Tax Roll Number
- # Utility Account Number
- # Invoice or Permit Number
- # Customer Number
- Or the name the account is under

Even a short note helps us apply your payment quickly and accurately!

If you have sent an e-transfer to the County lately and are unsure if you provided enough information, please contact finance@newellmail.ca or call 403-362-3266

Discussions begin to improve 'Lake Road'

SANDRA M STANWAY
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County council has endorsed a request that the province widen and pave Highway 873 south of the city to Kinbrook Island Provincial Park and that it should be a top priority of Alberta Transportation.

Also known locally as the Lake Road, Highway 873 is a two lane provincial highway with no shoulders that carries motorists to the provincial park.

In March a local resident asked premier/Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Danielle Smith during her town hall meeting if the highway could be upgraded. It was

discussed during the rural municipalities convention with the minister of transportation and again in April while the minister was in Brooks.

Council's discussion and decision was to have been part of a meeting with the transportation minister that was set for April 15.

The county covered 50 per cent of the costs, about \$20 million, and acted as the project manager when they partnered with the province to pave and widen Highway 873 from Kinbrook Island to Highway 36 and to pave Highway 535 from Highway 873 to Tilley.

The project was completed in 2020-21.



Many Canada geese have returned to the area and will remain until the fall. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

City OK's downtown business taxes

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The city last week approved the Business Improvement Area tax bylaw which is to be paid by all members of the Brooks Revitalization Zone.

On behalf of the BRZ, the city collects an additional tax from downtown business owners and there is no direct financial implication

on the city. This year the BRZ is expected to receive \$22,500 to cover programs such as Communities in Bloom, Christmas in the Park, street fair and membership to the chamber of commerce.

Last year's request was for \$22,000 which included funds for Communities in Bloom, summer and winter events as well as office expenses and marketing.

Hosted By Mothers Village

You are Invited To:

EASTER EGG Hunt

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Location: Brooks water Park

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County to tender reserve land in Bow City

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The county will consider issuing a tender for the sale of municipal reserve (MR) in Bow City.

A request was recently received by the county to sell a portion of the 5.77 acre portion of MR-designated land in Bow City to provide rental opportunities for visitors and for personal use.

However, council wanted it to go to tender for fair bidding by other interested parties.

"This isn't the first time that I have received this request," said Maria Jackson, the county's planning and development supervisor.

The county has received three inquires about selling the MR land in the hamlet but the most recent discussion that was a formal request.



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What's Happening

Council Highlights - April 7, 2025

We're committed to keeping residents informed and engaged in the decisions that shape our community.

Here are the key highlights from the April 7 Council Meeting:

- RCMP Introduction** – Council welcomed the new RCMP Detachment Commander, Staff Sgt. Rob Harms
- STARS Presentation** – STARS reported over 500 missions in the County of Newell since 2010, with 78% in Brooks.
- Proclamation** – April 25 was proclaimed Lights On Afterschool Alberta Day.
- Wave Pool Repairs** – Council approved the replacement of the wave pool impeller at the JBS Canada Centre.
- Emergency Partnership** – Council requested to join the Newell Regional Emergency Partnership.
- 2025 Property Tax Bylaw** – Council passed the bylaw with a 5.59% municipal tax increase, of which 3.75% is allocated to enhanced RCMP funding. The bylaw also includes an education tax increase set by the province.

Bylaws Passed

- School Reserve Bylaw** – Designated land near École Le Ruisseau for future school development.
- Business Improvement Area Tax Bylaw** – Finalized tax rates to support downtown events and beautification.
- Land Use Amendment** – Rezoned a parcel to allow for future commercial development.
- Repaving Tax Bylaw** – Set tax rates to fund the City's 2025 street and lane repaving program.
- Surface Irrigation Rates Bylaw** – Updated irrigation service rates for 2025.
- Municipal & School Reserve Bylaw** – Designated several parcels for future school or municipal use.

For full details and links to reports, visit:
Brooks.ca/266/City-Council

Calling All Organizations! Join the Volunteer Resource Fair!

Looking for passionate volunteers to support your organization? The Volunteer Resource Fair is the perfect place to connect with community members eager to give back!

- Date: April 26
- Location: JBS Canada Centre Fieldhouse
- Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

As a vendor, you can showcase your organization, recruit volunteers for board positions, events, mentorship, and more—all at no cost! Plus, enjoy a FREE Volunteer Appreciation BBQ during the event.

Reserve your spot by April 16 by emailing victoria@grasslandsregionalfcss.com or calling 403-362-4549.

Current Job Opportunities

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

- Human Resources Advisor
- Temporary Utility Operator
- Part-Time Lifeguard
- Recreation Casual Labourer
- Recreation Casual Operator
- Water & Wastewater Operator
- Water and Wastewater Technician Co-op Practicum

Apply today: Brooks.ca/313/Careers



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Everything you need, all in one place! Stay up to date with city news, programs, services, and events.

Public Notices

Next Council Meeting

- Monday, April 21 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, April 29 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

Street Sweeping has started!

The City of Brooks will begin residential street sweeping on Monday, April 7, starting in Uplands. Work will take place Monday to Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Important Reminders:

- Sweepers will only pass through once – please move your vehicle off the street.
- Vehicles must be moved by 8:00 AM.
- Watch for signs placed on sidewalks to know when your street is scheduled.
- Temporary parking is allowed on your lawn, boulevard, or in the alley (do not block garbage or yard waste trucks).

LETTERS

Let's make Canada great again!

Editor, The Bulletin;
So here we go again, another election. Now we have the opportunity to elect a new government. Let's hope that Canadians will come to their senses and elect a huge Conservative majority. While they are not perfect anything will be better than the Liberal-NDP fiasco we have had to endure these last nine years which has driven our wonderful country to the verge of bankruptcy and become the laughing stock of the world. Under the Trudeau-Singh coalition, corruption and graft seem to have become the norm rather than good governance. Sadly things

will not improve with Carney taking the helm, it will only get worse as there is no common sense left. Canadians deserve better. Following is an article I happened to see on the internet some years ago. Ironically this article is from 1957.
"When you see that in order to produce you need to obtain permission from men who produce nothing. When you see that money is flowing to men who deal, not in goods, but in favors. When you see that men get richer by graft and by pull than by work and your laws don't protect you against them. But protect them

against you. When you see corruption being rewarded and honesty becoming a self-sacrifice. You may know that your society is doomed."
If this article is not a wake-up call then what would be. Is this not the very thing that is going on now in our awesome country. Should we as a nation continue on this path, we will be like an ostrich which sticks its head in the sand but does not see what is sticking out. Wake up Canadians it's time for change. Let's make Canada great again!

DENISE PETERSON,
Brooks, AB.

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - Mark your calendar, there will be a Bridal shower for Kealy Pierson daughter of Bruce and Connie bride-elect of Jered Ference son of Doug and Nancy. The shower

will be at 2PM on April 27 at The Hardgrass Hub in Pollockville.
The couple is registered at G&T Boutique in Brooks and also www.MYREGISTRY.COM/GIFTLIST/KEALYANDJERED

For more information call 403-857-9627 or Shelby at 403-376-4661.
If you have any news to share call me at 403-566-2448 or email me at hippies2@telusplanet.net

City will purchase new impeller for wave pool

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city will purchase a new impeller for the wave pool at the recreation centre.

In his report to council, CAO Chris Parker noted that the fan impeller disintegrated and it has

been difficult to obtain a quote for a replacement due to the specific dimensions for the part.

The city has paid for repairs over the past few years but according to Parker replacing the entire unit makes more sense.

Last week he told council the replacement unit is

about \$40,200 and although the manufacturing company is Canadian, there could be unexpected tariffs. It will take between 12 and 16 weeks for the part to arrive.

Administration will look at "operational efficiencies" in the rec area for the funding while some of it will come from reserve.



ADOPT Me

DOG OF THE WEEK




Older and wiser, meet Bart, the senior gentleman who is looking for a home to spend his golden years. While he may have Arthritis, he's still got a spring in his step and a gleam in his eye. With a lifetime of experiences under his collar, Bart is the perfect companion for someone looking for a more low-key, yet charming and loyal friend! Although he can't remember when he was last able to play fetch (it was probably before you were born, kid!), he still enjoys a nice leisurely stroll around the block. He might not be able to keep up with the young pups at the park, but he's got plenty of love and affection to give. Bart has been around the block a few times and has learned a thing or two about life. He's content to spend his days lounging in the sun, napping on the deck, and letting his ears flap in the breeze. And when it's time to curl up on the couch for the night, he's got plenty of love and snuggles to give. Bart is looking for a calm and quiet home where he can enjoy his golden years. He's not too bothered about making new doggy friends, but he's always had a soft spot for humans. If you're looking for a senior pup who's sweet, charming, and just a little bit grumpy, Bart is the one for you!

CAT OF THE WEEK



Are you looking for a laid back, wise old man to spend some snuggle time with? Then Blackie is your boy! He is very affectionate and content to sunbathe in front of a window but do not let that fool you. This senior is still very curious and loves to investigate things, He is ok to share his space with another kitty friend or a well-mannered dog. Kids are ok also, but he prefers kids that are a little older and not so rowdy. The myth is black cats are bad luck, but did you know this is not true; we are actually good luck! And have the best personality! Do you have a sunny window that I can spend my golden years sunbathing in?

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VOLUNTEER FAIR

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Looking for a way to give back?
Join us at the Volunteer Resource Fair to connect with local organizations and find the perfect volunteer opportunity for you!

This free event is your chance to explore ways to get involved and make a difference in your community. Plus, we're hosting a free Volunteer Appreciation BBQ to celebrate the incredible work of our local volunteers.

April 26, 2025 from 10 AM - 2PM
JBS Canada Centre Fieldhouse

For more information please contact: Victoria@GrasslandsRegionalFCSS.com
Don't miss out—come be part of something great!

Tornado near Rolling Hills is the Prairies first for 2025



Derek Virostek was working in his field when he took a photo that turned out to be a landspout tornado and Canada's first tornado of the season. | DEREK VIROSTEK PHOTO

weak thunderstorms, ECCC reported.

ECCC received multiple reports and photos.

"This tornado has been given a preliminary rating of EF-0," states the ECCC in a weather report.

"Landspout tornadoes do not usually cause significant damage but can still be dangerous as they can topple trees, damage roofs, or toss debris a short distance."

Meteorologist Justin Shelley told The Bulletin the rating means that the wind speed was between 90km/hour and 130 km/hour.

"The main way we measure wind speed is based on damage," he said.

However, there has been no damage reported.

Meteorologists are

seeking pictures of the tornado and/or damage it may have caused.

They can be emailed to storm@ec.gc.ca or posted to #abstorm.

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BROOKS BULLETIN

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has confirmed that a tornado that struck near Rolling Hills on April 12 at 5:20 p.m. was the first for the Prairies and is believed to have been the first in Canada this season.

The brief tornado, located about 10 kilometres north of Rolling Hills, was considered to be a landspout tornado that was generated by weak rotation under rapidly growing clouds or

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ONLINE READER POLL
Do you think Trump will back down on his tariffs?

| | |
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| YES | 44% |
| NO | 56% |

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 72
View our weekly polls @ www.brooksbulletin.com

Online poll for the week of April 9, 2025 - April 16, 2025.

Rotary

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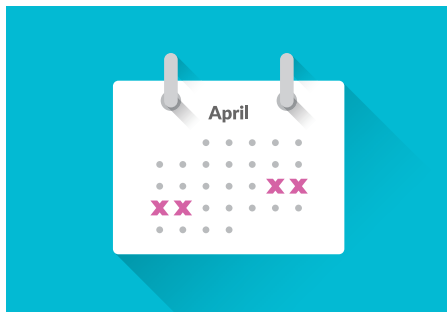
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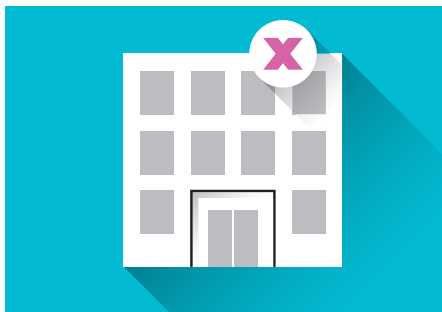
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You can vote:



At your assigned advance polling station from Friday, April 18, to Monday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



At any Elections Canada office until Tuesday, April 22, 6 p.m.



By mail – Apply by Tuesday, April 22, 6 p.m.

Check your voter information card or visit elections.ca for all the ways you can vote.



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COMMENT

Voters' faith in Grits for resource development is staggeringly foolish

LORNE GUNTER
TORONTO SUN

Of course, I've noticed the huge crowds Pierre Poilievre has been attracting to his rallies. They are the biggest campaign rallies for any Canadian politician in more than 50 years. Perhaps ironically, the only rallies as large or larger were those held by Pierre Trudeau's in the late 1960s and early '70s.

Liberal Leader Mark Carney leads in polls by as much as nine points.

The pollster I trust the most, Abacus Data, shows the Liberals and Conservatives tied at 39 per cent each. However, as Abacus CEO David Coletto, said last weekend, "because of the efficiency of the Liberal vote," a tie means at least a Liberal minority government. (The Liberal vote is spread more evenly across high-population regions.)

Do I trust the voting-preference polls? Not entirely. They tend to oversample older voters, who favour the Liberals, and under-sample younger voters who prefer the Conservatives. But when nearly all major polls show similar results, you can ignore the specific numbers but not the trends.

I don't believe the polls are a conspiracy to hide the truth about Poilievre's support and manipulate public opinion towards the Liberals. The Libs are ahead, I'm just not sure by how much. And are they ahead enough to hold off the Conservatives' groundswell momentum?

Recall that most American polls showed Kamala Harris ahead of Donald Trump, yet Trump (and his rallies) won the day.

Having said all that, there is an issues poll (not voting-preference poll) that truly worries me. Indeed, it angers me and makes me despair for the future of Alberta within Canada.

At the beginning of the month, Ipsos asked voters which party they trusted most to develop Canada's energy sector, create jobs and grow the economy.

This is the Conservatives' issue. Has been for years. Along with affordability for ordinary families, growing the economy is the one-two punch for Pierre Poilievre and his party.

So who do Canadians favour to get our country out of the economic trench the Liberals dug us into over the past decade — the lost Liberal decade?

According to Ipsos, more voters favour the Liberals. This is like trusting the doctor who botched your facelift to correct his own incompetent plastic surgery. Or putting a drunk driver behind the wheel of your Uber.

For nearly 10 years, the Liberals presided over the second-slowest economic growth among the world's 38 developed nations. While America's per capita GDP has grown nearly 23 per cent over the past 10 years (before Donald Trump's insane trade war), Canada's has barely budged — up just 1.4 per cent.

And the OECD estimates that if policies do not change, Canada will have the slowest growth among its member nations until 2045.

So, pardon my language, who the hell is foolish enough to think leaving the Liberals in charge will change a damn thing?

It's the Liberals' environmental policy that scared away at least \$300 billion in investment — investment that could have made us stronger in the face of Trump's attacks. It's the Liberals' "green" obsession that cancelled pipelines that could already be operating to the East and West Coasts in defiance of Trump.

They were the ones who promised a middle-class tax cut during the 2015 campaign, then raised family taxes by \$6,000 or more during their time in office.

President Trump has managed to crash his country's economy in just a week. It took the Liberals over nine years longer. However, it amounts to pretty much the same thing.

Thankfully, in Ipsos' poll, Albertans and Saskatchewanians don't share the nation's love for the incompetent Liberals. But central and eastern voters' willingness to return the same ministers, MPs and staffers who caused such destruction is staggering (and infuriating).

TIME CAPSULE



Trump's tariffs have ricocheted around the world. Here's how it will change the system

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



In 10 whirlwind weeks, Donald Trump had already smashed the international system of rules and alliances that more or less kept the peace for the past 80 years, but his bizarre 'tariffs on everybody' policy has given us a glimpse of what may take its place.

It's the United States against the whole world, and America's only possible great-power ally is Russia.

Trump is expressing some irritation at the moment about Vladimir Putin's foot-dragging on a cease-fire in Ukraine, but his admiration for the Russian dictator and former KGB agent is deep and lasting. Besides, he has convinced America's former allies in Europe that he is not to be trusted, so he really has nowhere else to go.

Selling this switch of alliances to the American public will take a lot of work. However, if Franklin Roosevelt could persuade Americans that the Godless Communists of the old Soviet Union were suitable allies for America in the war against Hitler, Trump can sell Putin to his 'base' as a man who loves God and hates gays and 'woke' just as much as they do.

This new de facto alliance will easily survive Trump's probable collaboration with Israel in a massive joint strike against Iran in the next few months because Russia doesn't like the Islamist regime in Tehran either.

The real question is: where does China go now? China's next steps

China has loyally refrained from criticizing Russia about its invasion of Ukraine because until now it, too, had nowhere else to go. But China is far less expansionist than Russia under Putin or the United States under Trump (Greenland, Panama, Canada, Gaza). It is basically a status quo power that wants to preserve the current international order.

The one exception that has allowed Beijing's enemies to portray it as expansionist is its insistent claim on Taiwan, but this dispute is just a loose end from a long-ago Chinese civil war. So long as China does not actually invade Taiwan, it is a suitable partner for the European Union in a new alliance dedicated to preserving the rule of law in the world.

It wouldn't be a marriage made in heaven, and it would never be as formal an alliance as the old NATO arrangement, but a joint undertaking by China and the European Union to protect the peace of the world from the rogue states of America and Russia makes perfectly good sense and may well come to pass.

Trump overestimates US role This is all the more likely because China and the EU have a shared interest in rescuing the low- or no-tariff free trading system of the past 80 years from the attack launched last week by Donald Trump. They would constitute a nucleus around which Japan, Korea, Australia, India, Canada and most other countries could rebuild that system without the US.

Trump has greatly overestimated the ability of the United States to prevent a realignment of global trade that simply goes around it.

The US still accounts for 25 per cent of the world economy, the same share it had in 1980

— proof, if any were required, that it has not been taken "ripped off, raped, pillaged and plundered" by its trading partners.

But being largely self-sufficient, the United States only accounts for 13 per cent of world trade — so Trump cannot blackmail everybody else into doing his will.

Some individual enterprises and even a few entire countries will suffer greatly from his tariffs, but for the most part, the supply chains will just be adjusted to avoid running through the United States. The US share of global trade will drop further, and everybody else will get on with their lives.

No longer a world leader All unwitting, Trump is abdicating the leading role that the United States has enjoyed in world affairs since the Second World War and getting nothing of any value in return. Nobody saw this change coming and it's too early to be sure of where it will take us, but it may be a better place than the recent past.

What could still go wrong? The major European powers may prove unable to sustain Ukraine if the US again withdraws military aid, and a Russian conquest of Ukraine would lead to the remilitarisation of all Europe, probably including nuclear proliferation.

American invasions of Greenland, Panama and perhaps even Canada would have a similar effect but on an even bigger scale.

A Chinese invasion of Taiwan would have the same impact in Asia, and it's still not clear if Beijing will take its distance from Moscow now that it has better options.

But on the whole, things are looking up. Apart from the growing climate catastrophe, of course.



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Bowden Doerksen, 12, takes aim at a target during the Hunter Education field day in Brooks on Saturday. The event, which was held at the Brooks Pistol and Small Bore Club, saw 30 students learning weapon safety and orienteering. The day marks one of the final educational days in the eight week course. It is expected to finish this week with a written exam. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

“God’s love for you at the Cross”

DEVOTIONAL
THOUGHT OF
THE WEEK



**JOSH MUELLER,
ROSEMARY MENNONITE
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We are nearing Good Friday and Easter again, and the question how and why Jesus’ death on the cross would provide atonement, grace, and forgiveness for the sins of all mankind still looms large. Some struggle with the element of violence and bloodshed, others question the possibility of a substitutionary sacrifice on another person’s behalf altogether. To better understand what is going on here, we need to immerse ourselves in the object lessons God provides in the Old Testament and which are then used by Jesus and the apostles to fill

the terms with meaning and help us grasp their significance. This includes such things as the Passover - and the blood of the Passover Lamb in particular (John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19), the image of a ransom paid (Psalm 49:7-8, Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:5-6), the scapegoat and the blood of the sacrificial animals sprinkled on the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies (Leviticus 16:10,14-22; Romans 3:25; Hebrews 9:11-14), the laying on of hands on the sin offering in Leviticus 1:3-4 as an act of substitution, the curse on a criminal hanged on a tree (Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Galatians 3:13), the innocent suffering servant bearing the punishment of our iniquities (Isaiah 53:3-11; Philippians 2:7-8), and Abraham offering up his one and only son (Genesis 22:2; John

3:16; Hebrews 11:17). All these images and stories drive home the point that God did for us in Jesus what none of us could do ourselves - undo the stain and corruption of our self-absorbed nature and evil acts, make us pure and righteous, set us free and become a new creation. Jesus willingly laid down his life for us (John 10:11-18) and by doing so demonstrated the love of God while humanity still treated God as an enemy (Romans 5:6-11). Through his death and resurrection, he conquered death itself and all evil powers (Colossians 2:13-15)! How can we NOT marvel at this? An old hymn expresses it so fittingly: “Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God should die for me?”

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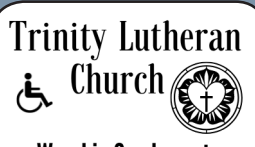
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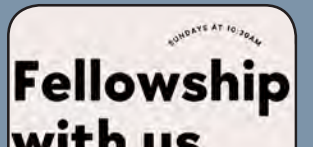


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City's municipal tax rate decreases but other factors will force increase

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city's municipal tax rate decreased, however, the June tax bill will look significantly higher thanks to the collection of increased school taxes for the province and Newell Housing.

The city forecasted a municipal tax increase of 5.75 per cent which dropped to 5.59 per cent due to the 7.6 per cent increase in assessment. The city's assessment increased to \$1.957 billion over last year's amount of \$1.821

billion.

The municipal property bill will increase by \$142 to about \$2,684.

School taxes, collected for the province by the city, increased nine per cent over last year to \$4,529,436 and the housing requisition is \$333,450 which is an \$181,990 increase over last year.

Councillor Joel Goodnough questioned the Foundation's increase.

"Do we have to say, 'Yeah. You can have it?'" he asked.

"Theoretically no," said mayor John Petrie.

"But it is a small amount and it looks after mostly our seniors housing in Brooks."

Bill McKennan, the city's director of finance, told council they must be collected, however, the amounts can be discussed with the organization.

Council passed the repaving tax bylaw which is unchanged from last year and in January the surface irrigation rates were increased by two per cent across the board. Lots under .32 acres are now paying \$161.85 and lots over .32 acres are paying \$323.70,

non-residential is \$505.79 per acre, the city's parks, cemetery and green spaces are \$505.79 per acre.

The city also increased

its utility rates in January. Residents have a base rate of \$66.32 which is up from last year's base rate of \$60.29.

Tax notices are typically

mailed in mid-June.

The city's 2024 audited financial statement has not yet been presented.

Former local officer to return to Brooks as staff sergeant

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Rob Harms will take over as the Brooks detachment commander.

Staff Sgt Harms, who was raised in the province, arrived as a corporal in Brooks for his third RCMP posting in August 2017.

While at the detachment Harms served as a watch commander and acting operations NCO and remained in Brooks until September 2021 when he transferred to Claresholm to pursue a promotion to

sergeant.

His family remained in Brooks.

"When the opportunity for me came up to come back it was pretty much a no-brainer and I will say, when I was here in 2017, I very much enjoyed my time here," he said.

He said he can relate to people in southern Alberta as his background includes farming, ranching, oil field worker and EMS.

Following Harms' transfer in May 2021, Staff Sgt. Gordon Yetman arrived as the detachment commander, however, he

went on medical leave for much of his time.

Sgt. Dave Searle, who has been the acting detachment commander, will likely resume his responsibilities as operations NCO while Sgt. Sharon McCready, the former school resource officer, will return to community policing.

McCready left the school resource officer's position last year. A new SRO is expected to be named over the next few months.

"Once I get here, I look forward to working with everybody," Harms said.



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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 an Easter Sunday worship service with Holy Communion on Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 am with Reverend John Theiss. All are welcome.

It is once again time to begin growing your giant pumpkins! The 5th Annual Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest is ready to roll, in and around Rolling Hills. Contact

anyone on the Ag Society Board or Desi (403-362-9261) or Shelby (403-363-0195) for more information.

There will be a Spring Market and Garage Sale on Saturday, May 10 in Rolling Hills. If you are interested in booking a table, please call 403-363-0195 and talk to Shelby by or before April 25.

To submit news items, please email goombaw@eidnet.org or phone 377-2259. Please contact me by

or before 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings to have your news

included for the week. On long weekends, news is due

Thursday morning before the holiday.

Bow City Signal



BOW CITY - Jerri and Joyce Calvert have made a few trips to Medicine Hat for doctors appointments haven't been doing much more. They both had a bad cold and stuff so they've stayed away from everybody. Love you, mama Papa.

Brad and Carrie Palko went to Calgary on the fifth for a good time with Jacob and Kelsi and Pat and Justice (Kelsi's parents). Alex and Stephanie Palko came for a visit this Friday for the weekend. It was beautiful. They had a great visit with everybody.

Congratulations to Brad Calvert on his marriage to Victoria Vigfusson. A true love story for sure. They will celebrate in August when the entire family can get together. They married on April 7th, the day they started dating in the 80's.

A huge shout out to the gentleman in our community for keeping an eye out and keeping the rest of us safe after catching a young fellow doing not good things in our community. Thank you for all your help. It's good to see community sticking together.

As for Dan and I it's

been pretty low-key. I've had doctors appointments and stuff, and I wanna thank my Chauffeurette Carrie Palko, thank you for all you do for me and hauling my scooter all the way around in and out then love you girlfriend pretty soon hoping we don't have to do any of it. As for Dan, he doesn't like going shopping with me as he has to take my scooter in and out then tires him out. Plus, he doesn't like to have to put groceries away and haul them in. And here I am thinking guess what buddy you know how many years I've done this. As I know, all ladies know this.

We've had a little bit of different weather here in the last week, but I hear it's gonna get better. I've seen a few farmers in the field so that's good. But I think we need a little bit more moisture for these farmers. It's such a wonderful site driving down the road. You see the baby calves.

From me to you, have a happy Easter to all let us all be thankful for all we have.

And I'm pretty sure you guys are wondering why I haven't said anything about that crazy ladies cards we've had to take a little bit of a break but boy I sure miss it and we'll be back at it again soon.

Rolling Hills resident wins \$100,000

Derek Virostek tried something new and it paid off!

The Rolling Hills local purchased a Lotto 6/49 and Extra ticket on his fifth Spot app and won \$100,000 on the March 5 EXTRA draw!

"I usually play Lotto Max," he explained while claiming his prize. "But I decided to give Lotto 6/49 a try this time around."

"I never thought I would win anything big," he continued. "I checked (my numbers) on the app and couldn't believe it. I had to check it over and over - I'm still in shock!"

The new winner said he checked his ticket while relaxing on his couch and

Lotto winner



DEREK VIROSTEK

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Grade 6 Griffin Park School students, Sam Daniel Sarmiento, Beauden Opperman, Caleb Nsabimana, Quinten Brown and Nathan Ward gathered during the school's annual Heritage Fair on Thursday. The event, which takes weeks to prepare for, sees students complete art projects like the paper mâché figures that are painted in the colours of flags bottom right, food from many countries, including samosa's from Somalia, left and students fill a booklet titled 'The Best Parts of Me' which includes their family tree and things they like.

| SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTOS



Bassano Banner

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BASSANO - On March 7th, Verna Heryford, Judy Gordichuk and Rick Treiber went into Calgary to attend the funeral of Bart Henhoeffler. He was married to Karen Goodrich, originally from Bassano.

The Banner and friends and neighbours extend anniversary wishes to Adam & Shelby Long on Easter Sunday.

Brace yourself for a lengthy list of birthday recipients for the next week. We will start with Darryl Magnusson, Stephen Treiber, Keith Evans, Darrel Lassiter and Michell Toth. Then we add Pam Schelske, Les Schmidt, Andreas Nielsen, Daniel Wood, Raylene Augustine and wrap up the list with Tanis Jensen and Ben Steinbach. I am sure to have missed a few.

The Easter week begins with Good Friday on the 18th. The day of Easter falls on a Sunday based on the lunisolar calendar. Easter date each year has been determined to fall on the Sunday after the full moon following March 21

for Western Christians who use the Gregorian calendar. Sunday, April 20th is day number 110 of the 2025 calendar year. How will your family celebrate the Easter weekend?

I wish to mention that my family moved into town from Gem on Good Friday in 1984. On that year, the Easter week began on April 14. That was 41 years ago that we chose to be part of

this community. Absolutely no regrets!!!

If we are looking at anniversaries, it is 60 years ago that a young married couple left their Nova Scotia families behind to begin a new life on the prairies. Any regrets? Absolutely not!!!

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Final list of Bow River candidates

SANDRA M STANWAY
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The Bow River candidates for the federal election have been confirmed

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A chance viewing of a TV ad promoting organic wool got your humble writer's attention. In past lives as a sheep rancher, and a wool buyer/judge, I have seen a lot of wool in various stages of quality. In all those roles, I presumed wool was unquestionably organic compared to synthetic fibres. But upon further enlightenment, I now understand that wool is considered to be just all-natural and not organic. I suspect most consumers were also unaware that there were two types of wool.

Thank goodness, kind-hearted marketers have saved us from being so ignorant about wool. We are told by sanctimonious promoters that regular wool is produced by sheep that are exposed

by malicious owners to all kinds of nefarious chemicals that could contaminate the wool at every stage of its growth and processing. Wow, and here I thought vaccines, antibiotics, and parasiticides were there to maintain healthy sheep, which produce more and better wool. Apparently, organic sheep may only be treated with the organic version of those health aids. Just like in the good old days, when sheep were thrown into vats of toxic but organic tobacco-sourced nicotine, which poisoned sheep lice and keds - sometimes the sheep too. Interestingly, a modern-day parasiticide, Ivermectin, used to control worms, keds and lice in and on sheep, originated from soil microbes/molecules - is that considered an organic product.

There is a more organic and fun way to deal with external pests - you get the family and

neighbours together to pluck the parasites from fleeces and shorn sheep. It could get tedious after plucking and squashing thousands of nasty keds, but it's a cool social event, sort of like calf branding.

According to regulations, organic wool requires perfect, unblemished, uncontaminated, parasite-free sheep. That would be a sheep that never gets sick and, is immune to diseases, internal and external parasites and can escape predators who might inflict untreatable non-organic wounds. The super sheep that survive those health and life-threatening calamities somehow produce supernatural organic wool. But if a sheep endures any of those stressful calamities, it will cause breaks in the wool fibres to appear.

Maybe that's how to check if wool is genuinely organic; just look for those breaks along with

brittle wool. The first things wool graders and judges look for in fleeces are breaks and brittle wool defects to determine quality levels. But who knew inferior and low-grade wool is now considered genuine organic and demands a premium. It would seem undamaged strong, long-fibered wool would be suspect if it were described as organic. It's similar to apples; they need worms, blight or scab to prove they're organic.

As with most organic products, certification is not robust or honest, as minimal laboratory testing is done to back up organic claims. I suspect testing wool for chemical traces would be a complex and costly laboratory exercise. Alleged organic guarantees boil down to dubious paper trails and trust, with growers basically purchasing certification from one of the myriad agencies with considerable annual

fees and logo royalties. The payoff for growing organic wool by the rules is that it should demand a high premium for the producer. I expect sheep producers who genuinely follow organic sheep rules would know that growing the perfect organic wool fleece is a costly exercise.

I believe some producers honestly try to produce this type of unique wool, but quantity would be limited. What about market demand? Are there enough buyers that are prepared to pay, say \$50 a pound or more for raw organic fleece? That would return about \$500 for a wool-type sheep, not including the value of any lamb production. It's all enticing for the hard-pressed sheep producer, as regular wool today returns only about \$5 to \$8 per fleece before shearing costs, and it's considered a nuisance money-losing byproduct. Shearing organic

wool must be seriously reevaluated as sheep shearing is considered animal cruelty by vegetarian/animal rights zealots who are fellow travellers in the organic phantasmagoria. Shearing is physically intrusive and mentally stressful for the sheep. It uses non-organic mechanical cutting weapons brandished by usually non-vegetarian shearers who violently remove wool fleeces from distraught sheep. There must be an organic way to get the fleece off the sheep without resorting to brute force. Maybe organic sheep can be sprayed with organic pixie dust from BC and the wool will just fall off magically and organically. Sounds like a much-needed organic research project.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and former wool buyer and judge.



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Bassano food store targeted by rural thieves

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

A break-in at Bassano Family Foods that resulted in an \$11,000 loss on April 9 at 2:45 a.m. was the latest in a string of southern Alberta rural break-ins that took place between April 6 and 9.

"The suspects are targeting rural Alberta convenience stores, gas stations, cannabis stores, vape stores, sporting good stores, liquor stores and grocery stores," said RCMP Cpl. Gina Slaney, public information officer.

She said most cases involve suspects targeting cash, cigarettes and lottery scratch tickets, which were the items that were taken from the Bassano store.

RCMP and the forensic identification services obtained CCTV footage and

evidence.

Police reported that no licence plate was obtained on a white Ford F-350 or Chev 3500 with a crew cab, cab lights and a black flat deck with a large wooden box on top, that was seen leaving the location heading east on Second Avenue.

Slaney reported that there have been various vehicles used throughout the course of the break and enters.

Both incidents involved three suspects all believed to be male and all had their faces covered.

The males in the Bassano incident are described as being thin built although one may be average built.

One of the suspects was wearing a black hooded sweater, black pants and a white belt, another was

wearing a grey hoodie with black shoulders with a #9 in white on the back. The third suspect had his face covered with a red bandana and he was wearing a dark blue North Face jacket and black track pants.

The RCMP encourages the public to report any suspicious vehicles or activity to police and that property and business owners should take extra precautions, such as ensuring cash is stored off site, premises are secured and security systems are fully operational.

If you have any information about this or any other crime, contact your RCMP detachment or report to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the app.

Old rodeo grounds is now municipal and school reserve

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Prior to city council approving the old rodeo grounds as municipal and school reserve, councillor Marissa Wardrop attempted to defer the discussion.

Last Monday she told council that they have been made aware of two other city-owned lots, "that have been brought to council's

attention," she said.

She said another two lots close to Medicine Hat College would be more appropriate for a high school.

"I would like to defer this so that we could meet or administration could meet with Christ the Redeemer to bring these two lots and locations to their attention before we completely go through with dedicating

the old rodeo grounds as municipal school reserve or school reserve," she said.

The motion to defer was defeated and council instead approved changing the designation from school reserve to municipal and school reserve.

The designation means that the land is to be used for a variety of purposes including public spaces, recreation and education.



SCANDIA - Here comes the Easter Bunny!!!! Join us for Scandia's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th @ the EID Historical Park @10am. Call or text Echo at 1-403-362-

9630.

Alcoma School News- Congrats to our Raiders who took part in the badminton tournament at BJHS this past weekend! All players and teams won at least one game, four players made the playoff rounds, with Eddie and Ashley finishing in third narrowly losing in the semis.

Our 4th year of One School One Book is going strong and we are well into the book. Keep up with the readings and spirit

days on class dojo. There will be no school on Friday and the next week for Easter break school will resume on April 28.

The schools casino will be taking place in Lethbridge in June. We are in need of volunteers Tuesday, June 17 from 8pm-4am, if you are able to help out please contact the school. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up.

If you have any news contact me at Karlyn.takeda@hotmail.com or 403-501-3618.

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SNAKE LAKE RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT**

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD

Filing by Eastern Irrigation District to Expand the Snake Lake Reservoir near Bassano, Alberta under:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT and
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD ACT

The Eastern Irrigation District has filed an environmental impact assessment report with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas for review and an application with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) Application No. 2501 for approval to expand the Snake Lake Reservoir near Bassano, Alberta. The project proposes to construct an earthen berm to extend the existing reservoir to the south and east. All or a portion of the existing east dam would be removed, which would connect the existing reservoir with the expanded reservoir, increasing the reservoir area. The proposed expansion is located in sections 29, 30, 31, and 32-19-16 W4M within the County of Newell.

Proposed water management projects that are required by Environment and Protected Areas to prepare and submit an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)* are automatically referred to the NRCB under the *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act (NRCBA)* to conduct a public interest review and either approve or deny the project.

Nature of Filing

The Eastern Irrigation District has prepared and filed an environmental impact assessment report to Environment and Protected Areas. The environmental impact assessment report forms part of the Eastern Irrigation District's application to the NRCB. Environment and Protected Areas, the NRCB, and other Government of Alberta departments are currently reviewing the filing. Once the environmental impact assessment report has been reviewed and the proponent has supplemented any deficiencies, Environment and Protected Areas will issue a completeness letter. The NRCB will issue a further notice inviting public participation to the NRCB review process once it determines the application is complete.

To obtain information about the project, contact the proponent:

Eastern Irrigation District
550 Industrial Road West
P.O. Box 128
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Email: eid@eid.ca
Telephone: 1-403-362-1400
<https://www.eid.ca/>

NRCB Review Process

The application to the NRCB and associated documents can be viewed on the NRCB website Snake Lake project page: <https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/natural-resource-projects-listing/450/snake-lake-reservoir-expansion>. Sign up on the website to receive email updates about the project.

Under section 24 of the NRCB's Rules of Practice regulation, all documents filed related to this proceeding must be placed on the public record unless otherwise ordered by the Board, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

For general information on the NRCB review process, refer to the Guides and additional links at <https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/guides> or contact:

Laura Friend, Manager, Board Reviews
Natural Resources Conservation Board
Telephone: (403) 297-8269 (Toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000)
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Dated at Calgary, Alberta, on April 14, 2025.

William Y. Kennedy, General Counsel, NRCB



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Duchess Dispatch



LINDA MOREY

DUCHESS - I thought it was such a late Easter and yet, here it is, coming up in just a few days. Staff and students from Grasslands will be off for their spring break from April 18 until April 28th.

Brooks and District is holding their next dance in Saturday, April 26 from 7:30-10:30 pm, at Nikko Sushi Grill & Bar in the main hall. The address is 225 3rd Street W Brooks. Local Brooks band "Time After Time" will provide the entertainment. It promises to be a great evening as the band plays a great variety of tunes. You don't have to dance. Come with friends for

a visit, drink while listening to the music. Everyone is welcome.

Get ready for some excitement for the Duchess School Spring Scholastic Book Fair. The theme this year is "Team up with a good book!" Family Sports Event will be held Monday, May 5th 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Come dressed in your favorite sports team jersey or the jersey that you play for. There will be door prizes, guessing games, sports events and snacks. There is a "Family Event Door Prize" too! Win \$25 in books for your family and \$25 in books for your child's classroom! You

don't have to have a child in the school to hours are as follows: Monday May 5th 4:00pm - 7:00pm (Family Sport Events); Tuesday May 6th 8:30am - 6:00pm; Wednesday May 7th 8:30am - 5:00pm; Thursday May 8th 8:30am - 4:00pm.

Errol and Florence Raven would like to extend a great big thank you to their granddaughter Sammi Jo Giles for organizing a meal drive for them. Sammi Jo and her friends were so thoughtful and it just warmed their hearts. They would also like to thank their great group of friends who have offered encouragement, thoughts

and prayers as they wind their way through their health journey.

And our community sends congratulations to our neighbour to the west in

Rosemary. Bill Marshall was selected as the "volunteer of the year." Its great to recognize people who give their time!
Have a beautiful

Easter and please call or text me at 793 1630.

Quote: "Then Jesus said, Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God." John 11:40.

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Wow, we've sure had some pretty nice weather the last while. It almost feels like Spring and the robins are back by the dozens, I just hope some of them leave my place before the cherries and saskatoons come on.

I'd like to wish all my readers a Happy Easter and I hope the Easter Bunny comes to all of you with candy for the children and maybe flowers for mommy.

Karl and Linda Slomp returned home on the 3rd of April from their trip to Guatemala after spending over a week there. They visited the school where the students are learning English and connected with some of the older students. They found that they had built a new school, which can house more students, as more and more kids are eager to learn. In the new school the younger kids learn mathematics, and other subjects that they'll need so they can continue their education, this they do in the morning in Spanish and then in the afternoon they learn English and play sports in the afternoon. Actually one of the older students' teaches Karl Spanish, so it's a two-way street. The couple that is usually there to oversee the running of the school, they weren't there this time and Linda really missed seeing them, as they spoke English. They were in the US fund raising for their new school. While there they had opportunity to visit one on the teachers' who was off on maternity leave and Linda got to hold the little babe for a while. One day while Karl was at the school Linda went to a Nature Reserve and enjoyed the day seeing some monkeys and different kinds of birds. All in all they had a good trip.

On the weekend Barbara and Thomas Mahrer held an early Easter celebration with

their families all home and Barbara's sister, Sandra and hubby Frank Zasadny of Lethbridge were all here. They came to hear the Celebration Choir, in which Barbara took part. They performed at Bassano, Brooks and Rosemary this past weekend.

I along with Mary Webber and many other folks from the area attended the performance at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday evening and it was full house. They were very good, congratulations to you all, honouring us with wonderful music, readying us for Easter.

NoteThe Brooks United Church THRIFT Sale is on THIS Thursday, April 17th from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome to buy things you may need or may not?

NOTE The Brooks and District Social Club will be holding their dance on Saturday, April 26th at the Nikko Grill and Bar Hall (the former Legion Hall) with our local band "Time after Time" playing from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come on out and have an evening of fellowship and dancing. It is fun!! Come on out and try it. **The May dance will be on Saturday, May 24th. Mark your calendars.

Birthday greetings this coming week go out to Andrew Christman, to Kaden Mortensen and to Devin Slomp, all on Apr. 17th; to Riley Church and to Harold Wutzke of Brooks, both on Apr. 18th; to Monty Kozma on Apr. 19th; to Michelle Alberts on Apr.20th and to Jaimie Janko on Apr. 21st. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating this week. We wish everyone all the very best for the coming years.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Neil and Dominique Grundy on Apr.

19th and to Wayne and Janice Bunney of Lethbridge on Apr. 20th. We wish both couples' all the best in health and happiness for many years together.

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

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Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



RAINIER - Happy Birthday wishes to Cory Springer & Rosalind VanHal on April 17, Levi Johnson on April 21, Benn Gubbins on April 22.

Alcoma School News- Congratulations to the students for attending the BJHS badminton tournament. Congratulations to Ashley Thiessen and Eddie Allen for winning third place in mixed doubles! Grade 6 girls

badminton tournament at Griffin park school on April 14th. Grade 6 boys badminton tournament at Griffin park school on April 15th.

Friendly reminder there will be no school April 18th to the 25th, with kids returning to school on April 28th. Hope everyone has a hoppy easter filled with adventures. May 2nd please join Alcoma School for their Spring tea & open house.

Performances in the gym 10:30am-11:30am, 25 year old time capsule opening @11:30am, soup & bun lunch @ 11:45 am, Alcoma community kids club 12pm-1:30pm, SPEC playgroup 12 pm-1:30 pm, open house 1-2:30pm, and Kindergarten open house from 1-2:30pm. The event is celebrating all of the parents, community members, and volunteers. Everyone is welcome. Registration for next school

year for Kindergarten is open, you can either register online or at the school. Alcoma has teamed up with Alberta Prairie Meats for a fundraiser. Contact an Alcoma School family to make an order. It's a great way to support our local school along with a local business. This fundraiser helps keep field trips, sports, and school supplies to a minimal cost for students.

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. If you are interested in more info please check our Alcoma Schools new/updated site. It's a great way to stay up to date on all the school happenings. alcoma.grasslands.ab.ca

Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public on Thursday evening 6:30pm to 8pm. Reminder the school will be closed for the week of April 21st.

Scandia once again is having their annual easter egg hunt Saturday April 19th at the EID historical

park at 10am. Call or text Echo if you plan to attend, 403 362 9630

Celebration Choir has started their concerts. Most recently they had one at Bassano Knox Presbyterian Church, next is April 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church and April 14 at Rosemary Mennonite Church. All concerts start at 7 pm. It is a concert of Lenten and Easter selections. Admission is free will offering, This year the recipients of our donation are St. Vincent de Paul, Cantera House and Maggie Kosterawa (a local family with medical needs)

Rolling Hills Drop-In Centre is hosting Howling Pete & Meg on April 17th @7pm. There will be a cash bar, snacks, cake & refreshments FREE. There is limited seating and tickets can be purchased at the door. Rolling Hills Ag Society is having their annual pumpkin growing contest. Grab your 2025 growing seeds. More info available on there website <https://www.rollinghills.ca/general-store.html>

Rolling Hills is looking for vendors for an upcoming market/garage sale. Please contact Shelby to register 403 363 0195, deadline is

April 25th.

Brooks Social Dance club is hosting another event. Local Brooks band "Time After Time" will be playing, Saturday ,April 26th at Nikko Sushi Grill & Bar, main hall from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. It promises to be a great evening as the band plays a great variety of tunes. You don't have to dance. Come with friends for a visit, drink while listening to the music. Everyone Welcome

Save the date May 11th Rainier Community Hall will be hosting their 3rd Mothers Day brunch.

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

Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Well if you're a Brooks Bandits fan that was a nail biter of a game 5 Saturday night! They saved themselves from travelling back to Kelowna by winning halfway into overtime. Next round starts this coming weekend.

A reminder to all to be aware of strange vehicles and people in your area. Suspicious activity in Bow City lead to an arrest last week. Sadly those looking to take advantage the easy way are out there lurking. Watch out for yourselves and your neighbours.

Hayden Mulvey had a good start to the Spring Season of High School Rodeo competing in Siksiika last weekend and Taber this weekend winning all 4 rounds coming away with the average winner at both rodeos in the bull riding. He also was invited to ride bulls for 3 days at Aggie Days in Calgary this week where they demonstrate a few different rodeo events for the Calgary and area elementary school kids. Next stop is the BRC in Thorhild, AB next weekend! Congratulations, safe rides and safe travels!

The Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society hosted a fantastic

workshop this past weekend on palliative care training. It was highly informative, emotional, and well attend-ed. They will be hosting a Personal Directives information session at Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday April 30th at 7pm and a Know Dementia workshop on May 8th. These are all free events check out their website or social media or call 403-363-4924.

Reminder the hall clean up is May 5th @ 4pm, or as soon as you can arrive. This is an evening of community support helping spruce up the hall inside and out before the busy rental season. Please come out and help as the more hands the faster, easier, and more fun the work!! And hotdogs to enjoy too!! If weather is poor the back up is May 7th.

All our welcome to come check out the Volunteer Resource Fair at the JBS Canada Center on April 26,2025 from 10am-2pm. This event is a great opportunity to showcase your organization, connect with potential volunteers, and highlight the meaningful work you do in the Brooks-Newell region. As well as a chance for people looking to invest their time in volunteer activities to see what our

amazing community offers. For more information call 403-362-4549.

Rolling Hills Pumpkin Ball Competition has begun!!! \$50 gets you 5 seeds and a hat. Plant your seeds and show up in October at the Ball to win prizes in various categories! Pick up seeds at Cordon Electric or Rolling Hills post office, or online @ <https://www.rollinghills.ca/general-store.html>. For more information contact Desi @ 403-362-9261 or Shelby @ 403-363-0195.

The next Brooks Social Dance is coming up soon! Sat April 26 7:30-10:30 at Nikko Sushi Grill in the main hall. The featured band is Time After Time. Everyone is welcome!

Have a blessed Easter season if that's a celebration you honour. Enjoy family, food and fellowship. Maybe some chocolate, devilled eggs and turkey overload as well!! Students in the area are off and return back April 28th. Welcome home to all post secondary students start-ing back to summer jobs!

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.

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obituaries



FRANZ – Robert (Bob) Franz of Brooks, loving husband of Grace Franz, passed away in Brooks on Sunday, April 6th, 2025 at the age of 79 years. Bob was born in a two room shack in the dusty coal-mining town of Coleman, Alberta, to Robert and Marie Franz (nee Hammer). They moved to a new home, built by his father and grandfather, in what was then the hamlet of Willow Drive at the west end of Coleman in 1952. Bob went to school in Coleman, starting out in elementary school at Cameron School, where he met the love of his life Grace in second grade, and his junior and senior high at Coleman Central High School.

As a child and teenager he enjoyed hiking in the surrounding mountains with his dog, likely named Rex, in the summers and tobogganing and pond skating with close friends in the winter. He excelled academically, receiving honor grades throughout school and delighted in drama presentations, debates and editing the school newspaper. Upon high school graduation he attended the University of Alberta for two years and began teaching at the age of twenty at Horace Allen Junior Senior High School and at Central Elementary School, teaching grade 6 Language at the latter to give the principal time for administration. With the construction of the Crownsnest Consolidated High School in 1970, he became senior Biology teacher at one point teaching four classes of Biology 30 and 6 classes of Biology 20. As school enrolments declined he also taught Physics, Psychology and locally developed grade 9 option courses (including Community Industries), and ran an archery and two astronomy, and rocketry clubs. Bob returned to school to complete his Masters in Education from the University of Alberta in 1974. In 1980, he moved to Hays, Alberta, to be the principal at Hays School, and to Brooks in 1981 where he took on the role of Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools for the County of Newell, and then of Grasslands Public School Division from 1994 until his retirement in 2005. Bob was involved in many societies, boards and community projects, too many to list. Most recently he was involved in the Alberta Genealogy Society and had traced his lineage back to 400A.D. He was a published writer and an artist winning multiple awards throughout the Province for his pencil sketches and silverpoint drawings. Bob will be remembered for his wisdom, sense of humor, little walks (10km hikes through mountainous terrain), terrible dad jokes, stories and most importantly the love he had for his wife, children and grandchildren. His fondest memories include visits to his grandparents Hammer as a child and playing cards with them as an adult, writing to his Grandma (Emma) Franz, visits with his Aunt Irene and Uncle Fred Puchko, camping holidays and hiking explorations with family, playing cards and board games, private one-on-one conversations with Meghan and Kyle, playing trolls with Tayin, and spider with Violet, time spent jok-ing, laughing and the sense of humor of the extended family, walks with Grace and quiet time with the cats. Bob was predeceased by his mother, Marie Franz and father, Robert Franz Sr. He is survived by he wife, Grace Franz, son Kyle Franz, daughter Meghan (Jesse) Doherty, grandchildren Tayin Doherty and Violet Doherty, Aunt Mae Johnson and Aunt Eleanor Hammer. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 31st at 2:00 PM from the Heritage Inn and Convention Centre, Brooks.

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GRATRIX - Stephen (Steve) Charles Gratrix of Medicine Hat, Alberta, passed away peacefully in Medicine Hat on September 19, 2024 at the age of 76 years. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM within the Brooks Cemetery Field of Honor on Saturday, April 19, 2025. For further information, to light a memorial candle or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomsonfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.



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FEHR - Andrew W. Fehr, age 84 years, 7 months, and 28 days passed on to his eternal reward April 6, 2025 at his home in Dunster, British Columbia.

Andrew was born August 9, 1940 at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, to John and Anna (Wall) Fehr. On Nov. 6, 1960 he married Marie Dick at Cecil Lake British Columbia who preceded him in death on August 19, 2024. God blessed them with 63 years together. Andrew and Marie lived at Cecil Lake for the first 19 years of their married life. Out of concern for the welfare and education of their children they felt the call of God to move to McBride, British Columbia, in 1979. There they raised their family and blessed the lives of many. In 1999 they moved to Duchess, Alberta, and lived there until 2021 when they moved into an adjoining house of their daughter and son-in-law Marie and Isaac in Dunster, British Columbia. Church attendance was a highlight for him. He was a member of the McBride Mennonite Church at the time of his death.

Andrew and Marie's home was blessed with 15 children, 14 of whom survive: Andy (Lena Sue) Fehr of Albany, Oregon, Marie (Isaac) Martin of Dunster, British Columbia, Margaret (Allen) Baer of Gervais, Oregon, Herman (Janet) Fehr of Lethbridge, Alberta, Peter (Liesa) Fehr of Lethbridge, Alberta, Anna (Larry) Torkelson of LaGlance, Alberta, Agnes (Elvin) Ebersol of Milton Freewater, Oregon, Kathrine (Merlyn) Huber of New Dayton, Alberta, Anthony Fehr of Prince George, British Columbia, Stella (Gerald) Torkelson of Duchess, Alberta, Susie Fehr of Kamloops, British Columbia, Trudy (Al) Wilms of Coaldale, Alberta, Sarah (Tony) Peters of Grand Prairie, Alberta, Conrad (Carol) Fehr of New Dayton, Alberta. He is also survived by 65 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, his mother-in-law Margaret Dick, two brothers, Peter and Martin, and six sisters, Anna, Mary, Christina, Helena, Katherina, and Agnes. He was preceded in death by his son Daniel, his parents, John and Anna (Wall) Fehr, six brothers, Ben, Cornie, John, Jacob, Diedrich, and Erdman, and two sisters, Margaret, and Eva. One of his joys in life was to be covered in grease from head to foot.

Special thanks from the family to Susana Peters for her compassionate care of our father during the final months of his life.

Also, thank you to the McBride Mennonite Church, the local community, and extended family for your prayers and support, and to the nurses at the McBride Hospital for being there for us when we had questions and needs.

FEHR - Marie Fehr, age 83 years, 3 months, and 3 days, passed on to her eternal reward on August 19, 2024, at her home in Dunster, British Columbia after a brief battle with cancer.

Marie was born on May 16, 1941 at Burns Lake, British Columbia to Herman and Margaret Dick. She survived polio at the age of 11 but it left it's permanent mark on her life. From a young age she had a strong faith in God and her faith has been an encouragement to the many lives she touched.

On November 6, 1960 she married Andrew Fehr at Cecil Lake, British Columbia and God blessed them with 63 years together. Andrew and Marie lived at Cecil Lake, British Columbia for the first 19 years of their married life. Out of concern for the welfare and education of their children they felt the call of God to move to McBride, British Columbia in 1979. There they raised their family and blessed the lives of many. In 1999 they moved to Duchess, Alberta and lived there for 20 years until 2021 when they moved into an adjoining house of their daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Isaac Martin, in Dunster, British Columbia. Each one of Marie's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are blessed beyond measure with the faithful example of love and obedience that she has left us with.

Marie is survived by her loving husband, Andrew Fehr. Their home was blessed with 15 children, 14 of whom survive: Andy (Lena Sue) Fehr of Albany Oregon, Marie (Isaac) Martin of Dunster, British Columbia, Margaret (Allen) Baer of Gervais Oregon, Herman (Janet) Fehr of Lethbridge Alberta, Peter (Liesa) Fehr of Lethbridge, Alberta, Anna (Larry) Torkelson of LaGlance, Alberta, Agnes (Elvin) Ebersol of Milton Freewater, Oregon, Anthony Fehr of Prince George, British Columbia, Kathryn (Merlin) Huber of New Dayton Alberta, Stella (Gerald) Torkelson of Duchess, Alberta, Susie Fehr of Kamloops, British Columbia, Trudy (Al) Wilms of Coaldale, Alberta, Sarah (Tony) Peters of Grande Prairie, Alberta, Conrad (Carol) Fehr of New Dayton, Alberta. She is also survived by her mother Margaret Dick, 2 sisters: Margaret Eva Dick and Sarah Bueckert and 2 brothers: John Dick and Herman Dick.

She was preceded in death by her father Herman Dick, a brother in law Jake Bueckert, and a son Daniel Fehr who was killed in a logging accident in 1994.

Mom was an avid gardener and passed the love of gardening on to many of her children. She enjoyed taking the time to connect with each one of her grandchildren and many have fond memories of playing games with Grandma. Her example of faithfulness is an encouragement to all of us!

2 Timothy 2:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day and not to me only but unto all them that love his appearing.

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DUNNE – Mary Mildred Eileen Rose Dunne of Brooks, beloved wife of the late Leo Dunne, passed away in Brooks on Thursday, April 10th, 2025 at the age of 95 years. Mildred was born on December 14th, 1929 in Pilot Mound, Manitoba to Thomas and Alma Delorme. Mildred married Leo Dunne on September 27th, 1949 in Mariapolis Manitoba. She is know best as “Millie” who had many great friends, but her best friend was Carrie. Millie loved gardening, crafts, sports and camping with her chil-dren. She

loved her children and wouldn't trade them for all the money in the world. Millie will be remembered for playing ball, curling, bowling and horseshoes. She was predeceased by her parents, Alma and Thomas Delorme; her husband Leo; sisters, Leona, Pat and Reta; brothers, Alvin, Ernie, Ted and Len. Millie is survived by her loving family: sister Velma (Allen) and daughter Theresa and daughter Valerie (John); sons, Butch (May), David (Eileen) and Leo Jr. and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. A private service will be held.

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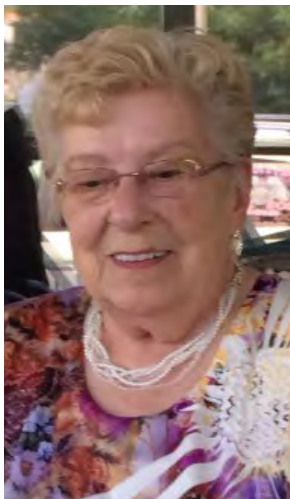


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LISCOUMB - Evelyn Liscoumb of Brooks, Alberta passed away April 8, 2025 at the age of 89. Born in Mankota, Saskatchewan to Cliff and Lucy Hughes June 6, 1935.

She moved to Calgary, Alberta with 4 children where she meet and married John Liscoumb.

Eve was predeceased by parents Cliff and Lucy Hughes, husband John Liscoumb, daughters Cynthia Moser and Anita Hansen and son Victor Herback, brother Cliff Hughes.

Survived by daughter Maura Herback, sister Gwen Kunard and Carol (Bob) Nicol, brother Terry (Dorothy) Hughes. Seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Interment will be held in Mankota, Saskatchewan at a later date.

cards of thanks

Thank You!

A very special thank you to all the staff at Sunrise Garden Age Care, Brooks, AB. Your care, compassion and respect to the residents and especially to Evelyn Liscoumb was truly amazing. We will be forever grateful.

Thank you.

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cards of thanks

Thank You!

We the family of the late, Elsa Peters, express our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness, care shown and visits to our mom and grandmother throughout her years of living in Brooks. It meant a lot to her and to us. Special thanks to Dr. Coetzee and nurse Janet for your excellent medical care. Also thanks to the staff at Newbrook Lodge, Orchard Manor and Sunrise Gardens. Your excellent care shown to our mom was always so appreciated. Thank you to Smith Funeral Home for taking care of funeral arrangements.

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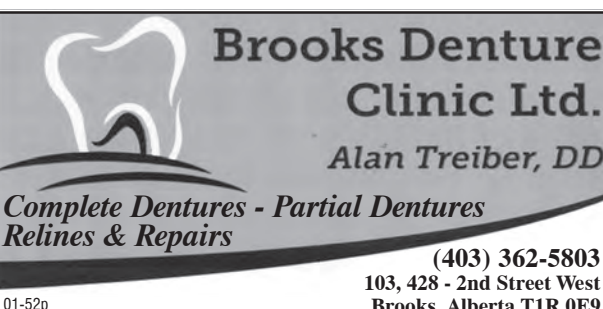


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Clue: Peaceful

B. 23 5 5 16 19 13 22 6 4 22 19

Clue: Stores volumes

C. 6 22 18 8 1 18 21

Clue: Allowing to borrow

D. 6 1 23 10 24 10 1 24 18

Clue: Library worker

Answers: A. quiet B. bookshelves C. lending D. librarian

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the library.

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Answer: Fiction

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Answer: Jennifer Garner

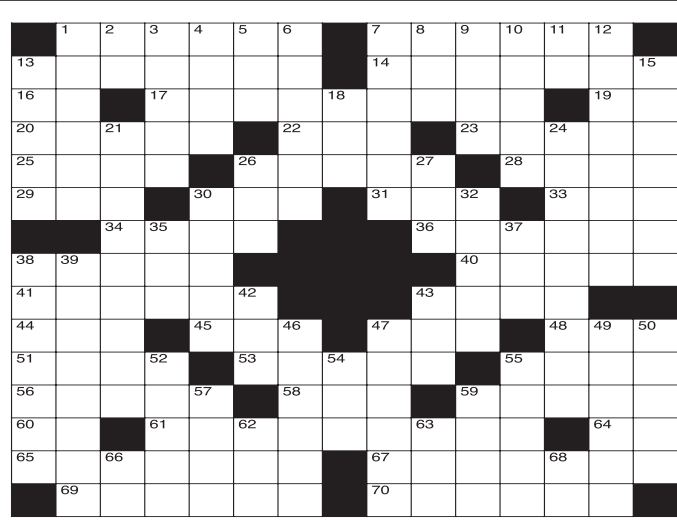
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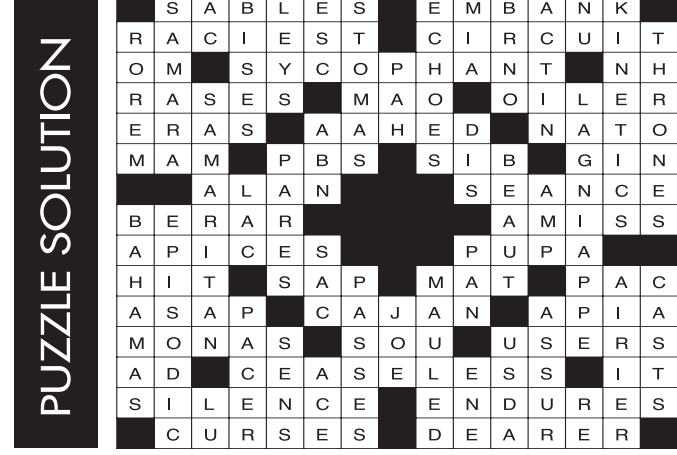


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- Dark blacks
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- Flatterer
- The Granite State
- Tears down
- China's Chairman
- Former Houston footballer
- Periods of time
- Expressed pleasure
- World alliance
- A Brit's mother
- Television network
- Brother or sister
- Type of spirit
- ___ Ladd, actor
- A medium oversees it
- One time province of British India
- Wrong
- The highest parts of something
- Insect
- Baseball stat
- A way to use up
- Where wrestlers compete
- It helps elect politicians
- As fast as can be done
- Genus of legumes
- Samoa's capital
- Monument in Jakarta
- Former French coin
- Exploiters
- College sports official
- Uninterrupted in time
- Stephen King story
- Marked by no sound
- Weathers
- Denouncements
- More beloved

CLUES DOWN

- Winged nut
- It cools a home
- Kisses (French)
- Oxford political economist
- Keyboard key
- Leaf pores
- Agrees with publicly
- Not around
- Czech city
- Muscle cell protein
- Greek letter
- Movements
- Ned __, composer
- Popular series Game of __
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Helper
- Gift
- Up in the air (abbr.)
- Treat without respect
- Trims
- Slang for lovely
- City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
- Guitarists' tool
- Island nation
- Delivered in installments
- A baglike structure
- Cooking vessel
- Gets in front of
- Wounded by scratching
- More breathable
- Medical dressings
- Indiana hoopster
- Married Marilyn
- An ancient Assyrian city
- Congressmen (abbr.)
- Approves food
- Ventura's first name
- Between northeast and east
- Atom #71
- Email designation



projects, but avoid using them to put off other endeavors. These distractions will only delay the inevitable and then you'll be pressed for time.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Expect some valuable insight regarding your future to emerge in the next few days, Aries. It won't be difficult to set plans in motion when you have the right people on your side.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, take a breather and give some careful thought to your recent experiences and your expectations going forward. You will benefit from this in the long run.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
You are focused on your work, Gemini. However, distractions are beyond your control right now and will pull your attention away from what matters to higher-ups.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Romantic endeavors are a little hard to plan and consider right now, Cancer. Just stick to what your intuition is telling you and you will come out just fine in the end.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Leo, you might be called upon to be a mediator for friends or loved ones who need a fresh set of eyes. Keep a cool demeanor and a level head and you can lead them to a resolution.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you are drawn to creative

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, carefully schedule your time this week, as you cannot afford to get behind on your assignments at work or in school. You also have many important appointments on the calendar.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, someone comes to you for advice this week and wants you to keep their situation private. You need to help them without betraying their request for confidentiality.

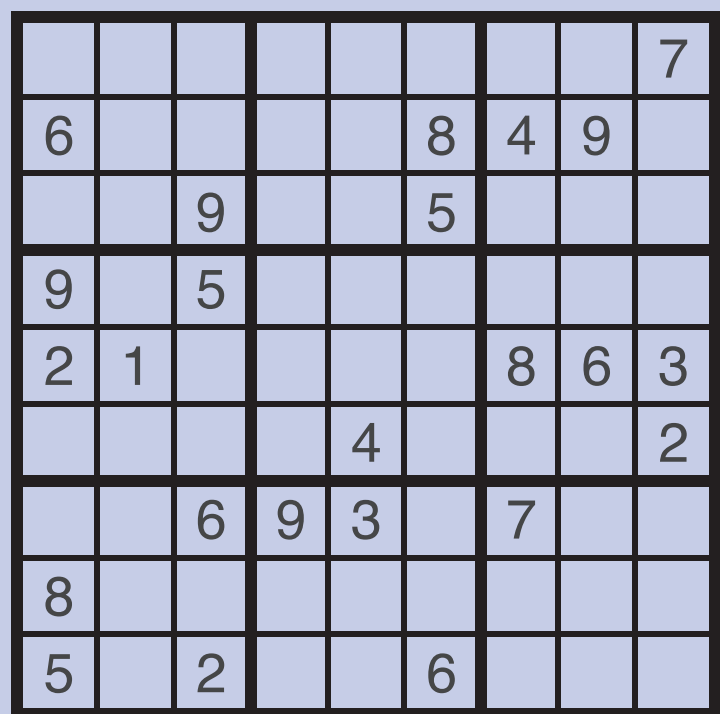
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
It is possible your mind will wander this week, Sagittarius. You might not be able to focus on the tasks at hand, and will need to focus extra hard to limit distractions.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, pay attention to detail in all things that you do. Be mindful of this when tending to professional and personal matters.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, the simplest resolution is often the best one. Keep this mind when tackling a perplexing problem in the days ahead.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you are eager to sail through your to-do list, and certain tasks need to be postponed to address those that are high-priority. Rearrange things accordingly.

Sudoku



ANSWERS

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CIVETS & MONGOOSES

Civets and mongooses are primitive, catlike mammals, but despite the many traits they share, these creatures belong to distinct and separate families.

Mongooses live around four years in the wild and up to 20 years in captivity.

The **Congo water civet** is found in northeastern Congo. It lives in the rainforest near streams and waterways. The Congo water civet is shy and elusive, rarely seen by humans. Probably nocturnal, this civet is believed to feed mostly on fish.

The civet

Civets are small, long-bodied, mostly nocturnal mammals found in Africa, southern Europe and Asia. Most species live in the tropical forests of Southeast Asia.

There are 15 to 20 species of civets. Sometimes called civet cats, these animals are not felines but are more closely related to weasels, mongooses and other small carnivores.

Civets have 40 teeth. They have five digits on each paw, with nonretractable claws.

Behavior

Civets are solitary, nocturnal animals. They live in tree hollows and rock crevices.

Although most civets live on the ground, some, like the Asian palm civet, are **arboreal** (meaning they live in trees). The Sunda otter civet, the African civet and the rare Congo water civet are semiaquatic.

Civets are omnivores and will eat just about anything, including small animals and vegetable matter. Many are fond of rodents and snakes.

Civet litters usually consist of two or three young.

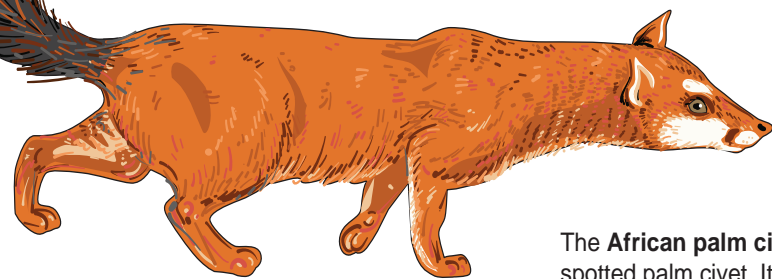
Threatened species

Several civet species are in danger of extinction; among these are the Malabar civet of India and the Sunda otter civet, native to the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra and Borneo.

Coffee and perfume

Civets produce a thick, sticky secretion called **civetone**. This musky scent has been used for centuries in fancy perfumes. Today, most of the perfume industry uses a synthetic version of civetone.

In the Philippines and Indonesia, coffee beans are fed to civets and collected after being excreted. These beans are called **kopi luwak** and are made into one of the world's rarest coffees. A cup of this coffee has sold for as much as \$100 in specialty shops.



Some civet species are hunted for their fur.

The **African palm civet** is also known as the two-spotted palm civet. It is found in the tropical jungles of eastern and central Africa. This omnivore spends most of its time in trees, feeding on berries, fruits, insects, rodents, lizards, small snakes and frogs.



African palm civets can live for up to 15 years.

The **gray mongoose** lives in open forests and fields of West Asia and on the Indian subcontinent. It nests in burrows or thickets. Leopards are known predators of the Indian gray mongoose.

Some mongooses are legendary snake fighters. The Indian gray mongoose is well-known for its ability to fight and eat venomous snakes, such as cobras.



The **Sunda otter civet** is native to Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and northern Vietnam. About the size of a housecat, the otter civet is semiaquatic and has webbed feet with naked soles and long claws.

The **African civet** is one of the most well-known civets. It is found in mountain and lowland forests, swamps and savannas across sub-Saharan Africa. Females are slightly larger than males. Its diet includes fruit and various vegetation, insects, eggs, birds, reptiles and small mammals.

It detects prey primarily by smell and sound rather than by sight.

The small **Asian mongoose** is native to South and Southeast Asia. It is also known as the Hawaiian mongoose because it was introduced to Hawaii to control rats and quickly became invasive.



The African civet has a coarse, wiry fur that varies in color from white to creamy yellow to reddish on the back.



The **banded mongoose** is found in the central and eastern parts of Africa. It lives in savannas, open forests and grasslands and feeds primarily on beetles and millipedes. It lives in colonies that travel and fight together as a team.

The mongoose

There are 34 mongoose species; they live in Europe, Asia and Africa. These weasel-like creatures can adapt to many habitats.

Mongooses range in size from the **dwarf mongoose** at 7 inches (18 cm) long to the **Egyptian mongoose** at 2 feet (60 cm) long.

Behavior

Mongooses are fast and agile **carnivores** (meat-eaters). They eat snakes, rodents, birds, frogs, insects and eggs. Like the otter, they use rocks as tools to crack the shells of eggs, or they throw eggs against a hard surface to break them. They sometimes eat nuts, fruits, roots, berries and seeds.

Mongooses are active during the day and sleep at night.

Some mongooses are solitary, but others, like the **banded mongoose**, live in large groups called **packs, colonies** or **mobs**. Packs can have up to 50 members.

Mongooses live in burrows or in trees. They rarely dig their own burrows, preferring to find abandoned burrows.

Mongooses have sharp, nonretractable claws, which they use to defend themselves.

Many mongoose species are immune to snakebite toxins.

Mongooses are vocal and chatter constantly. They will cry out to announce danger. Once a year, to attract a mate, they make high-pitched sounds called **giggling**.

Status

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, most mongoose species are considered threatened but not endangered.