



# BROOKS BULLETIN

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In the musical theatre groups event at the Galaxy Dance Festival on Friday Rhythmic Soles Dance Academy students earned a high gold. The adjudicated event saw well over 100 dancers from five schools including Strathmore, Consort, Medicine Hat and Vulcan. Dancers were judged in areas including musical theatre, ballet, jazz, tap and lyrical. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Residents say city moving too fast choosing school site

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

A couple of local residents say the city is moving too fast to provide a future school site in the Meadowbrook area.

Last Tuesday, the city council committee agreed to provide a letter of intent to Grasslands Public Schools for the land along 4th Avenue just south of the French school for a future elementary school.

The residents, who asked not to be identified, said the city is moving forward whether they want it or not. "I think it's decided ahead of time," he said.

They added that there has been a lot of development in the area including a 112-unit apartment and now a public school near an established school.

"That's a lot of people on one block."

"I'm not very happy. When I first bought my house it wasn't zoned to have the school there. So now I'm looking at having my house depreciate," said one resident.

"You guys have rushed this through. I mean, you're pushing it through. You're doing it again, just like you did with the Catholic school," they said.

Hélène Emmell, chair of the Southern Francophone Education Region, said she is pleased that another

school may be constructed nearby and the Francophone Region would be open to sharing facilities.

She said there are plans starting for the field's design but they would like to involve Grasslands in the discussion.

"We need to have a conversation. We want to partner with the city and Grasslands," she said.

The public school board has included the future elementary school as their second priority in the 2026-2029 capital plan.

A letter of intent or land approval had to be submitted to the province by April 1.

The proposed public school along 4th Avenue East would be the first in an area of the city that is growing.

It could have a starting capacity of 450 students at the cost of \$26.925 million.

The school board's top priority is to return portables to Griffin Park School to accommodate growth and a complete modernization at the cost of \$21.137 million.

The city is expected to introduce a bylaw on April 7 to redesignate the 8.20 acres parcel on Meadowlake land from public recreation and open space to accommodate the school as a municipal reserve, school reserve or municipal and school reserve site.

## Thirty-foot Christmas tree proposed for Veteran's Park

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A 30-foot cylindrical Christmas Tree with a 10-foot base may adorn Veteran's Park this holiday season thanks to the Brooks Filipino Community Association.

Members of the association addressed city council committee members last Tuesday stating they want to give back to the municipality.

"We are both celebrating Christmas," Emelcris Aurelio, president of the Filipino Community.

"Christmas is a big event for both of us."

The plan that is proposed is to have a ceremonial tree lighting following the Santa Claus Parade and just before the fireworks.

"It will be another event that will make our city

alive," said Emelcris.

The majority of city councillors agreed with the concept but there is some concern that a strong wind could knock the tree down and not only be damaged but other infrastructure around it.

While sand bags will be placed at the base of the tree. Guide or tension wires could also be used to keep the tree erect.

The tree has received support from the BRZ which sees it as a "potential trademark" for the city.

Power cost estimates will be determined, however, before the project gets the final OK a development permit will be applied for to ensure that all precautions are taken and that there is insurance coverage.

A similar tree was used in the square in Braga, Portugal in 2015.



A metal Christmas tree has been proposed to be constructed and installed in Veteran's Park. The tree will be similar to one that was built in Braga, Portugal. | WIKIMEDIA COMMONS JOSE GONCALVES, PORTUGAL 2015 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

## Pace requests abeyance for Brooks solar project

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Pace Solar has asked the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to place their application for the Salt Flats project in Brooks in abeyance for three months.

"PACE had some additional field work done on the project site and is considering updating its layout," states a submission to the AUC by the company's lawyers.

The company is also considering further visual impacts pursuant to the Electric Energy Land Use and Visual Assessment Regulation.

If the application is approved it will mean that the four day oral hearing that was set to begin on April 14 would be cancelled.

A decision by the AUC is expected this week.

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**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 183O37 Range road 145, P.O Box 130, Brooks, AB, T1R 1B2 Or email to : [municipalservices@newellmail.ca](mailto: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.



### LAND FOR LEASE IN ROLLING HILLS

**Crop restrictions will apply** as the land is used for applying sanitary waste water from the Hamlet of Rolling Hills.

**Irrigation equipment** includes two (2) buried mainlines, pivot, and two (2) pumps.

**Sealed Offers to Lease** will be received up until **2:00 pm** local time on **April 11**.

Drop off or mail submissions to: **County Administration building** 183O37, Range Road 145, Brooks, AB.



#### For an offer to be considered:

- ✓ You must be the registered owner of not less than 100 acres of land with irrigation acres within the County of Newell.
- ✓ Your offer must be on the official Offer to Lease form provided by the County of Newell (found on the Tenders page of the County website).



OR SCAN THE CODE for more information



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### AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY FIRE BYLAW

The **County of Newell Council** is considering amendments to the County's **Fire Bylaw** which has received First Reading. Public input is requested before it's given additional consideration by Council.

Amendments to the Bylaw include:

- Planning & preparations prior to controlled burns
- Burn barrel use
- Fireworks
- Approved debris
- Prohibited debris

**With the introduction of Prohibited Debris, penalties have been introduced for its unauthorized burning.**



You can find the **Bylaw** and its attachments for review by going to **12.4 on the March 6 Council agenda** found here > <https://bit.ly/newell-fire-bylaw>

Email: [ferguson@newellmail.ca](mailto:ferguson@newellmail.ca)

Mail or drop-off: County Administration Office, 183O37 Rge. Rd 145, Brooks, AB, T1R 1B2

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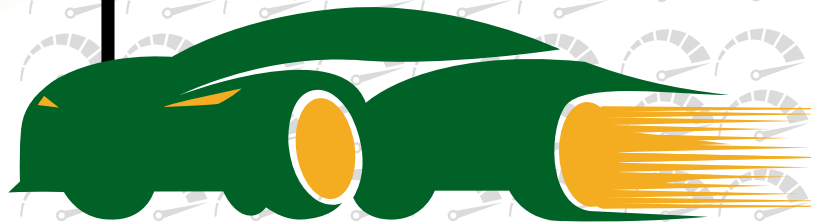
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### ALBERTA TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER

## DON'T SPEED



Speed is one of the main contributors to fatal collisions across Alberta. Speeding puts everyone at risk. Follow the posted limits and adjust your speed for road and weather conditions. Let's prioritize safety over speed. Slow down and arrive alive.



### COUNTY RESIDENTS



The **County of Newell** is seeking **three** public members to serve on the

### COUNCILLOR COMPENSATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee reviews and recommends appropriate honorariums, per diems, and other compensation items for elected officials to ensure fairness and transparency.



The time commitment is approximately 7-10 hours.

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

DEADLINE TO APPLY HAS BEEN EXTENDED



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Or visit the [Opportunities page](#) on the County website



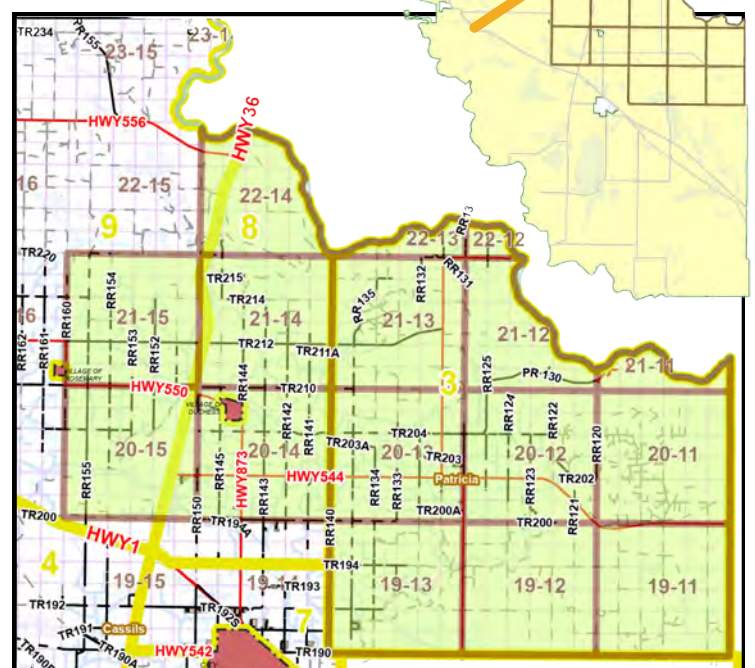
## 2025 ASSESSMENT CYCLE

IN THE COUNTY OF NEWELL

Every year the County of Newell conducts General Property Assessment inspections for all properties located within our boundaries. The map illustrates the focus area for the 2024 inspection, with additional inspections as needed. The purpose of these inspections is to update Property Assessment information.

You may see our assessor in your yard to take pictures, measure buildings, and might even knock on your door. If the Assessor has any follow up questions, a Request for Property Information form will be emailed or mailed to the registered owners.

## 2025 FOCUS AREA



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

## SECURE 2.5



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on the **municipal portion** of your taxes if paid on or before **4:30 PM**



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Despite thick weeds, a chain fence and a chained kennel, large bags filled with recyclable bottles for donation, valued at between \$500 and \$600, were stolen from the Brooks Animal Protection Society. "I would say minimum 60 to 75 bags were taken from out there. That kennel was filled to the roof," said Sue Hawkins, board chair. She said she noticed something wasn't right when she was about to put another bag in the kennel and wondered, "Why the hell can I see the field? There was a big hole." The compound and area businesses do have surveillance cameras which will be reviewed. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



This bird's nest includes blue twine along with twigs. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Recreation Grant Fund is now OPEN!



The recreation funding committee is now accepting applications from user groups within the Town of Bassano and Division 6 of the County of Newell. This funding is intended to support the long-term sustainability of our recreation and cultural services and improve quality of life for our residents!

Applications must include estimated costs, statement of need, and a copy of the organizations most recent financial statements among other details.

Changes have been made to the grant application and guidelines. 2025 applications and grant process information can be found at [www.bassano.ca](http://www.bassano.ca), [www.countyofnewell.ab.ca](http://www.countyofnewell.ab.ca), or can be picked-up at the Town of Bassano Municipal Office.

Please forward to one of the following by April 30th, 2025.

- ▶ P.O. Box 299, Bassano, AB, T0J0B0
- ▶ Email [assistant@bassano.ca](mailto:assistant@bassano.ca) with subject line "RFC Grant Application"
- ▶ Or hand deliver to the Town of Bassano office 502 2nd Avenue, Bassano

March 20, 2025

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## What's Happening

### 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](mailto: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
- Interim Director of Recreation and Protective Services
- 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](http://Brooks.ca/313/Careers)

## Public Notices

### Yard Waste Collection starts March 31

It's time to clean up those yards! Yard waste collection resumes on March 31.

What goes in your green bin:

- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Small branches (under 1/4 inch in diameter)

No bags needed — place yard waste directly into your bin for pickup.

Please avoid placing large branches in the bin, as they can damage equipment.

### Street Sweeping Starts April 7

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).

### Next Council Meeting

- Monday, April 7 at 4:30 PM
- Brooks City Hall - Council Chambers (201 1 Ave W)
- Open to the public
- Streaming live on the City of Brooks Facebook and YouTube
- The agenda will be available on the Friday before the meeting at [Brooks.ca/agendacentre](http://Brooks.ca/agendacentre)

### Next Council Committee Meeting

- Tuesday, April 15 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](http://Brooks.ca/agendacentre)

### Road Ban Notice

Starting March 24, a 75% road ban was put into effect on designated roads within the City of Brooks to help protect infrastructure during the spring thaw.

### What does this mean?

Heavy vehicles are restricted to 75% of their registered axle weight when off the truck route. Drivers are advised to watch for posted signs and plan accordingly.

### Gopher Control

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

Please obey signs posted at sites.



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# Playoff games set to begin; Bandits will host West Kelowna

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The Brooks Bandits will face the seventh place West Kelowna Warriors in the British Columbia Hockey League's first playoff round.

In the final regular season home games the Bandits went 1-1.

The Warriors defeated the Trail Smoke Eaters 4-3 in overtime on Friday, their only game over the

weekend.

Bandits goalie Griffin Wright, 18, who was recruited by the team in August played his first BCHL game on Friday when the team hosted the Spruce Grove Saints. Wright had 36 saves but they fell to the Saints in overtime.

Bandits goals were scored by Jace Letourneau, Dante Siciliano and Luke Bibby. At 4:11 of the overtime, Saints defenceman James Richards

got the OT goal.

The Saints and Okotoks, which were separated by one point on Sunday, fought for the last spot in the Interior Conference.

On Saturday, Okotoks was defeated by the Bandits 7-3 in their second last regular season game, while the Saints, in their final regular season game, lost to Blackfalds 4-3.

The top eight teams to advance to the playoffs in

the Interior Conference are Penticton, Brooks, Trail, Salmon Arm, Sherwood Park, Cranbrook, West Kelowna and Okotoks.

The Coastal Conference looked much like the Interior on Sunday as Langley Rivermen and Prince George Spruce Kings were separated by two points.

In their final game on Friday, the Rivermen were defeated by Chilliwack Chiefs.

On Sunday afternoon in Coastal Conference action the Spruce Kings defeated Powell River Kings 5-0 while in the Interior Conference Sherwood Park edged Okotoks 5-4.

The Coastal conference teams in the playoffs are Chilliwack, Surrey, Cowichan Valley, Victoria, Coquitlam, Nanaimo, Alberni Valley and Prince George.

## TOWARDS THE FRED PAGE CUP

The first round of the

2025 playoffs for the Fred Page Cup begin on Thursday when Okotoks travels to Penticton.

On Friday, West Kelowna will be in Brooks, Nanaimo will be in Cowichan Valley, Sherwood Park will be in Salmon Arm, Cranbrook will be in Trail, Coquitlam will be in Victoria, Prince George will be in Chilliwack and Alberni Valley will be in Surrey.

The first playoff game in Brooks will begin at 7 p.m.

## City wants to take \$100,000 from future federal funds

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The estimated \$100,000 cost to install a small water park in a residential area has doubled.

"We're estimating that additional funds of another \$100,000 are required in 2025 to complete the project.

"The city's funds could be drawn from the city's 2025 Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)," Bryce Mackan, the city's manager of engineering, told city council committee last Tuesday.

"In 2024 when it came up in budget discussion, my understanding is that it would only proceed if there was \$100,000 in grant funding available for it," said councillor Ray Juska.

He said that funding he expected would be grants from other sources.

"I'm fine with the funding on that," said mayor John Petrie.

"It's a good project for the area. Those things do enhance our community."

The 35-square metre water park would be installed West of Third Street West in Uplands.

Mackan said a large tank would be installed under the park to capture the water so it could be reused for the trees in the area but environmental rules need to be determined as to how it could be completed.

The park would be designed for children under the age of about 14 and would include six water features.

Waterplay has provided

a plan. As part of the Canoe procurement site it allows the city to directly award and start the project.

"It saves a lot of time on our processes," he said.

Businesses registered on Canoe have done the competitive bidding processes which saves time for municipalities to write, release and award tenders.

This year's CCBF allocation to the city is estimated at \$956,433 subject to authorization by the province.

Roughly \$6 million of the fund was used to build a local internet service in Brooks.

The recreation committee is considering building additional small water parks throughout the community every second year.

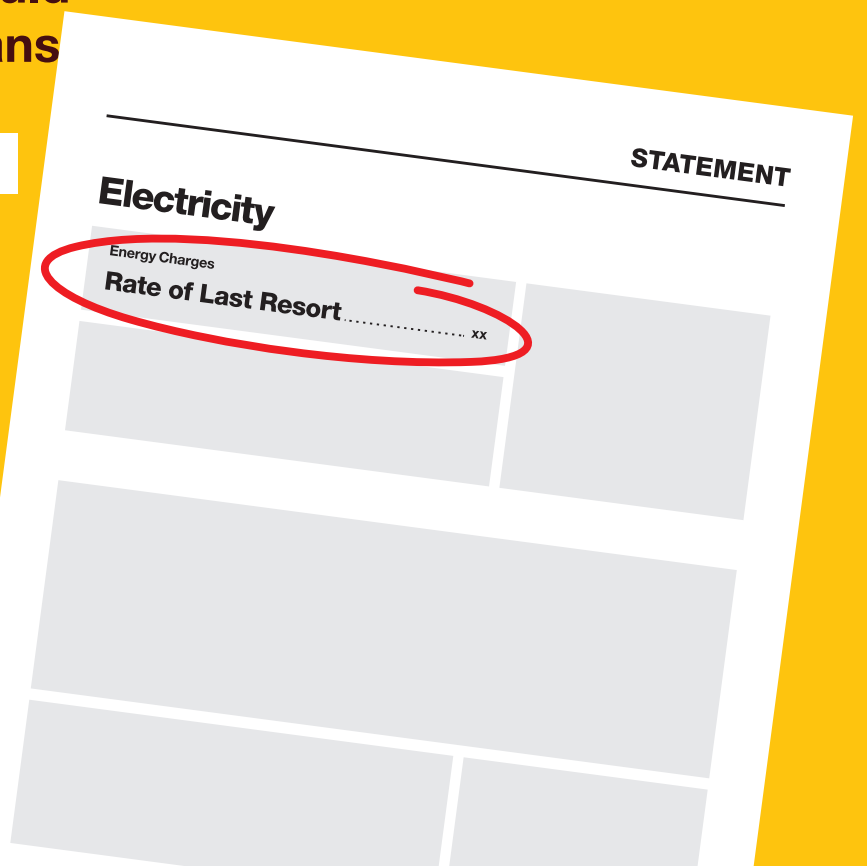


Bandits forward Nick Peluso unsuccessfully attempted to get the puck by Spruce Grove Saints goalie Ryan De Kok during the final home game of the season on Friday. The Saints defeated the Bandits 4-3 in overtime. Despite the win, the Interior Conference Saints failed to reach the playoff round finishing with 44 points for ninth place. Okotoks earned the eighth and final place spot with 45 points. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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## COMMENT

# Here's why Mark Carney is the wrong man for Canada

*Carney's policies and instincts would take Canada in the wrong direction as we deal with the economic threats from Washington*

BRIAN LILLEY  
TORONTO SUN

Mark Carney may have an impressive resume and career, but he is the wrong man at the wrong time for Canada.

Carney is currently running to become leader of the Liberal Party and, by extension, the prime minister of Canada – in part by saying his global experience makes him the man to face down U.S. President Donald Trump.

Prior to entering the Liberal leadership race, Carney was chairman of the board for Brookfield Asset Management company, a director for several large American corporations and bodies, and an advisor on climate change to the United Nations. Of course, he has also served as Governor of the Bank of England and of the Bank of Canada.

What matters though isn't his resume or credentials but what kind of policies Carney would bring in if he were PM – and this is where he fails.

Canada doesn't need to elect another environmental zealot who will handcuff our economy.

One of Carney's pet projects was the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero. The goal of the organization is to "support the transition to a net-zero economy" within the financial and asset management sectors.

This is the type of thinking that leads to large global banks like HSBC refusing to finance oil and gas projects which, like it or not, we're going to need for some time. HSBC was of course a member of Carney's pet project, but thankfully most of the major Canadian and American banks recently said they were quitting the alliance.

Stephen Guilbeault, currently Justin Trudeau's environment minister and now a backer of Carney, said in an interview this week that Carney would speed up Canada adopting this type of banking that will squeeze out the oil and gas sector.

Carney has been an opponent of Canadian pipelines like Northern Gateway and Energy East, both of which were killed by the Trudeau government, though he had no problem taking his multi-million dollar paycheque from Brookfield Asset Management even as they bought pipelines in other countries.

Canada is facing the double blow of Donald Trump's tariffs on Canadian goods and his attempt to restructure the American economy and global trading order.

To weather these coming changes we need to diversify, deregulate and unleash Canada's full potential, which means leaning heavily on the natural resources we have. This will mean more pipelines, more exploration, building export terminals for liquified natural gas, expanding mining operations, building refineries here.

Can the man who has spent the last several years advocating for a net-zero economy and moving away from fossil fuels really be believed to take on those tasks?

Carney's supporters will say his background in economics still makes him a better pick than Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre. In an interview with the Globe and Mail published in March 2021, Carney was warning that the COVID pandemic and the government response to it would result in deflation.

His record at the Bank of England was mixed as well with complaints of him meddling in politics over Brexit when he was supposed to be neutral. He also faced criticism for printing too much money in the wake of Brexit and sending mixed signals on interest rates.

One Labour MP famously gave Carney the nickname of "the unreliable boyfriend" in 2014 and it stuck.

Carney may have an impressive resume but he has the wrong policies for what Canada needs now. We don't need another leader tied to net-zero, no-growth policies that will keep our resources in the ground and stop infrastructure like pipelines to tidewater being built.

To deal with Donald Trump, we should ask what would Mark Carney do and then do the opposite.

## TIME CAPSULE

Main street Brooks - APRIL, 1973.



## Iran: a long fuse is lit

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



Maybe it was the fact that we were coming up on the 10th anniversary of the treaty Donald Trump destroyed that prompted him to start issuing threats to Iran again.

The treaty, obscurely named the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), was a deal in which Iran put its nuclear program on hold in return for all the major powers easing sanctions on the country. The treaty was a major accomplishment of Barack Obama's presidency, which may be why Donald Trump pulled the United States out three years later.

Iran had been scrupulously obeying the terms of the JCPOA, and none of the other signatories (China, France, Germany, Russia, and the United Kingdom) had any complaint about its behaviour. Trump, however, clamped strict trade sanctions back on Iran, which naturally responded by resuming its work on enriching uranium.

The Iranians claim that they are only enriching uranium for nuclear fuel and other peaceful uses, but nobody believes them. The experts say they must want at least a "nuclear threshold" capability, because nobody enriches nuclear fuel to 60 per cent uranium just to fuel power plants. The Iranians want at least the ability to build their own nukes fast in an emergency.

What kind of emergency? Well, the Iranians know that there are Israeli and American nuclear weapons targeted on them, and currently they have no

nuclear weapons of their own. Getting them would no more prove that they plan to use them than it did when the Soviet Union, Britain, France, China, Israel, India, Pakistan and North Korea got them.

However, many other nuclear states see Iran as less eligible to have nuclear weapons because it is ruled by an elderly and fanatical religious elite that regularly issues blood-curdling threats to its numerous enemies. That was why they banded together to back the JCPOA treaty, but Trump trashed that and here we are.

Iran has used the past seven years to work away on its uranium enrichment project, first at a fairly leisurely pace but then more quickly as the prospect of another Trump regime loomed. Now they are almost there.

The International Atomic Energy Agency said last month that Iran has now stockpiled almost 275 kg of uranium enriched to 60 per cent purity, just short of weapons grade. The last step, to 90 per cent pure, is the easiest, and could be done in a few days or at most a few weeks.

That's enough fissile material for six nuclear bombs, although actually fabricating crude but effective nuclear bombs would probably take a further six months. If they want to put nuclear warheads on missiles, they could be looking at as much as two years.

Given how many Iranian missiles were intercepted or missed their targets in the past two rounds of fighting, however, Tehran might prefer not to put its precious warheads-to-be in the nose-cones of ballistic or cruise missiles. Trucks aren't a good bet for delivering across Israel's border either. Ships? Who knows?

None of this speculation means that Iran is planning to use nuclear weapons on Israel (or anywhere else) as soon as

it get them. It does mean that potential target countries will be thinking that it might, and making their own plans to preempt that contingency if they can. It's definitely getting more dangerous.

None of this would be happening if Trump had just left the JCPOA alone. Iran would still be years and years away from nuclear weapons, and even Trump might settle for just negotiating another 10-year term for the treaty.

But maybe not. Trump is very much under the influence of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who really does want the U.S. to attack Iran. (He'll even help.) And to make matters worse, the Iranian regime feels that it has its back to the wall.

Nationwide outbreaks of protest against the government of the ayatollahs are coming closer and closer together. The sanctions have crippled the economy and everybody is feeling the pinch. All of Iran's allies in the Arab world — Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza, the Assad regime in Syria, even the Houthis in Yemen — are being stripped away.

And Donald Trump seems to think that he can retrieve his original blunder (not that he admits it was a blunder) by writing a letter to Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. He gave the Supreme Leader two months to negotiate a new nuclear deal or the U.S. and Israel will strike Iran's nuclear facilities.

This is typical Trump stuff: set very tight deadlines, demand unrealistic terms, and threaten 'Hell' if the deadline is not met. It generally doesn't work well, especially when you're dealing with fanatics. We have the makings of a really nasty war here, possible including a local nuclear war or (if Iran's nukes are still not ready) at least a "dirty" bomb or two.



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# Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - The Scandia Hall would like to send a huge thank you to everyone for the donations and support at the pie auction and pancake supper! There was a great turnout and everyone was so eager to support the hall rebuild and see the progress happening.

The Scandia Hall will be having an AGM at the Scandia Honey Meeting Room March 31 at 7pm.

Join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Laci Quiring, bride elect of Rylee May, at the Scandia Lutheran Church on April 13th @ 2pm. Gentlemen are welcome to attend.

Join us for Scandia's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th @ the EID Historical Park @10am. Call or text Echo at 14033629630.

Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society is hosting a Palliative Care Workshop in Brooks on April 11-12/25, 8:00 - 4:45 p.m. at the Heritage Inn Hotel

and Convention Centre. This is a no cost, two day, in-person training that follows the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association Training program which is recognized across Canada. It will give volunteers, caregivers and interested community members the confidence to provide quality support services in any setting, whether that is in hospice, care centres or a private home. You can register at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) or call 403 208-4208. If you have any questions regarding this workshop you can contact Audrey at 403 793-7806.

Alcoma School News- Congrats to our Alcoma students who raised \$689.15 during our month long Jump Rope for Heart! They wrapped up the fundraiser with a Jumpathon where groups rotated through various skipping/jumping stations. Also, for every \$10 raised they earned 1 foot of tape to tape a staff member

of their choice to the wall. Miss Martens had the most money in her jar and was taped to the gym wall! Way to go Alcoma!

We will kick off our 3rd year of One School One Book this week and students will bring home the new book and a reading calendar filled with events. The Grade 6-9 Badminton players will be in Medicine Hat this weekend for their first Tournament. 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.

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

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



**NATHAN RAMER - DUCHESS MENNONITE CHURCH**

How do we treat each other? How do you treat others? Does it depend on how they treat you? Jesus said we are no better than pagans if we only love those who love us (Luke 6:32). Pray for our enemies. Lend and expect nothing in return. Is Jesus serious? It would seem so. If we do these things, our reward will be great, He says. Doing these things is how we are like Him. He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

In Romans we read that we are to outdo one another in showing honor (9:10). What does it mean to show honor? When we assume the best

## Honor

motivations rather than the worst motivations, we honor someone. When we delay judging a matter until we can ask both sides for their opinion and actually listen to understand, we honor others. When we see good in someone and encourage them by telling them what we see, we honor them. This is hard to do in our own strength. Perhaps we could invite the Holy Spirit to help us see things the way God sees them?

Time to practice what I preach. Our area is lucky to have many churches, and many godly leaders in those churches. I am sure we differ on some theological points, but I value the contribution to kingdom of God made by each one. Different churches could learn from one another, we have different strengths. We don't have to agree about everything to

honor one another. Are we secure in what we believe enough to treat others with kindness? That is the way God is... If you see a pastor, thank them for what they do (even if you go to a different church). Pray for them. Encourage them. Jesus is coming back for one bride, and I think we are wise to leave the judgment to Him as to who is a part of it and who is not.

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From	To	Energy used (GJ)	Energy rate (\$/GJ)	Energy charges (\$)
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02/28/2025	03/12/2025	32.85	2.446000	80.35
<b>Current energy charges</b>				
Administration Fee				10.78
Cost of Gas - Variable				242.75
Sub-total				253.53
GST				12.68
<b>Total gas charges</b>				<b>266.21</b>
<b>Distributor and government charges - charged by ATCO Gas South   Meter number T00509-R99373</b>				
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## Brooks man ordered to add name to sexual offender registry

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Adil Musa, 58, was ordered to remain in custody for an additional 36 days, will have to provide his DNA and will have to register on the sex offenders registry for 10 years after pleading guilty to numerous charges including sexual contact with a child.

Musa's convictions included being unlawfully in a home, in possession of bank, credit and other identification cards that were not his, damaging a window in the police detachment, stealing a bike

and a cellphone as well as being at places where he was not supposed to be.

His most serious offence occurred on May 11, 2023 at 5:26 p.m. when Musa approached an 11-year-old child in a public location and forced a kiss on her lips. He was arrested and later released.

A week later, after being ordered to not be within 100 metres of places where there are youth under the age of 18, he was found in the JBS Centre's pool area. The centre is near two schools.

Defence sought a 114 day time served sentence

but the court handed him a global sentence of 150 days in custody, however, he had served 120 days for pre-trial custody.

In addition to providing DNA and SOIRA (sexual offender information registration act) registration for 10 years, he was placed on probation for 18 months during which time he is not to have any contact with the victim, must remain at least 100m from any location where children would likely be such as a park and he cannot be in any place where there are children unless an adult is present at all times.

## One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well, March came in like lamb and so far it looks like maybe it'll go out the same, although some of the province wasn't quite as lucky. But then we have the same deal when it comes to rains. So I guess we'll just have to wait and see what our summer will be like.

Here we are into April already, it seems March marched by really fast and it seems that time doesn't slow. Maybe I am along with many of my older friends.

Talking about older friends, I don't know how many of you folks out there knew Cathy (Stroebele) Thompson of Rocky Mountain House (formerly of Duchess), I did along with a few of her friends that are still alive. I am terribly sorry to report that she passed away at her home in Rocky Mountain on Friday, March 28, 2025. My deepest sympathies go to all her families and to her brother, John Stroebele of Duchess. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time.

Erwin Unger returned home last Thursday from his visiting his father Peter Unger in Oliver, BC.

Barbara Mahrer attended the Ladies Retreat at the South Alberta Bible Camp from Friday till Sunday. There were many ladies from all over Southern Alberta in attendance.

Inge Ellefson along with their teacher Shelly Rosland, Cheryl Andrews and Vicki Hall all went to Elkwater for a Yoga Retreat Camp from Friday till Sunday. I'm sure they had a fun time.

A reminder- "Bassano Arts Council's" concert is THIS Thursday, April 3rd with "The Hello Darlins" at the Bassano Community Hall with doors opening at 6:30pm and show starts at 7:30pm.

The Celebration Choir is performing at 3 concerts: Bassano Knox Presbyterian Church on April 11th; at Trinity Lutheran Church on April 13; at Rosemary Mennonite Church on April 14th. 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 donations are St. Vincent de Paul, Cantera House and Maggie Kosterawa (a local family with medical needs.)

Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society is hosting a Palliative Care Workshop in Brooks on April 11-12/25, 8:00 - 4:45 p.m. at the Heritage Inn Hotel and Convention Centre. This is no cost, two-day in-person training that follows the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association Training program, which is recognized across Canada.

It will give volunteers, caregivers and interested community members the confidence to provide quality support services in any setting, whether that is in hospice, care centres' or a private home. You can register at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) or call 403 208-4208. if you have any questions regarding this workshop you can contact Audrey at 403 793-7806. Thank you

Birthday greetings this week go out to Mark Alberts, to Tim Day of Lethbridge and to Edie Verbicky of Fairview, all on Apr. 3rd; to Benjamin Hajash of Edmonton and to Kathy Olsen, both on Apr. 4th; to Bonnie Christman on Apr. 5th and to Julie Kristianson on Apr. 7th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday. We wish everyone all the best for many great years to come.

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

I haven't much to report this week. If you have any news or announcements you'd like in my column, Please give me a call at 403-362-3023 or email me at the following -[simerkl@eidnet.org](mailto: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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If you wish to submit a letter to Brooks Minor Hockey for review at the AGM, it must be received by April 16/2025

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# Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

**Cattleliner vs car**  
There were no injuries in the March 24 collision along Range Road 150 between Highway 1 and Joanne Trucking Road.

Police report that at about 3:20 p.m. a southbound car was struck by a northbound cattle liner that crossed the centre line and forced the car off the road. The car, with significant damages, came to rest in a field.

**No additional information on police presence**

As of Monday, RCMP have not released additional information of their presence on 1st East in Brooks.

Last Tuesday, an initial release was sent out by RCMP media to advise the community of a heavy police presence in the area. They stated there was no risk to the public and that an update would be sent when the scene was clear.

**Business break-in**

Police gathered video surveillance on March 25

from Bouchard Well Service after an employee reported to police that an unknown person had been in the yard and entered two vehicles.

**Break and Enter**

Nooradeen Mohmed Adam, arrested on March 25 at 11:14 a.m. while leaving a residence in the east end following a 911 call for a break and enter in progress.

Adam was under conditions which prohibited him from being at the residence and he was charged with three counts of failing to comply with a release order. He was remanded to custody and was to have appeared in court in Medicine Hat last Thursday.

**Share the road**

RCMP is reminding drivers to be extra mindful of motorcycles as they return to the roads and highways.

Motorcycles are smaller and less visible than other vehicles making situational awareness crucial when driving near them.

Road users should remain



vigilant, follow traffic laws and practice courtesy to ensure everyone's safety.

As precautions police advise motorists to check twice for motorcycles at intersections, check blind spots, give motorcyclists more space - don't tailgate, be mindful of the road conditions while allowing motorcyclists to maneuver safely.

Motorcyclists should be wearing a well-fitted helmet and proper clothing in the event of a crash, stay alert and undistracted and adult to road conditions while avoiding lingering in blind spots and to be aware of other drivers while anticipating their action.

"The road is unpredictable - your safety shouldn't be. Wear your gear, be alert, ride smart, and make it home," said Brooks RCMP Sgt. Dave Searle.



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## LETTERS

### Dog park is well used

Editor, The Bulletin;

I have heard several people say that the new dog park isn't getting much use. I live on the west side of Ward Pond facing the park and I can always see how many vehicles are at the park.

It is very well used; even on cold winter days a few people would give their dogs a quick run. An example is every Sunday morning there are at least nine vehicles there at one time, after work, seven to 10 at once. During the day there are between two and at least six vehicles there. And the odd time there is no

one there.

During the course of any day there are about 25-30 people giving their dogs some much needed exercise. It is well used and I'm sure it is greatly appreciated by people and dogs. I read in the Brooks Bulletin that the City of Brooks is fundraising to add amenities to the dog park including benches, paths, concrete pad under the shelter that was donated by the South Country Co-op and agility equipment.

I hope that the people that regularly use this park will kindly make a donation toward the wish list if they

are able.

DIANA PETERSEN,  
Brooks, Alta.



BOW CITY - Brad, dad and Robert went for a couple loads of firewood Thursday, Thank you Don. Jake and Kelsi came out for the weekend, and Kelsi, Carrie and I took in the Bridal fair at Cassils Hall. Thank you Brad for going with Dan to Calgary for his appointment.

We had our ladies card day here last Thursday and Vickie and I were the winners this time. What a great day we had.

Vickie Calvert was in Calgary for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday babysitting the grandkids. On Wednesday afternoon she picked up Aunt Fay from the airport. Welcome home Aunt Fay.

April birthdays are

Fay Calvert and Cindy Voutier share April 2, Rick Thibert on April 7, John Ketchmark on April 10, Brody Ketchmark on April 16, Vickie Calvert on April 23, and Nixon Voutier on April 27. Happy birthday to you all. Enjoy your day.

Happy anniversary goes out to Brad and Carrie Palko on 27 April. Have a great day.

Joke of the day,

Two priests go on holidays to Hawaii, they decide to dress as tourists so no one knows they are priests the first day on the beach a topless lady walks by them and says good morning father's.

So the next day they dress even more touristy, and the same topless lady walks by and again says good morning fathers, so they stop her and ask how do you know we are priests? She says you don't recognize me it's sister Mary Caroline.

Please send me some news that you have to share at 403-363-7496. Thank you and have a great week.

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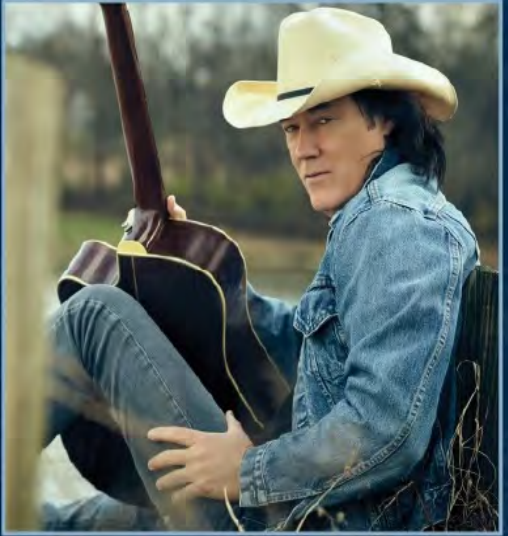
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## R-CALF celebrates Trump tariffs .... fast food giants may not be so happy



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As expected, long-time anti-Canadian cattle/beef trade extremist lobby group R-CALF USA was applauding President Trump's on-again/off-again 25% tariffs on Canadian cattle and beef imports. Gloating by R-CALF is no surprise; tariffs on beef imports was the reason R-CALF was originally created. R-CALF is notorious for creating mind-numbing, twisted analytical market presumptions to rationalize how imports are the source of all evil whenever cattle prices are down. Even when cattle prices reach new highs they pontificate that prices would be higher if it weren't for imports.

It's a somewhat simplistic approach,

but it appeals to their membership base. No mention is ever made in R-CALF propaganda that the US exports beef, which results in \$400 of extra returns on slaughter cattle. However, you can expect howls of outraged protest from R-CALF if Canada imposes reciprocal tariffs on US beef and cattle imports. But that's okay, cattle producers in the US, as in Canada, have every right to have their own alternative opinions on issues of the day.

Steve Dittmer, the distinguished editor of the Agribusiness Freedom Foundation publication, the AFF Sentinel, masterfully eviscerates the R-CALF position on beef imports. Dittmer is known for his free-market approach to the cattle business and has little time for duplicitous folks who want to create barriers to that business. In his article, he points out

that most beef imports into the US is hamburger meat from NZ, AUS and Canada. The reason is that the US beef industry alone cannot satisfy the American consumers' insatiable demand for hamburger. Imports are also needed to keep the price of fast-food hamburgers as low as possible.

Cheap hamburgers are the marketing base for many fast-food chains in North America. Sure, you can grind expensive steaks and roasts into hamburger meat, but that would result in \$20 hamburgers and put the big chains out of business. Trump tariffs against hamburger imports will also have a price increase impact. MacDonalds, Wendys and others are the biggest beef buyers in the world; they and their customers would lose their minds if that were to happen. But that is what R-CALF is advocating with their

tariff war against beef imports. Much of the Trump and Republican voting base will tolerate tariff-related price increases, but they won't tolerate \$20 hamburgers for very long.

The US does have a way to keep hamburger prices low even with the loss of Canadian hamburger imports; Trump can exempt hamburger from AUS, NZ and South America. Those countries would jump at the chance to increase exports to the US and would probably see higher prices to take advantage of any increased demand. If Trump tariffs apply to all hamburger imports, it will see unwelcome higher prices for the average American hamburger consumer.

My guess is that Trump will exempt hamburger tariffs on all imports except for Canada. The only hope is will he stick to his new buzzword that tariffs will be reciprocal

- that would exempt Canadian beef and cattle as there are no tariffs under CUSMA. But then, with Trump, everything is always up in the air. As Steve Dittmer stated, the US has to import hamburger because it doesn't produce enough of that popular product.

In Canada, we are in a similar situation regarding high hamburger demand, but in relation to the US, we produce an excess of beef per capita. That means Canada has enough hamburger and exports the excess to higher-priced US markets for US dollars. Canada then imports cheap grinding beef from AUS, NZ and South America to produce least-cost hamburgers favoured by chains like A&W. I should mention that MacDonalds takes pride in using only 100% Canadian hamburger. If Trump tariffs are imposed on Canadian hamburger exported to

the US, those exports will need to find a new home back in Canada, which may displace cheap imports.

Back to R-CALF, I note it has expanded its lobby business by advocating tariffs on lamb imports from NZ and AUS. I guess it increases its donor base, but it's a hopeless cause. The US supplies less than 40% of their lamb market; the rest must be imported. I learned many years ago that no matter the tariff, AUS and NZ are price takers and need hard currency at any price to purchase other imports. The AUS and NZ dollars are not used in international trade, hence their need for US dollars. Lamb imports will never stop unless there is a 100% tariff against Oceanic lamb.

*Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and policy advisor.*



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# Bassano Banner

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BASSANO - If you did not get the winning teams from the recent Bassano Mixed Curling Bonspiel, here they are:

1st Event - the Albert Gerdung Rink with Albert Gerdung, Karen Morrison and Andrew & Charlene Walde. They defeated the Wes Kirkpatrick Rink.

2nd Event - the Lorne Steinbach Rink with Jan Armstrong, Duane Fladhmer and Sherry & Lorne Steinbach. They defeated the Josh Steinbach Rink.

Here is an advance notice of the St. Columbia Spring Sale to be held on April 12th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Elks Hall downtown. A Bake Sale, Spring Tea and Rummage Sale along with some crafts will be featured.

Three couples will be celebrating wedding anniversaries in the first week or so of April. Congratulations to Levi & Jessica Lepp, George &

Santana Murray and Scot & Lorelee Bell. Seems to me that Lorelee just celebrated a birthday recently. Not sure how Scot is going to top that!!!

Happy birthday greetings to Myrna

Chartrand and Bev Smillie. Try getting your local news to me by Sunday evening in order to get your Banner ready for the next publication. Emails or phone calls are welcome or if you catch me downtown.

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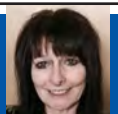
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Online poll for the week of March 26, 2025 - April 2, 2025.

# Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - Mother Nature gave us a reminder that she's still in charge of the delivery of spring. Some of the province saw many centimetres of snow, while here in the County, we saw more flakes in the air than on the ground. Soon we will feel the warmth of spring again!

Congratulations to the Duchess Minor Hockey organization for putting together a week of provincials that had teams from all over come to Duchess and all vying for the gold medal. It takes many volunteers and so thanks to all who came out

and made it memorable. Congratulations to the big 50-50 winner, Ben Dyck of Rosemary, whose take away was an amazing \$9000+. The final and gold medal game was between Sherwood Park Knights and the Bow River Bruins!

The 50+ Club will be having our luncheon on April 3rd, 2025 at 12:00 pm in the Duchess Curling Rink Lounge. The lunch will consist of Lasagna, coleslaw and Date squares. The club has people residing in Duchess, Patricia, Rosemary and Brooks. If you have any questions please call Daryl at 1-403-501-4107.

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

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# 2025 Citizen and Jr. Citizen selected by Grasslands FCSS

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Grasslands FCSS has selected the 2025 Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year.

This event gives recognition and celebrates individuals who have given of themselves through volunteerism to better the community.

Carolyn Henrickson was named the Citizen of the Year for her volunteerism with 4-H and Presley Dyck was named the Junior Citizen of the Year for her volunteerism with children and youth.

**Carolyn Henrickson**

Citizen of the Year



CAROLYN HENRICKSON

Nominated by Kathy Peltzer, Henrickson is being honoured for her volunteerism at 4-H, a program she was in for seven years in the 1970s and 80s. She was involved as a parent for her two children and was a club leader with John Ware Beef for eight years and has been the team leader for the Newell District for the past 11 years.

Henrickson said she had no idea she had been nominated and was surprised with the news when she received a call telling her she had won.

"I thought wow. Ok. It's pretty amazing. I definitely have Kathryn to thank for that. She and I have been working in 4H for a long time," said Henrickson.

"It means a lot. I believe the 4H program is good for the members and the skills they acquire with the program," she said.

With 4H she helps with shows and events including the steer show and public speaking at both a club and district level.

Following the tragic loss of their daughter, Carolyn and her husband Albert, established the Illisa Henrickson Memorial Scholarship which is awarded to a 4-H member who is actively involved in 4-H, and excelling in their academics and extracurricular pursuits.

**Presley Dyck**

Jr. Citizen of the Year



PRESLEY DYCK

Nominated by Jamie McElgunn and Katie Doerksen of Girls Who Lead, Presley Dyck is a grade 10 student at Rosemary School.

"This was a complete surprise. Katie had asked me a couple of months ago about some volunteer work and I had forgotten about it and then I got the call one day. I was so surprised. I had no idea," said Dyck.

Dyck, who has been part of the student council for

four years, is serving as the vice president and helps to plan events for the school. She is also an assistant with the elementary school students any way she can including helping students with math or assisting with gym class.

"Helping teachers anyway I can," Dyck said.

In addition to assisting in school, Dyck has been a volunteer junior coach for the last four years in the Girls Who Lead program.

The program is designed for girls between 11 and 16 years to help keep them active in sports and to build their confidence.

"I get to lead girls and help be a role model for them, bring them into sports and keep them active," she said.

As a role model Dyck keeps active with hockey and baseball and as well she has served as a volunteer hockey ref.

"I love what I'm doing. It's such a great experience. It's really cool. We get to build up their confidence, keep them active and they all leave and are all still playing sports," she said.

"I'm pretty proud. It's a really cool thing."

Dyck wants to teach high school math thanks to her role model, Debbie Henderson.

"This is a really cool thing. I love the community that I'm in and it's just really cool to be recognized for the work that I've done or the things that I've done in the community," said Dyck.

Henrickson and Dyck will be celebrated during the Citizen and Jr. Citizen of the Year ceremony in May. The citizen and Jr. citizen finalists will also be recognized.



The Duchess Storm U18A hockey team hosted provincials over the weekend finishing in eighth place with an 0-3 finish. On Friday the Storm was edged by the Bow River Bruins, 6-5. The Bruins advanced to the gold medal game where they were defeated 4-0 by Sherwood Park Knights. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## City approves minimal donation for rodeo

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

A request to the city from the Koye Larson Memorial Fund to donate the rental of the Centennial Regional Arena was denied, however a smaller donation was approved.

The total donation would have been \$9,560 for the facility and staff time.

City council committee approved \$3,700 to cover the costs of the installation and removal of the decking on the ice surface and the event set.

The urgency to get the arena and ice surface cleared and cleaned is that the rodeo will be held on May 9, the same time as the British Columbia Hockey League's playoff season.

If the Bandits advance, they may host games on the same weekend.

Mayor John Petrie said the city has donated to non-profit groups but was hesitant to donate to the for profit Professional Bull Riders Association (PBR) which will host the event.

Petrie said while the event proceeds are donated to non-profit organizations, a donation from the city would indirectly be a donation to the PBR.

"I'm a little queasy on giving a big donation like this to the PBR which is a big organization," he said.

"You would not be remotely giving them money. It would be directly to our fund," said Katie Cowie, representing the PBR and the Koye Larson Fund.

The proposed budget for the event includes \$150,000 for the PBR and \$62,000 for entertainer David Lee Murphy.

The goal is to contribute \$50,000 to non-profit organizations which would be an increase of \$30,000 over last year.

"We pay the PBR their fee, so you would not be supporting them. You would be supporting the community," Cowie said.

When asked by council if either the PBR or David Lee Murphy have any skin in the game, Cowie said they don't.

"We sure tried...PBR's

are typically not put on as a charity event. They're more revenue generators."

"This is a business event and they should be the ones that are donating it back to both of you instead of the taxpayer and that's what we have to worry about here. That's our main goal," said Petrie.

Last year taxpayers were upset when the city purchased poly and plywood to protect the arena ice surface at the cost of \$30,000.

"My fear is that there's now going to be bigger backlash of doing this. We went through a lot of heat last year," said councillor Joel Goodnough.

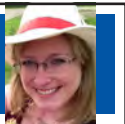
"I know it's a community building but we also have to raise enough capital for it to take care of depreciating assets in the building. If we don't do that the taxpayer funds it," said Petrie.

Petrie suggested to Cowie that she seek donations from the Murphy and the PBR.

"Then you got your cost covered," he said.

## Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - Bethany Lutheran Church offers regular worship services at 11:00 am each Sunday. All are welcome to attend!

The Tilley Community Centre will be working a Casino in Medicine Hat on September 24 and 25, 2025 and are looking for volunteers to help with all positions and shifts. Reimbursement for hotel and fuel costs is available. Improvements to the facility will be made with these funds. To volunteer, please contact Crystal French by phone or text at 403-793-3883.

The Hamlet of Tilley will hold a meeting on Monday, April 14, at 7:00 pm at the hall. All are welcome.

The Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society is hosting a Palliative Care Workshop in Brooks on April 11 and 12, 8:00 am to 4:45 pm, at the Heritage Inn Hotel and Convention Centre. This is a no cost, two day, in-person training that follows the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association Training program which is recognized across Canada. You can register at www.eventbrite.ca or call 403-208-4208. If you have any questions regarding this workshop, you can contact Audrey at 403-793-7806.

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The Celebration Choir is conducted by Joanne Dyck in Rosemary. This choir has 46 members from all over the County of Newell and has been singing together for several years. Every other year they put on a series of concerts and this year it is just before Easter. This group has made significant donations to the World Food Bank, helped a local family buy a handicap van, and many other causes have benefited as well. Your support of this very talented group of performers is much appreciated.

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

12:30 pm.

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

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will offer an Easter Sunday worship service with Holy Communion on Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 am with Reverend John Theiss. All are welcome.

George and Bill decided to take in the seniors' discount night at the local theatre. Just as they settled into their seats for the movie with their snacks, Bill began to rummage around on the floor. He continued for several minutes. "Bill," said George, "What on earth are you doing?" Bill responded, "I've dropped my caramel and I can't find it." "Bill," replied George, "It's just a caramel. Besides, you wouldn't put it in your mouth after being on this floor. It's not worth it, just leave it." "I can't," exclaimed Bill, "My teeth are in it!"

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**HUNT** – Harry Hunt of Brooks, left this world on Thursday, March 27th, 2025, after a heroic battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family members. He was 67 years of age, born in Badger's Quay, NL, to Arthur and Eleanor Hunt. Harry was a loving partner to Jane Romanowich, and a devoted father to his children, Jeff (Julie), Justin, and Jennifer (Brian). He had five grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and a multitude of cousins (literally, a boisterous multitude). Harry was a Harley Davidson enthusiast, always dressed in his black leather vest, and proud of his two Harley motorcycles and his miniature motorcycle collection. Harry loved traveling and taking driving

trips. Upon moving to Brooks from the NWT, he travelled most of the roads in southern Alberta, always ready to go exploring. Harry was a gentle soul and an extraordinary man, and in his 67 years with us, he has left lasting memories of laughter and love with loved ones and strangers alike. Harry was one of a kind and his presence will be greatly missed. Special thanks to the team at the Margery E. Yuill Cancer Society. You are all very special people. Also, a thank you to the staff and doctors at the Brooks Health Centre. Donations to the Cancer Society would be appreciated <https://donate.cancer.ca/page/ca-daffodil> Funeral Services will be held at the Brooks United Church on Thursday, April 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Esther Crews officiating. Interment at the Brooks Cemetery. Live Streaming of the Funeral Services is scheduled to be available to the public. You can view the Funeral Service by clicking on "Live Video" on the top right-hand side of Smith Funeral Home's Website or clicking on the "Click Here" in blue letters, just below recent obituaries. Streaming is scheduled to start approximately 10 – 15 minutes prior to services.

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**SMALLBONES**  
 In Loving Memory  
 Edwin "Ted" Smallbones  
 July 1, 1960 – March 20, 2025  
 It is with profound sadness that the family of Ted Smallbones announces his passing on March 20, 2025 in Cranbrook, BC.

Ted was born on July 1, 1960 in Calgary, Alberta to his parents Ed and Morlene Smallbones. They named him Edwin Craig, but soon they lovingly called him "Ted".

Ted was raised in Brooks, Alberta and then Grand Forks, BC. He returned to Brooks following highschool graduation to continue his education at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT). He completed the Welding Program and went on

to become a Red Seal Welder.

Ted married Bonnie Blue in 1983 in Brooks and together they had two beautiful daughters, Tiffany and Stephany. Following the divorce, Ted continued to work as a welder for many years in Brooks and area. He was skilled at fabrication and problem solving. Ted's disabilities brought him to Cranbrook where he spent his final years as an important part of our family.

Ted was a kind and gentle soul with an amazing connection to animals. Particularly dogs. A bit of a dog whisperer. He loved music and following hockey. An excellent cook - though very modest. He was most at home among nature's beauty spending as much time as possible by the river or at the lake.

Ted was preceded in death by his dad Edwin James Smallbones, by his loving grandmother Jane Smallbones and by his grandfather James Smallbones.

Ted is survived by his mother Morlene Booth, children Tiffany (Richard) Smallbones and Stephany Smallbones, grandchildren Jacob and Tylia Belcourt, his siblings Susan (Joel) Zibin, Jim (Patricia) Smallbones and Jill Devine, his nieces and nephews, Kim, Marina, Sarah, Thomas, Autumn and Charlie, and his grand nephews Gibson Howe and Leon Knuff, as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

We would like to thank Dr. S. McDonald and Dr. P. Massel for their care. We would also like to thank the paramedics, nurses and EK regional Hospital. In respect of Ted's wishes, there will be no memorial service. The family thanks everyone for their support during this difficult time. Donations can be made to BC Lung Association.

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8:00 pm Bassano Health Centre  
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### PATRICIA GRAZING ASSOCIATION AGM

**Thurs., April 3  
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## obituaries



**TIGCHELAAR** – Klaas Johannes Tigchelaar of Brooks beloved husband of the late Hendrina Tigchelaar, passed away in Brooks on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, at the age of 78 years. Klaas was born on August 17th, 1946 in Kimsward, Netherlands to Oepke and Ruurdje Tigchelaar. He married Hendrina (Ena) de Gelder on March 28th, 1979 in Stoney Creek, Ontario. Klaas worked in Maintenance for the Grasslands School District in Brooks until his retirement in 2006. He enjoyed music and singing. Klaas will be fondly remembered for his faithful service to the church. He was predeceased by his loving

wife Ena, parents Oepke and Ruurdje Tigchelaar, and brother Johan. Klaas is survived by his children Stephen and Samantha Tigchelaar, and sisters Trienke and Annemarie. A Celebration of Life Service for Klaas and Ena will be held on Saturday, April 26th at 11:00 AM from the Brooks Christian Reformed Church. Rev. Martin Boardman officiating. In memory of Klaas, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to a charity of choice.

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# Rainier Record

COLLEEN VAN DEN HOEK



**RAINIER** - Happy Birthday wishes to Pascalle Wisse & Kerrin Slenders on April 3, Jayme on April 4, Bill Anderson on April 5, Ashley Coyne on April 7.

Alcoma School News- There will be mini basketball games in Rolling Hills on April 2nd from 3:45 pm to 7pm. Kids club at the library April 4th 12pm to 1:30pm. The Junior Highs have the opportunity to attend a Badminton Tournament over the April 4th weekend in Medicine Hat, good luck to everyone. Alcoma Parent Council will be having a meeting on April 15th at 1:30pm everyone is welcome to come. Last week, students were able to enjoy a ski trip to Castle mountain. Thank you to all volunteers and for all the extra efforts to the school staff to make it happen. May 2nd please join Alcoma School for their Spring tea & open house, and Kindergarten open house from 10:30AM to 1:30pm. They will be opening the 2000 time capsule. Registration for next school year for Kindergarten is open, you can either register online or at the school. 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 happening's. [alcoma.grasslands.ab.ca](http://alcoma.grasslands.ab.ca)

Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public during school hours and Thursday evenings

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

Please contact Colleen by Sunday @ [colleenvandenhoek@gmail.com](mailto:colleenvandenhoek@gmail.com)



The 2025 high school curling team was presented a provincial banner that contains their names and will be hung at the Brooks Curling Club. Shown are Jacob Falkenberg, Justin Mrazek, coach Chad Falkenberg. Front row, Micah Fontaine and Jesse Elsbett. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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**CHAPMAN** - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Evelyn Mary Chapman (born Green), who passed away peacefully on Friday, March 28, 2025, at the age of 79. Evelyn was surrounded by her two daughters at the time of her death, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. Evelyn was born on December 27, 1945, in Calgary, Alberta, to Mary Evelyn Brandon and Everet R. Green. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Gary Wayne Chapman (Chappy). Together, they shared many years of love and companionship, before his passing. Evelyn will be lovingly remembered by her two daughters, Tammy (Derek) Hanson and Candace (Ben) Tateson, as well as her five grandchildren, Dakota, Ty, June, William, and Jack, who were the light of her life. Her grandchildren brought her endless joy, and she cherished every moment spent with them. A woman of simple pleasures, Evelyn loved playing cards, bingo, and enjoyed being out on the water, boating along with camping. She also enjoyed bird watching and found solace in feeding the birds peanuts in her backyard. Evelyn also found joy in spending time at her kitchen table with crossword puzzles and a dictionary always on hand. Her warm spirit, nurturing presence, and dedication to her family will be deeply missed. Evelyn's love and kindness touched everyone she met, and her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. A family service will be held. For all donations we would love for them to be donated directly to the Canadian Cancer Society 193 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2B7, as per what Evelyn would want.

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

## CRYPTO FUN

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Solve the code to discover words related to distracted driving. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 6 = E)

**A. 20 18 11 22 21 26 7 22 18 25 3**  
 Clue: *Draws attention away*

**B. 17 6 9 18 7 4 6**  
 Clue: *Car or truck*

**C. 21 25 26 20**  
 Clue: *Place to drive*

**D. 6 13 6 11**  
 Clue: *Used for sight*

Answers: A. distraction B. vehicle C. road D. eyes

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to distracted driving.

HPNEO

Answer: Phone

## GUESS WHO?

I am a comic/actor born in New York on April 3, 1961. I began performing stand-up comedy as a teenager, which led to a gig on "Saturday Night Live." I am a singer, director, actor, and comedian, and am best known for my comedic roles. I won a Golden Globe for a 2007 film.

Answer: Eddie Murphy

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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60														

- ### CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Narrow piece of wood
  - 5. African desert
  - 11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
  - 12. Sour
  - 16. Infrequent
  - 17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
  - 18. Policemen wear one
  - 19. Out of the question
  - 24. Used to chop
  - 25. Symptoms
  - 26. Not moving
  - 27. Folk singer DiFranco
  - 28. Comedian Armissen
  - 29. Quantitative fact
  - 30. Incline from vertical
  - 31. Scottish musician
  - 33. Rooney and Kate are two
  - 34. Positioned
  - 38. A very short time
  - 39. Tropical American shrubs
  - 40. Yemen capital
  - 43. Spanish municipality
  - 44. Medical professionals
  - 45. Fibrous material
  - 49. Confined condition (abbr.)
  - 50. Without covering
  - 51. "Mad Men" honcho Don
  - 53. Hockey position
  - 54. Taste property
  - 56. Fertile spots in a desert
  - 58. They precede C
  - 59. "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared
  - 60. Try a criminal case
  - 63. Liberal rights organization
  - 64. Spoke
  - 65. Insect repellent

- ### CLUES DOWN
- 1. Unshaven facial hair
  - 2. More thin
  - 3. Show up
  - 4. Seethed
  - 5. Ancient Greek city
  - 6. Poisonous plant
  - 7. Hello
  - 8. College sports official
  - 9. Monetary unit of Russia
  - 10. Wings
  - 13. Take too much of a substance
  - 14. A citizen of Uganda
  - 15. Most appealing
  - 20. Atomic #18
  - 21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
  - 22. Jewish calendar month
  - 23. Popular sandwich
  - 27. Swiss river
  - 29. Incorrect letters
  - 30. Popular entree
  - 31. Foot (Latin)
  - 32. A driver's license is one form
  - 33. Extinct flightless bird
  - 34. Appetizer
  - 35. After battles
  - 36. It neutralizes alkalis
  - 37. Beverage container
  - 38. Partner to "Pa"
  - 40. Gray American rail
  - 41. Salt of acetic acid
  - 42. Canadian province
  - 44. Dish made with lentils
  - 45. Narrative poem of popular origin
  - 46. For each one
  - 47. Come to terms
  - 48. Test
  - 50. More dishonorable
  - 51. Unit of loudness
  - 52. The Ocean State
  - 54. Monetary unit in Mexico
  - 55. Lying down
  - 57. Thus
  - 61. Where LA is located
  - 62. Western State

## DISTRACTED WORD SEARCH

P	N	W	N	H	R	W	W	U	G	N	I	T	X	E	T	C	C	S	J
F	W	Y	F	K	U	T	X	T	Y	T	E	N	P	H	H	F	F	R	O
E	G	L	W	R	A	G	T	H	P	X	O	X	K	R	C	T	U	O	U
K	F	S	A	L	D	Y	H	W	X	I	S	M	L	R	G	E	W	V	C
J	R	S	K	R	A	Y	O	Y	T	K	M	O	A	R	D	R	G	Y	V
K	U	I	O	W	C	N	I	N	S	S	G	S	G	E	R	C	R	Y	I
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G	T	T	M	W	O	F	K	A	F	Y	U	U	G	W	U	O	E	H	K
N	E	R	E	E	L	C	I	H	E	V	T	M	O	V	N	U	A	I	T
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T	A	C	C	Y	E	H	O	F	X	N	D	Y	V	N	M	G	I	U	X
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E	A	E	K	S	D	U	T	U	E	U	V	H	F	X	T	C	G	D	P
G	F	D	J	W	Y	A	R	P	D	Y	K	K	X	R	N	C	C	N	P
S	N	K	G	M	M	Y	S	P	Y	P	A	P	G	C	N	D	A	T	H

### WORDS

- ACTIVITY
- ATTENTION
- COGNITIVE
- CRASH
- DANGEROUS
- DISTRACTED
- DRIVER
- DROWSY
- EATING
- HIGHWAY
- INJURY
- MANUAL
- NOISY
- PASSENGER
- RADIO
- READING
- SAFETY
- SPEED
- TALKING
- TEXTING
- VEHICLE
- VISUAL

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

## PUZZLE SOLUTION

S	L	A	T		S	A	H	A	R	A											
C	E	R	E		A	C	I	D	U	L	O	U	S								
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## Sudoku

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

### ANSWERS

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

Level: Intermediate

## HOROSCOPES

timely manner.

**LIBRA** - Sept 23/Oct 23  
 Libra, this week is a time for self-expression. You may find yourself pulled toward hobbies or artistic endeavors that enable you to showcase your talents.

**SCORPIO** - Oct 24/Nov 22  
 This is a time to dive deep into your home and family life, Scorpio. You want to create a sense of stability at home and address anything that might compromise that. Trust your gut with how to move forward.

**TAURUS** - Apr 21/May 21  
 You are in the mood to get down to business this week, Taurus. It's a great time to focus on your career or finances. Pay attention to all of the little details as you go along.

**GEMINI** - May 22/June 21  
 Curiosity takes control this week, Gemini. Opportunities for learning are all around you. You just need to look for them. It may be a new class or a trip that you take with friends.

**CANCER** - Jun 22/Jul 22  
 Cancer, this week you may have a lot of emotional processing going on, particularly regarding relationships or past experiences. Embrace these deeper feelings.

**LEO** - Jul 23/Aug 23  
 Your social energy could be off the charts this week, Leo. Others will be drawn to your magnetism and self-confidence. It is a great time to network or collaborate.

**VIRGO** - Aug 24/Sept 22  
 Efficiency and productivity are the name of the game right now, Virgo. When it comes to organizing and planning, you will be all about getting things done in a

**SAGITTARIUS** - Nov 23/Dec 21  
 Communication is the key this week, Sagittarius. Initiating important conversations and speaking directly with others is a great way to clear the air and get to the root of these issues.

**CAPRICORN** - Dec 22/Jan 20  
 Capricorn, you are focused on your financial well-being this week, but other issues may fall by the wayside. You might have to bring in someone else to keep the balance.

**AQUARIUS** - Jan 21/Feb 18  
 Personal goals and ambitions are front and center this week, Aquarius. This could put you in the spotlight and showcase what you want to accomplish to those around you.

**PISCES** - Feb 19/Mar 20  
 Pisces, this week invites you to slow down and recharge your batteries as much as possible. You might feel pulled to spend time alone or simply get away for a few days.