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Broadband Internet Project underway in Yellowhead County

by Dana McArthur

After a lengthy embargo on information imposed by the federal and provincial

governments, Yellowhead County Council was finally able to publicly discuss the Universal Broadband Project (UBF-03570) during its March

26, 2024 council meeting.

Until this point, County's discussions on the topic were held in-camera, closed to the public and media, to comply

with the governments' grant and funding requirements.

"Yellowhead County applied for the Universal Broadband

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Yellowhead County's Family Wellness Day in Marlboro featured a variety of activities including making no bake protein balls. The event was hosted at the Marlboro Hall on March 26 (see page 14). photo Niki Luymes

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Broadband Internet Project underway in Yellowhead County

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Funding for Rural Broadband through the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) in February of 2021," said General Manager of Protective Services, Albert Bahri.

The project costing \$41,113,824.40 looks to provide coverage to over 90% of residents within Yellowhead County.

"On May 25, 2022 Yellowhead County received a letter with conditional approval of the UBF Project. ISED then contacted Administration to begin the negotiation process and project scope of work," said Bahri.

ISED then provided mapping that excluded the Hamlet of Marlboro, Hamlet Of Evansburg, and a portion of residents in the highway 32 corridor stating that other internet service providers had already provided the required 50-down, 10-up speeds. "Yellowhead County did question these restrictions," said Bahri.

ISED required a resolution of Council approving the UBF Project in order to move forward with negotiations for the funding. "The issue was that the project was embargoed until such time it was announced by the federal and provincial governments. This meant that any resolution would have to be presented in camera," said Bahri. Discussions did occur in camera at the September 27, 2022 Council meeting, but the motion/resolution was passed in the public portion, albeit without significant information, Chief Administrative Officer Luc Mercier and Mayor Wade Williams, later clarified.

The resolution committed Yellowhead County to the entire project and associated funding to complete the project within a five year timeline. The project has a completion date of 2027.

"Based on the submission guidelines a response should have been received within 5 weeks of the submission should a party be successful. Yellowhead County received a letter providing conditional approval on

May 25, 2022 via email," said Bahri. May 25, 2022 then became the official date that Yellowhead County could begin to action the project and bill for items. The contract for the federal government portion was received on January 11, 2024. The contract for the provincial government portion was received on March 7, 2024.

"With the information embargo now lifted and both federal and provincial government contracts in place, the required Yellowhead County funding portion is presented to Council for approval," said Bahri.

Crews are ready to move forward and construction will begin immediately based on frost remaining in the ground.

The total project cost funded by the provincial and federal governments is based on \$36,476,204.00. This is broken down as follows: Federal contribution \$11,660,646; provincial contribution \$11,660,646; Yellowhead County Contribution \$13,154,912.

Yellowhead County is also responsible for costs associated with the project, but outside of the approved funding model of the provincial and federal governments. These includes: Legal and land acquisition \$500,000; system management program \$250,000; consultant services \$150,000; and a contingency of 10% on the overall project \$3,737,204.40.

This brings Yellowhead County's contribution to \$17,792,532.40 for a total project cost of \$41,113,824.40. The project will span from 2024 to the first quarter of 2027.

Yellowhead County would utilize the Restricted Surplus Fund: Infrastructure to fund the project, with the reserve being paid back over a four year period (2025 to 2028) through a combination of property tax revenue from assessment growth, annual surplus, and program revenue.

Wade Williams said, "I am going to go to questions and comments from council prior to asking for a motion."

Councillor Dawn Mitchell began,

"The required 50-down and 10-up speeds, those are recognized by whom? I don't believe that those speeds are being met, specifically in Marlboro, because I remember having to go door to door and do stuff on my iPad there."

Bahri replied, "We spent over eight and a half months trying to prove to them that the service wasn't there, but they were provided that data from those ISPs [Telus and Shaw] and that's all they have to go on. Hence the reason that those areas are still excluded. This is a bigger conversation that has to happen throughout Canada, based on all of those providers and carriers that won't serve smaller areas, based on the small population."

Councillor David Russell said, "I did a survey on my own upload-download speeds from three different websites and provided that information to my internet service provider. I asked them for an explanation, because they weren't achieving anywhere near their stated upload or download speeds. Their answer to that was, 'that's our best possible speed. We don't have to provide that, but that is our best possible speed'. Unfortunately, that is the number that they report to ISED, and those aren't their actual numbers. So they're playing fast and loose with the actual truth, in my opinion."

Councillor Shawn Berry commented, "I've been looking forward to this motion in order to move forward with getting us into the broadband network, that we so deserve

as residents in Canada and especially in Alberta."

Williams concluded, "This is a huge undertaking for any municipality. With the joint funding from the federal government, the provincial government, and Yellowhead County we're able to move forward with this and get this much needed infrastructure in. I'm so excited for this."

Yellowhead County Council approved Yellowhead County's portion of the project in the amount of \$17,792,532.40 from the Infrastructure Reserve, paid back over a four year period from 2025 to 2028. Council also approved the broadband project in the amount of \$41,113,824.40, and direct administration to proceed with the project installation.

Yellowhead County's Broadband Tower Network System provides a vital infrastructure service to its communities. The goal has been to get fibre connections to as many households as possible and create new wireless options where fibre is not an option.

These federal and provincial grants will help support the ongoing development of this infrastructure backbone to support the ever-increasing need for high-speed internet and cellular connectivity for Yellowhead County residents, first responders, emergency services, and other protective services such as early wildfire protection, as well as industry and other stakeholders.

Medicine Lodge Rodeo hosts \$10,000 Bingo at Friendship Centre

by Deanna Mitchener

On April 6th, the Medicine Lodge Rodeo Association is once again partnering with the Edson Friendship Centre to have a BINGO with a winning of \$10,000 plus many other winnings. If you enjoy playing BINGO you won't want to miss this opportunity!

Susan Longmore, with the rodeo,

said, "In 2018 we had the Win a Car Bingo in partnership with the Friendship Centre. We have partnered with the Friendship Centre again for a \$10,000 Bingo in 2022, 2023, and now this year."

If you would like more information please call 780-723-5494. Get those Bingo dabbers ready and reserve your seat now.

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Peers Curling Club hosts themed mixed bonspiel

by Niki Luymes

The Peers Curling Club had their last tournament of the year with the Mexican themed mixed bonspiel from March 22 to 24. The event ran from 6pm on the Friday with the final games being played on Sunday. The whole event was hosted at the Peers Multiplex.

This year, the event had 12 teams competing. Each team got to play at least three games, with the champions playing four, including the playoffs. The bonspiel was Fiesta themed with teams encouraged to dress up for the change to win. The team named 'Plan B' won the costume contest and the draw to the bottom with winnings of \$100.

The playoffs were organized depending on the win rate. If a team won its first game it was put into the A rank. If a team lost its first game but won the second it was placed in B rank, and so forth.

Each division winner received a prize, such as broom bags or coolers. For the A division, the winners were 'No Stinkin Badges'.

B division winners were the 'Los Turistas'. C division was the '0% Mexican' team. And finally, the winners for the D division were the '4 Veces Destilado' which roughly translates to four time distilled. The prizes for each division were donated by a local business.

"It was a lot of fun. Everybody embraced the Mexican theme and it just turned out really well. We hope to see everybody next year," said Greg Stanley, Peers Curling Club representative. There was also an open cantina alongside the many curling games. Supper was provided both nights with the special smoked brisket meal taking place on Saturday.

Traditionally, the Peers Curling Club plans three bonspiels during the winter season. One for the ladies, one for the men, and then the mixed. Unfortunately, they were never able to have a men's bonspiel this year. The ladies bonspiel in February was quite successful though. This year's theme was 'Weird Barbie', which led to a lot of flashy fashion fun.



No STINKIN BADGES: Harman Bangma, Greg Stanley (Skip) John Stitzenberger, Marissa Bangma.



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~ Obituary ~

ELMER NORMAN PELKE

(OCTOBER 20, 1934 – MARCH 19, 2024)

It is with the Heaviest of Hearts we announce the passing of Elmer Norman Pelke on Tuesday March 19, 2024, at the age of 89 years. Elmer leaves behind his loving wife Agnes of 66 years and three children.

Elmer was born on October 20, 1934, on the Pelke homestead in North Rosevear. There he met Agnes Stone and the two were married on February 15, 1958. They purchased a small home in Glenwood and had three children: Norman, Eileen and Heather.

Elmer worked on the seismic for a short period of time, then in 1962 he moved to a job with Alberta Transportation as a grader Operator.

In September of 1974 they purchased the farm in Wolf Creek, where they lived and raised their children. Elmer had a small herd of cattle and other livestock that kept him busy throughout the days. He continued to work as a grader operator until his retirement from Alberta Transportation in 1991, at the age of 56. Then he kept busy on the farm. After his retirement, Elmer spent his days in the garage tinkering and fixing things, having coffee with friends, fishing at the lake, and occasionally camping with Agnes and family.

Elmer was predeceased by his mother Pauline and father Fredrick along with 9 siblings. Lydia is his last surviving sister who currently lives in B.C. Elmer will be deeply missed by his wife Agnes, son Norman, daughter Eileen (Brian) and daughter Heather (Ken), grandchildren; Ryan (Shyla), Shaylene (Chris), Michael (Kayleen), Briana (Cody), along with 8 great grandchildren.

Elmer cherished his family and friends, he always looked forward to special gatherings and celebrations over the years. We will always remember his smile, his laughter, and the stories he told of his past and present.

Please Join the Family in a Celebration of his Life on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 1:00pm at the Pioneer Cabin in Edson, AB. A light lunch will be provided.

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Transportation and Economic Corridors

**April
Speed**

- Aggressive drivers
- Motorcycles

**May
Motorcycle safety**

- Cycling
- Alcohol and drug impairment
- Construction zones
- Off-highway vehicles
- New drivers

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Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for information and enforcement activities. April's focus is Speed, Aggressive Drivers, and Motorcycles

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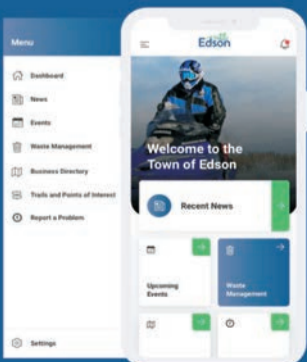
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- April 6th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- April 7th - 46 STREET NORTHBOUND NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
- April 8th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR 58 STREET
- April 9th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- April 10th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR 48 STREET
- April 11th - 56 STREET NORTHBOUND NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
- April 12th - HIGHWAY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
- April 13th - 48 STREET SOUTHBOUND NEAR PARKLAND & PINEGROVE SCHOOL
- April 14th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- April 15th - 4 AVENUE WESTBOUND NEAR 59 STREET
- April 16th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR 58 STREET
- April 17th - 12 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR 49 STREET
- April 18th - HIGHWAY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
- April 19th - 46 STREET NORTHBOUND NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
- April 20th - 56 STREET SOUTHBOUND NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
- April 21st - 4 AVENUE WESTBOUND NEAR 43 STREET
- April 22nd - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- April 23rd - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR 48 STREET
- April 24th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- April 25th - 4 AVENUE WESTBOUND NEAR 59 STREET
- April 26th - 13 AVENUE WESTBOUND NEAR POPLAR PLACE
- April 27th - 48 STREET SOUTHBOUND NEAR PARKLAND / PINEGROVE SCHOOL
- April 28th - 4 AVENUE WESTBOUND NEAR 59 STREET
- April 29th - 13 AVENUE WESTBOUND NEAR POPLAR PLACE
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Special Edson Town Council Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2024



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A Special Meeting of Edson Town Council will be held in accordance with the Municipal Government Act on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Edson Town Council Chambers for the purpose of the following matter:

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780-728-5233. Written statements submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Monday April 1, 2024, will be included in the agenda package. Written statements received after this date will be presented at the meeting.

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Any person who is deemed to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority by 4:00 p.m., on the 21st day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website. On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 2070. On Discretionary Uses, all aspects of the proposed development may be challenged upon appeal. Written notice of appeal, accompanied by the appeal fee as established by Town Council, must be filed through the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7. Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.

SCAN ME



Raid of Pension Funds?

Canada's public pension funds are under pressure by Trudeau's



From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

pay pension benefits to them in retirement. That's it, as is should be.

federal Liberal government to invest more in Canada. Potentially putting Canadian pension funds at risk of being raided by the Feds.

It's obvious why that pressure is being resisted by Canadian pension funds including the CPP, Teachers Pension Plans, Public Service Plan Investment boards, and more.

A March 6 open letter signed by approximately 90 business leaders calls on Ottawa and provincial finance ministers to "amend the rules governing pension funds to encourage them to invest in Canada."

It is noteworthy to mention that the CEOs who signed the letter are the heads of energy, telecom, and grocery chains that would benefit if the rules were changed so pension funds would be forced to invest in them.

Also note the word "encourage" in the letter, it's a term often used to mean 'legislatively mandate'. In this case, mandate that Canadian pension funds invest more in Canadian infrastructure.

The overextended federal gov't would certainly like to tap into the more than \$3 trillion managed by Canada's pension funds to use it to indirectly advance their political goals!

In Canada, productivity is declining and per capita income is falling (partially due to an increase in lower paying and gig jobs). Investment, particularly in infrastructure, is critical for government to help fix this situation, they helped to create.

What the federal government fails to recognize is that the solitary goal for pension funds is to protect the contributions received from plan members to

Canadian pension funds are among the best-performing in the world and typically invest abroad for diversification and high returns. They also do invest in Canadian real estate, infrastructure, and bonds for stable, long-term investments.

The open letter states that Canadian pension funds have reduced their holdings of publicly traded Canadian companies from 28% of total assets at the end of 2000 to less than 4% at the end of 2023.

What many do not know is that large investment opportunities that would be attractive to these big Canadian pension funds are taken off the table as government-owned projects like toll roads, ports, and airports.

It also has a lot to do with the federal and provincial governments' unsavoury habit of changing the investment rules mid-stream; pulling the carpet out from under investors.

This includes Ontario's government, under Dalton McGuinty, that launched a series of legal actions aimed at rolling back tolls on an expressway that had been sold by a 99-year lease to a consortium of private investors, including pension funds. Canada's reputation as an investment destination is still suffering from the long-lasting damage from the legal challenges.

If the federal government wants Canadian pension funds to invest more in Canada, then they need to present the right opportunities and stable policies, rather than forcing investment that could put Canadians' pension and retirement plans, at risk.

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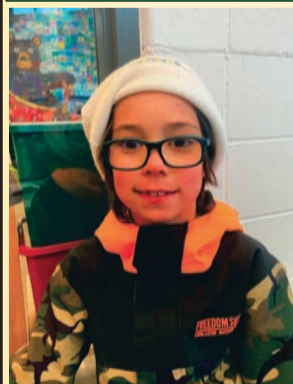
Traffic violations calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 30 calls. Other investigations included: Assistance 08; Abandoned Vehicles 0; Alarms/False Alarms 1; Animal Calls 3; Assault 6; Cause Disturbance 5; Fail to Comply with Conditions 5; False/Abandoned 911 Call 3; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 1, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 2; Lost or found property 4, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 0; Information File 4; Mental Health Act 0; Mischief or Damage 6; Municipal Bylaws 2; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 0; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 0; Suspicious persons 7; Traffic Complaints 7; Theft Complaints 7; Trespassing 9; Unlawfully in Dwelling 2; and Wellbeing Checks 3.

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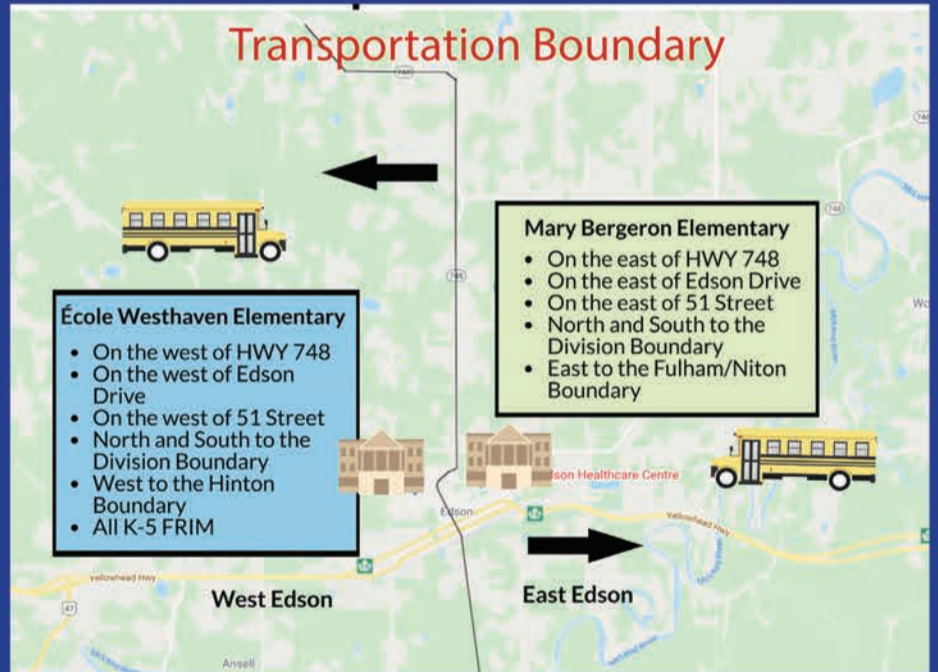
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Chromebook for
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Online Registration opens February 1 - spaces for JK and Kinder programs are limited so don't wait to register!

<p>Fulham School English Programs Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 fulhamschool.gypsd.ca 780-693-2186</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE - MARCH 6 9-11 AM</p>	<p>École Westhaven School English Junior Kindergarten Program English, French Immersion, and Montessori Programs Kindergarten to Grade 5 westhavenschool.gypsd.ca 780-723-3397</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE FOR BOTH JK & KINDERS MARCH 13 8:45-10 AM and 5-7 PM</p>	<p>Mary Bergeron Elementary English Programs Kindergarten to Grade 5 mbelementary.gypsd.ca 780-723-5300</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE - FEB. 12 & MARCH 15 9:30-11:30 AM and 1-2 PM</p>
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NEW for September - Five Day, Full Day Kindergarten Program available at Fulham!



VISIT SCHOOL WEBSITES FOR MORE OPEN HOUSE DATES & VIRTUAL TOURS
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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

BIRCH SYRUP WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 1-3 PM
BRULE COMMUNITY HALL \$10 PER PERSON

Join Agricultural Services and instructor, Terra Verch, for an afternoon of birch tree tapping.

- Participants will get to try their hand at tapping a tree and make some birch syrup.
- Learn the boiling process for turning the sap into a tasty syrup.
- Participants will take a sample home if enough syrup is available.
- Learn the local history of birch syrup collection from World War II when sugar was hard to come by due to rationing.
- Keep the Spile Kit so you can tap your own trees.
- Plus, take home a birch syrup cookie recipe!



A hands-on introduction to backyard tapping and birch syrup production.

PLEASE REGISTER AT WWW.YHCOUNTY.CA/REGISTRATION OR BY CALLING 1-800-814-3935.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 10TH. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SPOTS ARE LIMITED.

Yellowhead County FAMILY TIME



Join us on Wednesdays for some indoor fun!
Program runs from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

This is a free program for caregivers with children ages 0-5.

MARLBORO COMMUNITY HALL
APRIL 10 & 24
MAY 8 & 22

There will be new activities and unstructured free play each week.

PEERS MULTIPLEX
APRIL 17
MAY 1, 15* & 29

*Note: May 15th session will be outdoors at Peers Community Park.

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Registration is required. Please register by visiting www.yhcounty.ca/registration



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-033	SE-21-56-14-W5 Shinningbank Lake Area	Single Detached Dwelling-Additional	Mar 12/24	Permitted Use
D24-036	Plan 1321189 Blk 2, Lot 2 SW-19-52-7-W5 South of Evansburg	Single Detached Dwelling	Mar 12/24	Permitted Use
D24-037	Plan 1320417 Blk 1, Lot 8 SW-36-53-17-W5 Edson North Estates	Manufactured Home	Mar 12/24	Permitted Use
D24-030	Plan 8221400 Lot 1 SE-12-53-18-W5 West of Edson	Medium Industrial (Oilfield Trucking & Equipment)	Mar 13/24	Permitted Use
D24-038	NW-24-50-26-W5 Seabolt Estates	Bed & Breakfast	Mar 15/24	Permitted Use
D24-035	Plan 8020393 Blk 9, Lot 6A NE-19-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Public Utility (Recycling)	Mar 19/24	Permitted Use
D24-024	SE-21-52-18-W5 South of Edson	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage & Secondary Suite Internal & Existing Manufactured Home	Mar 20/24	Permitted Use
D24-039	SE-1-54-11-W5 Chip Lake Area	Campground (Rental Cabins) Discretionary	Mar 22/24	Apr 12/24
D24-042	Plan 3137RS Lot 7 SW-3-54-17-W5 North Road Subdivision	Existing Additions to Manufactured Home (Covered Decks) & Existing Accessory Buildings (Sheds) - Variance for Side Yard Setback	Mar 22/24	Apr 12/24

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision. Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN & LAND USE BYLAW DRAFTS

We invite your input for an update to the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and the Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

The **Municipal Development Plan** communicates the long-term desired land use for the County and serves as a framework of how it is expected to change over time and shape its future.

The **Land Use Bylaw** regulates the use and development of land and buildings within Yellowhead County to achieve an orderly and efficient pattern of development.

Public Information Sessions

Open Houses start April 15 across Yellowhead County. Join us at these "drop-in" events for landowners, business owners, and residents to discuss the proposed changes to the MDP and LUB. The sessions aim to answer questions and provide background on the proposed changes.

Marlboro April 15, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Marlboro Community Hall, 1005 21 Ave.	Peers April 24, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Peers Multiplex, 5113 51 Street
Wildwood April 16, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wildwood Community Hall, 4904 51 Ave.	Cadomin April 25, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Cadomin Firehall, 5215 50 Street
Edson April 17, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm County Administration Building, 2716 1 Ave.	Hinton April 26, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hinton Municipal Library, 803 Switzer Drive
Evansburg April 19, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Tipple Park Museum, 4805 48 Street	Robb April 29, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Robb Community Hall, 5101 52 Ave.
Brule April 23, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Brule Community Hall, 5010 Mountain Road	Online Open House April 30, 2024, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm www.yhcounty.ca/join

Public Hearing to be held on:
June 25, 2024, 9:30 am
Council Chambers, County Administration Building, 2716 1 Ave, Edson

Surveys are available online or at the Yellowhead County offices in Wildwood and Edson.
For the draft document and the online survey, visit: yhcounty.ca/MDPLUB2024



Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



REQUEST FOR BID

WILDWOOD CLEANING, CARETAKING & BOOKING SERVICES

Yellowhead County is requesting bids for the cleaning, caretaking and booking services for the Wildwood Recreation Complex and Gunner Rehn Park. Contract specifications may be obtained from the Yellowhead County Offices at:

2716-1st Avenue, Edson, AB or 53404 Range Rge 92A, Wildwood, AB

Yellowhead County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations and to waive irregularities or formalities at their discretion. The lowest bid will not necessarily be accepted.

All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Cleaning/Caretaking Bid" and submitted to the

Yellowhead County Administration Office
2716-1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta
by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

Successful proponents must provide proof of WCB coverage as well as liability insurance with Yellowhead County listed as an additional insured.

For further information, please contact Derek Starnes, Parks & Recreation Supervisor at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.



REQUEST FOR QUOTE

2024 HERBICIDE SUPPLY

For Yellowhead County

Full details can be found at: www.yhcounty.ca or www.purchasingconnection.ca

Will be received until **April 19, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MST**

General Description:

Yellowhead County invites suppliers of herbicide products to provide a quote for products listed on the below "Quote Sheet". The list of specific herbicide products and the approximate volumes that Yellowhead County will purchase in 2024 is a guideline only and no guarantee of purchase is implied by this invitation or by acceptance of any supplier's quote. Herbicide products are interchangeable and the price quote submitted by the preferred supplier will be used by Yellowhead County to analyse cost-benefits of purchasing specific herbicides to address needs as they emerge.

Quote Requirements:

1. Respondents may submit price quotes on any one or all of the products listed in the Sheet.
2. Prices should be expressed on the basis of per case as noted in the Quote Sheet, excluding GST.
3. Respondents should note all other supply costs including shipping/delivery charges, as well as all available discounts such as "early order" discounts with the applicable date ranges, on page 2 of the Quote Sheet.
4. Respondents must sign the acknowledgement on the Quote Sheet page 2 prior to submission.

Completed Quote Sheets may be submitted via email, mail, hand delivery, or fax to:

Jennifer Benson, Agricultural Services Supervisor
Yellowhead County
2716 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta T7E 1N9
Phone: 780-325-3782
Fax: 780-325-3783
Email: jbenson@yhcounty.ca

If you have any questions regarding this Request for Quotes, please contact the above Yellowhead County representative.



COPING WITH WILDFIRE ANXIETY

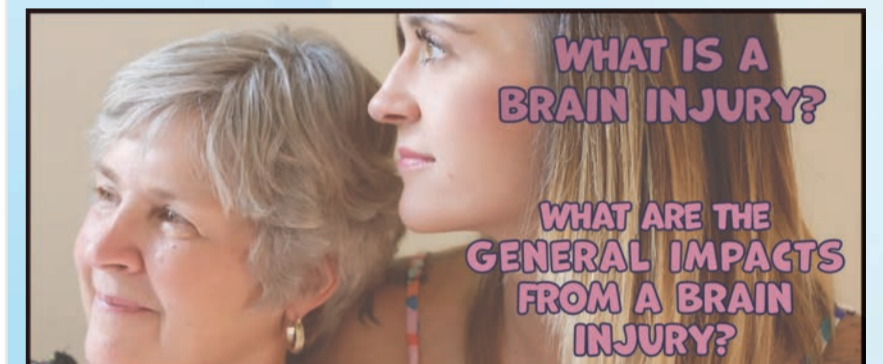
FREE INFORMATION SESSION
Info Session
APRIL 3, 2024
Wildwood Community Hall 1-3pm

Please join Alberta Health Services for a community information session! They will be providing a community information session in Wildwood to provide support related to the upcoming wildfire season.

- One-hour presentation.
- Hands-on tools to cope and manage your anxiety, fear and/or panic.
- Presenters will teach some stress management tools during the session.
- Tools for parents for helping children cope with the anxiety.
- AHS therapists will answer questions and meet individually with attendees.

Sign up and join us to learn how to manage your fear and anxiety about the coming fire season! Please call 780-725-6110 to register.

Presented by the Edson Addiction & Mental Health Team from Alberta Health Services.



WHAT IS A BRAIN INJURY?

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL IMPACTS FROM A BRAIN INJURY?

BRAIN INJURY INFORMATION SESSION
April 5 : Wildwood Community Hall : 1:00 p.m.

For families, caregivers, and service providers.

- Tips to help manage struggles with a brain injury
- Tips those supporting people who have a brain injury.

Facilitated by Danielle Morgan (Brain Care Centre in Edson/Edmonton).
Please register online or email kschatz@yhcounty.ca
Or 780-325-3782 Snacks and refreshments will be available.

Join the team at Yellowhead County
www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

We are HIRING!

Seasonal AGRICULTURE & PARKS Labourer Positions!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR A FULL POSITION DESCRIPTION AND TO APPLY.

2024 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT
Approx. May 2 to August 30, 2024



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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**ROAD BANS
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AS OF MARCH 26 2024

Yellowhead County

**DO YOU NEED TO PURCHASE
SPRING DUST CONTROL?**



Application Deadline May 15

To apply for Spring Dust Control (Calcium Chloride), submit payment and application before the deadline.

The application form is available online at www.yhcounty.ca or at the Wildwood or Edson office.

1. Applications for Dust Control can be made at our Wildwood and Edson offices.
2. Each ratepayer is entitled to an application of Calcium Chloride, 200 metres in length, for a fee of \$242.00.

(This fee represents approximately 33% of the total cost for the dust control application. Full application costs will apply for any requests over 200 metres.)*

3. The fee must accompany the application.
4. Spring Applications must be received by May 15, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

*Dust Control Policy #3200.02



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FCSS Program Assistant (Casual Term Position)
LOCATION: Wildwood Office
COMPETITION NO. 24-018

Reporting to the Family and Community Support Services Supervisor, the FCSS Program Assistant is a casual position responsible for assisting with the delivery of programs to children and youth in Yellowhead County.

The hourly wage is \$19.45 to \$21.40.

To apply please submit resumes online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

The competition will remain open until filled.

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Human Resources
Yellowhead County
Email: jobs@yhcounty.ca

The personal information obtained as a result of this advertisement will be utilized for these employment opportunities only, and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



Join us for
Pilates
at the Robb Multiplex!
March 28 - April 4, 11 & 25
(Thursdays) 10:00am - 10:45am
\$40 for four week session
or \$12/class drop in

Please bring a mat and a water bottle.
Open to all ages and abilities.
Register online at yhcounty.ca/registration
or phone the Recreation Coordinator at 780-723-4800

CHAIR YOGA
in
MARLBORO
Mondays
April 8* to May 6
9:30 - 10:00 AM
Cost: \$2/Class
*FREE first class on April 8!

Join Chelsea at the Marlboro Hall for Chair Yoga!

There will be a *FREE Try-It class on April 8th to see if this is the right fit for you!

These classes use the support of a chair to move through various yoga poses while working on breath work and building mobility.

Register online at yhcounty.ca/registration or by phoning Jina at 780-723-4800

Join the team at Yellowhead County
www.yhcounty.ca/jobs
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR A FULL POSITION DESCRIPTION AND TO APPLY.

We are HIRING!
Seasonal GRAVEL CHECKER Position!
Approx. May 2 to August 30, 2024

Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School

AUCTION & BAKE SALE

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

YKCS Gym 430 72 St (Glenwood)

DOORS OPEN & SILENT AUCTION

10AM

LIVE AUCTION STARTS

11AM



Hundreds of ITEMS up for BID! LOCAL GOODS, SERVICES, & MORE!

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YKCS ADMISSIONS 2024-25 NOW OPEN!

YELLOWHEAD KOINONIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EXISTS TO ASSIST PARENTS IN DEVELOPING THE SPIRITUAL AND ACADEMIC POTENTIAL OF THEIR CHILDREN.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS:

- 3 AND 4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL
- PART AND FULL-TIME KINDERGARTEN
- GRADE 1-12 IN PERSON LEARNING
- HOMESCHOOL PARENT LED
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- SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

WHY CHOOSE YKCS:

- NURTURING CHRISTIAN VALUES
- STRIVE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
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- SMALL CLASS SIZES
- COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS
- EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



GNS: Good News Story

Westhaven students learn about Asian culture and traditions

(GYPSD) École Westhaven School has been busy this month with learning about different Asian cultures, traditions, and celebrating Lunar New Year. Mr. Meier's Kindergarten and Ms. MacPhail's Grade 1 classes loved learning about these cultures through discussions, pictures, items, and picture books.

One of the books they read was *Ramen for Everyone*, a story that celebrates diversity, perseverance, and culture. After reading this engaging book, students were able to complete activities like retelling, sequencing of events, and relating to the character.

Students then came together to have a ramen sampling. They were able to customize their ramen by choosing their own toppings like carrots, corn, cabbage, and even seaweed! Each bowl of ramen was unique, just like each student in our school is unique.

The classes also read the book, *Anna's Kokeshi Dolls*, which is about counting and the

art of the kokeshi doll. Students got to create their own doll after reading the story, which they loved. The book is also in English and Japanese, which allowed students an opportunity to learn numbers 1-10 in Japanese. They were blown away by the use of characters instead of letters in the Japanese language.

These ideas and activities came from the resource, "The Experiences and Contributions of Japanese Canadians: A Resource Directory to Support the Alberta Programs of Study, Kindergarten to Grade 12." Ms. MacPhail has been a part of this ongoing project, which is a collaboration between the University of Alberta and the Edmonton Japanese Canadian Association. She is responsible for the resources and lesson ideas outlined in the elementary section of the Directory. Many teachers in GYPSD were also a part of reviewing this Directory and completed lessons in their teachings.



County hosts Family Wellness Days

by Niki Luymes

To help families make the most of spring break, Yellowhead County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) alongside County Parks and Recreation, held two Family Wellness Days throughout the county. The first of these was on March 26, hosted at the Marlboro Community Hall. The second was in Brule on March 28. Each event ran from 11am to 1:30pm.

Each event featured a variety of activities that encouraged family fun, while also letting kids learn. The day starts off with crafts, which in this case, were personalized galaxy sensory jars and custom chef's hats for each of the kids. Once properly attired, they moved to baking; creating no-bake protein balls. After

making a personalized sub sandwich for lunch, the group transitioned to more physical activities for the remaining time.

The event was a lot of fun for all the families that came out. "We're always incorporating family connection and building relationships among families and community members," said Jenna Truemner, Children's Program Coordinator for Yellowhead County FCSS. The events required pre-registration but would run with a minimum of three families. The cost was only \$5 for a whole family. The Marlboro event had three families in attendance with a total of about 10 people.

Yellowhead FCSS and Parks and Recreation hold many events like these ones throughout the year.



Parents and kids worked together to make no bake protein balls at the Family Wellness Day at the Marlboro Hall. photos Niki Luymes



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Visitor's Guide

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Littering impacts us everywhere



Views & News

by Deanna Mitchener

I would like to take this opportunity to give a high-five to our Edson Recycle Society and community members that recycle. After spending the past two winters in Mexico, a person can really appreciate having such a great facility in our hometown.

Here in Mexico they have no means for a recycle centre or even a garbage dump where trash can be buried. There seems to be a lack of understanding on the importance of this to our planet and how littering impacts the lives of everyone and everything.

We have noticed in all the areas we have visited in Mexico this past winter that there is a lot of litter and garbage being left outside and not disposed of properly.

As litter degrades, chemical and biological toxins, and micro-particles are released. These aren't natural to the environment and can cause serious health issues.

I hope Mexico can improve on the education and technology they need for its people to live and maintain a healthier environment.

Even back in Canada, however, people that should know better

choose to litter. We can all do a better job at looking after our environment.

For years my husband and I looked after a campground in Edson and the lack of respect from some people leaving behind litter was so frustrating. Some people would dump large items like old furniture along the roadside and dispose of household garbage in the bushes. There were even diapers, tin cans, and fast food containers left in fire pits. This always boggled my mind with all the technology and education we have. Why do some people have to litter?

Improperly discarded trash is a breeding ground for bacteria and diseases. Litter can spread bacteria, viruses, and parasites. So even those people trying help pick up trash need to be cautious and should be wearing gloves and using a garbage picking stick.

Litter, especially along the highways, needs to be picked up and costs taxpayers money. Take a proactive approach and educate yourself on ways to prevent littering and reducing waste in your area or while traveling.



Grade 3 students at Mary Bergeron School have been learning about rocks found on Earth's surface, including igneous rocks which are formed through the cooling and solidification of lava. Mrs. Hyatt's students have been having some fun building mini volcanoes out of clay and cups. The Grade 3 students invited their buddies from Mrs. Semotiuk's Kindergarten class to watch the volcanos erupt. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

Leisure Centre fire alarm needs upgrading

by Niki Luymes

Edson Town Council voted to approve up to a maximum of \$180,000 adjustment to the Capital Budget to complete the Edson District Leisure Centre (EDLC), fire alarm system upgrade to be funded from the Revenue Sharing Reserve, during their March 19 meeting.

Recently, the EDLC under went a routine inspection. This inspection identified major deficiencies in the fire alarm system, causing the whole building to no longer be up to national fire code. Key areas that need immediate attention are the replacement of the Fire alarm panel, addressing multiple conductivity and wiring issues, ensuring device compliance, all coupled with general system updates.

"The urgency of our situation cannot be understated," said Vicky Bird, Recreation Manager with the Town of Edson. "Without prompt repairs there's a risk of facility closure." A 24-hour-a-day fire watch is required to continue operations at the facility. This means that the EDLC has to have a person going from room to room on a almost constant rotation, whether open or closed, checking for fires and other emergencies. A role that is both tedious and time consuming.

Town Administration has already begun the process of fixing this situation. They have recently completed an informal but competitive bidding process for the project. They have also collaborated closely with contractors and fire inspectors for the repair evaluation.

The estimated cost of the repair is

up to \$180,000. This would allow for the facility to once again comply with national codes. The planned YCE renovations have been taken into account. These repairs will be integrated seamlessly into the renovation plans. This will reduce the completion time and consequently save on the cost of the manual fire watch.

Currently, the Leisure centre is running as close to normal as possible. Efforts have been made to keep the public and stakeholders up to date as the situation progressed. The fire watch protocol will continue until repairs are finished and operational.

When Councillor Gean Chouinard asked how long the repairs would take, Bird replied that the current estimation is about 6 weeks to 2 months from discussion to completion.

Councillor Peter Taylor, voiced his disappointment in this whole situation. The fact that the facility became dangerous is quite shocking. "How are we changing our practices to ensure that this type of thing doesn't happen again?" Bird responded, "Moving forward there will be more documentation. There will be systems in place that would catch these things, they won't go as long without being addressed."

Doug Wagstaff, General Manager, Community & Protective Services added, "One of the things that we're doing is taking a full review, that was in progress prior to this, to see what practices we're using in all of the areas. And what things we can formalize more, not necessarily in policy but in operations."



In many areas of Mexico there are no means for a recycle centre or even a garbage dump and trash piles can often be spotted in open areas. photo Deanna Mitchener

Town of Edson hosts Open House on new Land Use Bylaws



The Town of Edson invited the community to an Open House on March 26, to ask questions regarding the final draft of the new Land Use Bylaws. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

Edson Town Council and Administration invited citizens of Edson to give their feedback on the new, updated land use bylaws on March 26. People could come to the Heatherwood room of the Best Western High Road Inn from 6pm to 8pm to ask questions, give opinions, and generally learn more about the new bylaws.

These new bylaws have been in the works for a while with the whole process beginning in 2022. Town Administration realized that with the amount of changes needed to modernize the outdated bylaws it was easier to update it entirely. This would add better clarity and to address modern issues.

The updated bylaws are now in their final draft. Some of the updated information includes bylaws around home businesses, secondary suites and apartments, the use and placement of c-cans, and also updates to the parking bylaws for downtown businesses. All of these updates will hopefully offer clarifications on these issues, some on which were not addressed in the old bylaws.

The process of engaging with the community began in October of last year. This most recent open house is one of the final steps in the overall project. Administration was pleasantly surprised by how many people came out to discuss the issue. "Quite honestly, more than we expected, so that's great," said Paul Hanlan, General Manager of Corporate Service for the Town of Edson. "It would be quite arrogant for us to think or assume that we've got it all right. I'd rather have a good turnout of people who asks questions of what we are doing. We want to make sure, ultimately, that we've got it right."

A copy of the updated bylaws is available on the Town of Edson website for anyone to

look over.

While the open house is over, there will be one more opportunity to voice concerns. There will be a Special Public Hearing on Monday April 8 at 7pm for the community to come and ask questions. This will be residents' final chance to converse with the town about the new bylaw before it moves on to council. After that, it will need to go through 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, readings before being finally approved and adopted.

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• Mayor Kevin Zahara, Town Councillors, and Administration invited the community to an Open House on March 26, to discuss the final draft of the new Land Use Bylaws.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

ANNUAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Each year, CN is required to manage vegetation on its right-of-way. Managing this vegetation contributes to mitigating fire risks and enhances the efficiency of inspection of track infrastructure.

To ensure safe railway operations, the annual vegetation management program will be carried out on CN rail lines in the province of Alberta. A certified applicator (Davey Tree Expert Company Ltd., 1-800-465-6367) will apply herbicides on and around the railway tracks (primarily along the 24-foot graveled area/ballast). Product requirements for setbacks in the vicinity of dwellings, aquatic environments and municipal water supplies will be met.

CN only uses herbicides that have been approved for use in Canada and in the province within which they are applied.

The program is expected to take place from May to October 2024.

Visit www.cn.ca/vegetation for more information or to make an inquiry, contact the CN Public Inquiry Line at contact@cn.ca or 1-888-888-5909.

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Ph: 723-5776 Pastor Bryan Walter
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Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
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Community Events

April 10-May 29: Family Time. Join us on Wednesdays for some indoor fun! Program runs from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Marlboro Community Hall (April 10,24& May 8,22). Peers Multiplex (April 17 & May 1,15&29). Registration is required. www.yhcounty.ca/registration
March 8, April 12: Join Trail Hall for potluck suppers for more information call 780-728-5641.
March 10-31: Yoga in Peers, Sundays 6pm-7pm Peers Multiplex ages 12+ register at yhcounty.ca/registration
March 26: Family Wellness Day. 11:00am-1:30pm at Marlboro Community Hall. Register at yhcounty.ca/registration
March 26: From Stress to Success. Tools to manage stress and anxiety in relation to the upcoming wildfire season. Register or drop in. call 780-725-0582 6pm-8pm at Griffiths Park Centre (5414 6 Ave)
March 27: Family Wellness Day. 11:00am-1:30pm at Brule Community Hall. Register at yhcounty.ca/registration
March 29: Free Pancake Breakfast starts at 9AM. Followed by a Community wide Good Friday Rally at 10:30AM Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School 430-72 St Edson
March 30: Free Fire Extinguisher Demonstration. Learn and practice extinguishing a stove top fire. 2pm Bethel Pentecostal Church (6350-13 ave)

April 3: Coping with Wildfire Anxiety Free info session at Wildwood Community Hall. AHS therapists will answer questions and meet individually with attendees. 1-3pm (see page 9).
April 5: Brain Injury Information Session at Wildwood Community Hall 1:00pm. Please register online or 780-325-3785 or email kschatz@yhcounty.ca
Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.
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Farm & Field

News and Views

Guest column/editorial:

Rural farmers feed us all

by Ken Waddell; (First appearing in Neepawa Banner & Press)

March is a memorable month for me. Seventy-six years ago I was born on March 29. I remember many of the intervening Marches. One year, when I was in my very, very early school days, we had to travel by horse drawn sleigh and van to school because the roads weren't passable for a truck. The snowplows of the day couldn't keep up. Yes, students used to be hauled to school in the back of a covered in pick up truck. But that year our early 1950s rear wheel drive half ton could not make it through the snow clogged roads. It wasn't "over the fields we go" or "dashing through the snow", it was more like slogging all the way.

Another March, actually on my March 29 birthday, I had an agronomist friend out to my own farm at Arden and the snow had receded so much and the sandy soil had warmed up enough that the alfalfa was sprouting nicely. Needless to say that was an exceptionally early spring. One year, on my birthday, we had five calves born in one day. That was memorable.

So this March, while bringing back a flood of memories, also stirs some thoughts about the past but also about the present. Attended a bull sale on the weekend, and yes the ranchers are still optimistic and buying bulls. Some of them sold at very good money too. Something about March and calving season that brings out the buyers for a new bull to better the genetics of the herd.

Grain growers are putting the finishing touches on seed, fertilizer and machinery purchases. Machinery is being, or has been, made field ready. After some very dry years, and surprisingly good crops and prices, growers are figuring it may be a more "average" year this year but hope springs eternal within the human breast and perhaps that's where the spring season gets its name. Even the Neepawa Titans Junior

'A' Hockey Club gets into the spring season theme as they are in the playoffs and looking forward to the annual Ag Expo auction.

Here's some spring thoughts to chew on for a while.

Farmers feed us all, so please don't speak out against farmers while your mouth is full. Farmers provide a lot of habitat for wildlife, way more in some areas than when they used to when one-third of the crop acres were kept black in summer fallow.

Carbon taxes raise food prices and for everything else. Carbon taxes don't lower consumption because most of fuel consumption is essential in rural areas. Rural people don't just fire up the tractors, trucks and combines for the fun of it. Mostly it is essential.

And so here's a thought. Back in the day, when I was a child, crop yields were far less than now. Today's yields were unheard of in the 1950s and 60s. Why is that? One reason is minimum tillage

which retains more moisture than the old tillage methods. Another is that seed varieties are better. Fertilizer use is more targeted and better utilized. And, if Carbon Dioxide (CO2) levels are higher now yields will be higher. Many people don't know that greenhouse operators pump CO2 into greenhouses to get better plant growth. Perhaps a slightly higher CO2 level in the atmosphere is a good thing. I think it is, but all the liberals will disagree.

And finally, if you are worried about too much CO2 going into the atmosphere, then stop buying stuff from China. That's where the problem is. Or you can convince the volcanoes in Iceland to stop erupting.

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Mrs. Williams Grade 4 Science students at Mary Bergeron School learned how to apply simple techniques and tools to build devices and vehicles that move. The students have been designing and building balloon-powered cars. They finally had a chance to test their designs with a friendly race in the foyer. What a fun way to learn about engineering, design and kinetic and potential energy. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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