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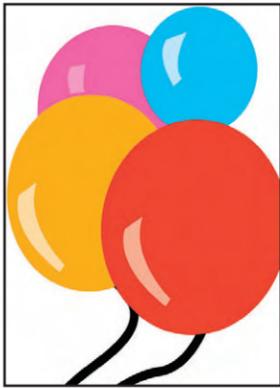
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Kneehill County residents upset with water tax

By Isabell Redding
Valley Times editor

Kneehill County is moving ahead with plans to bring water from the Town of Drumheller's water treatment plant to rural residents.

Phase 1 of the Water Service Area (WSA) Rural Distribution Line and the WSA reservoir to be built near Carbon went to tender on Dec. 17, 2007 and the tender closed on Jan. 28, 2008.

On Monday, March 31, 2008 representatives from Tekton Construction, which was the successful bidder for the construction of the reservoir, Kneehill county councillors, and representatives from EXH Engineering Service Ltd., which has been hired to do the detailed design of the water distribution system and associated reservoirs/pump-houses for Kneehill County, met just northwest of Carbon at the site of the newly proposed reservoir for a ground breaking ceremony and photo op.

Kevin Miner, chief administrative officer for Kneehill County, said that the plans are progressing on schedule for the water project.

"Phase 1 went out to tender for the distribution line and the fresh reservoir site," Miner said.

"We are working on the engineering work for Phase 2 now. We are hoping by the end of July it should be out to tender."

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Sandstone Lanes bowling alley manager Cindy Clark dressed up as a Mexican person to greet bowlers at the Sandstone Lanes wind-up party on Saturday. The party had a Mexican theme and many of the bowlers dressed up. For full results please see Page A31. Valley Times photo by Mark Redding

EnCana denies doing any water well contamination

By Rick Northrop
Valley Times staff writer

EnCana is not responsible for water well contamination in the Rosebud area, according to representatives from the company.

According to Allan Boras, manager of media relations for EnCana, the company follows strict regulations set out by the Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board and Alberta Environment.

"We have been working in that area for decades," Boras said.

Drilling for natural gas is like drilling through layers of blankets set over the centuries in the ground, Boras added.

In order to get at the natural gas, EnCana

must drill below the surface through layers, or blankets, of sand and coal and sometimes drilling through layers which contain water.

Nearby landowners use these relatively shallow layers of water for household use.

Government regulations followed by EnCana state precautions must be taken, like cementing pipes used to extract natural gas in place.

EnCana also has their own regulations which they follow.

"We can't do completion of shallow gas wells above 200 metres," Boras said, meaning that EnCana will not take natural gas out of the ground anywhere before 200 metres in depth.

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EnCana says it met with the landowners

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Most of the water wells in Rosebud are at a depth of 50-60 metres which makes it necessary for them to be drilled through.

During the years spent in the area, EnCana has met with landowners in the area including the new group of eight concerned landowners which came forward recently.

Meetings of all sizes have taken place including one-on-one discussions, group meetings and public

meetings. "We have had extensive discussions with this group of eight," Boras said.

Complaints by landowners in the area regarding their drinking water are being taken seriously and investigated.

Evaluations by independent third parties have been done on the wells in question, according to Boras.

"Independent government agencies have done extensive work in

that area," Boras said.

Mark Dubord, a hydro-geologist with EnCana, said that the company samples water wells according to Energy Resources Conservation Board D-35 regulations.

"We don't sample water wells after drilling unless concerns by the owner are raised," Dubord said.

Boras also added that all documentation regarding Rosebud's wells will be made available to the public by EnCana shortly.

Head shaving raises enough for team to go into The Weekend to End Breast Cancer

By Rick Northrop
Valley Times staff writer

Two Hanna oilfield supply company managers made their mark in the fight against breast cancer with a fundraiser recently.

Danny Povaschuk, manager of Meridian/Maverick Supply Ltd., and Dennis Barrie, manager of Midfield Supply Ltd., shaved their heads at the Hanna IGA on Friday, Feb. 29.

The two men collected sponsors and raised \$7,000 to have their heads shaved (and Barrie's goatee shaved off as well) with all of the proceeds going to "The Assorted Cups", a team which is taking part in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer on July 25 and 26 in Calgary.

Kevin Mazzie, another friend, also jumped in and raised \$1,500 to have his head shaved so the event raised more than \$8,500 for the team taking part in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

Sheri-ann Barrie (nee Urbinsky)

is Dennis' wife and will be walking in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer with her son, Dustin, 16, as well as her mother-in-law, Maggie Barrie, 70, and her sister-in-law Joanne Contenti in the 60 kilometre walk around Calgary.

Sheri-ann and her son used to live in Drumheller, but they now live in Hanna.

Sheri-ann and each of the members on her team must raise \$2,000 each in order to take part in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

They had raised \$2,000 prior to this fundraiser and now have enough money with the \$8,500 for the four person team to take part in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

"Mazzie jumped in on the last week and raised \$1,500," Sheri-Ann said.

Abigail Barrie is also going to be on the team, so the team now has five walkers. All five will be walking 60 kilometres each.

"It's amazing," Barrie said, regarding the walk.

"Just when you think you can't go anymore, you'll see some 70-year-old ladies walking by."

Barrie would like to thank everyone who donated to the head shaving event in Hanna including Krista Walker from Twisted Scissors who shaved the hair, IGA for donating the beef-on-a-bun sold during the head shaving, and all of Hanna, Drumheller and surrounding area for their donations and support.

"The support we got was crazy," Barrie said.

This will be the third time that Sheri-ann has participated in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer and it will be the second time for Maggie.

You can still donate directly to Sheri-ann's team by going to the website at www.endcancer.ca and clicking on the team's name in order to sponsor it.

Standard 4-H Sheep Club holds speak-offs

Editor's Note: I would like to apologize to readers and to Morgan Miller for not getting this news in sooner. We have been short space lately, but we will do a better job of getting the news in more timely in the future. - I.R.

Standard 4-H Sheep Club News
By Morgan Miller

The Standard 4-H Sheep Club held its club speak-offs and presentation day on Feb. 24.

Congratulations to all the members on doing a super job.

Winners were as follows: Junior presentations - 1st Nicolas Ellis; Intermediate presentations - 1st

Colton and Blake Reinhardt, 2nd Dale Palsson, 3rd Morgan Miller; Speeches - Junior -1st Devyn Millette, 2nd Kylee Hebbes, 3rd Justin Wolfs; Intermediate - Marleen Palsson, 2nd Adelle Ellis, 3rd Jessica Ellis.

A huge thank you to all our judges for helping us out: George Comstock, Leon Cynbaluk, Helen Zachariassen, Lachie McKinnon, Lori Bach, Tom Stoltz, Jeannie Wagemakers, and Joanne Petersen.

At District Level in Intermediate presentations Colton and Blake Reinhardt placed 1st and Dale Palsson placed 2nd. In Jr. Presentations Nick Ellis placed 1st. In Intermediate pub-

lic speaking Marleen Palsson placed 3rd. Congratulations to all of our club members who moved on.

Weigh-in for lambs was on March 22. Regional 4-H Fun Day was on April 12.

On April 13 4-H club members went door-to-door delivering light bulbs for the Standard Lions Club.

A big thank you to Agrium for giving the Standard 4-H Sheep Club \$620 towards panels for Show and Sale Day. Another thanks to guest speaker Susan Anderson for giving us a speech on speeches.

This is Morgan Miller signing off until next month.

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