

Thymes Two
Unique Gifts & More
306 Main Street, Edson Ph: 780-723-3350

Mini NO-SALE EVERY TUESDAY **40% off** an item or department
*no returns or exchanges see instore for details
Regular Hours: Mon to Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm

EDSON'S INDEPENDENT, AWARD WINNING LOCAL NEWSPAPER

The Weekly

ANCHOR

SERVING EDSON & YELLOWHEAD COUNTY FOR 30 YEARS

Support the local businesses that keep your community and its newspaper thriving.

ADVERTISE LOCAL

The Weekly Anchor

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

WWW.WEEKLYANCHOR.COM

VOL. 35, NO. 15



100% Canadian Beef
Enjoy a Quarter Pounder® BLT today!
Topped with crisp bacon, juicy tomato, and fresh lettuce.

BINGO

Marathon BINGO night hosted at Friendship Centre...

see page 3

EDSON

Town considers expansion of Backflow Preventer Program...

see page 4

COMMENT

Threat to Alberta waterways...

see page 6



Grade 3 students arrived at Mary Bergeron School recently to find that their classrooms had been transformed into a dinosaur sanctuary that has been built in the rainforest of Peru. The students were tasked with finding a dinosaur and learning as much as they could about it. Then, they had to rebuild the sanctuary for their dinosaur and present their findings to a 'panel of scientists and investors'. What an engaging way to make learning fun. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

Special Council meeting held for Land Use Bylaws

by Niki Luymes

Edson Town Council and Administration met with concerned citizens one final times on April 8, to discuss the new Land Use Bylaws (LUB).

After months of work, the LUB is now in its final draft. During this Special Meeting it was being presented to Council and the public for final input. Town Administration and consultant Urban Systems had representatives on hand to answer questions and record concerns. Together they presented the major changes made to the LUB between February 13, 2024, and March 29, 2024.

"Administration, along with Urban Systems, have invested a great amount of time into reviewing and revising the proposed draft of the LUB taking into consideration the feedback from the previous engagement sessions and Council, while ensuring the final product meets the guiding principles," they stated.

continued page 2

WOK BOX EDSON
780-725-9739

ASIAN STREET FRIES \$11.99
WOK BOX EDSON DELIVERY

April 26th & 27th! Come See Us at the Edson Trade Show For a Chance to WIN Diamond Earrings!

Gelmici Jewellers
Free Draws, New Items & Trade Show Specials 780-723-3618
Watch for More Info! Main Street Edson gelmicijewellers.ca
NEW HOURS!!! Closed Mon. | Late Thurs. Tues. W.F. 10 - 5 | Thurs. 10 - 6 | Sat. 10 - 3

PASSPORT PHOTOS & MORE
Mon to Thurs 9am to noon
The Weekly Anchor
5010 3rd Ave, 780-723-5787

EDSON CONCRETE
Quality Products... ..Quality People
Ready Mix Concrete, Pre-Cast Barricades, Residential, Commercial, Industrial
7007 - 4TH AVE., EDSON, ALBERTA



GRAD PROMO CONTINUES!
Call to book an appointment 780 723 6677
Check Facebook/Instagram for more details!
Reg Hours: Mon-Weds 10am-6pm, Thurs 10am-8pm, Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun closed

Jensen's
LIFESTYLE CLOTHING
PRICES YOU LOVE
Main Street, Edson 780-723-6677

TWO MEN AND A HAMMER INC.
New Homes, Shops, Garages and Additions
DALE WILLIAMS
780-723-1354 tmhdale@gmail.com Box 6666 Edson, AB T7E 1V1

Special Council meeting held for Land Use Bylaws

continued from front

There have been five stages of community engagement for this project. This special meeting was the final time for concerned landowners to voice issues before the LUB goes back to council for final deliberations. Some revisions have already been made to the LUB, including labeling updates to the zoning map and other changes, as feedback is being constantly considered.

Listed below are some notable changes from the current LUB, as laid out in the special meeting.

- Secondary Suites in multiple forms have been included in the R1 and R2 District

- No longer require a development permit for a home business, minor (business license will govern).

- Significantly reduced the number of parcels zoned Direct Control in favour of conventional land use districts consistent with the existing approved use on the properties.

- Increased options for shipping containers in non-residential land use districts.

- CBD-Central Business District applied to parcels along 50th Street between 1st and 6th Avenues.

- Variance provisions for Legal Non-Conforming building and/or use allowing for up to 10% of alteration.

- New variance provisions that provide clarity to the extent the Development Authority can vary a regulation under the proposed bylaw.

"One of the pieces that was important throughout this process was to always question the purpose behind the regulations," said

Becky Soby with Urban Systems

After the presentation, council opened the floor for citizens to voice their concerns. In accordance with the meeting agenda, pre-registered concerns went first, followed by walk ins. Each presenter had six minutes to voice their concerns or comments. Approximately eight people presented, although there were many more present at the proceedings.

Several people voiced concerns over the same bylaw wording. The new LUB has changed the zones of many Heavy Industrial or Business Industrial zones in the Glenwood area. The new standards have changed the stipulations for surveillance or security units on industrial zoned property. Many business owners and their families live in dwellings classified as such. The new LUB has updated limitations for the unit size. While this wouldn't affect existing structures, it will cause issues for any future developments, renovations, or rebuilds. Most presenters recommended unrestricting the surveillance unit size altogether.

A local construction contractor also presented the concerns he had with the LUB. Mostly his concerns centered around building situations for residential zones that may adversely affect new developments. This includes new minimum setback for side yards and lot sizes for the building of duplexes. His concerns were received in writing by Council and Administration.

Yellowhead County also sent in a letter of concern to the meeting. These concerns included the specific zoning of certain land parcels. Several parcels have been labeled Business Industrial - Major, as opposed to their

previous labeling of District Controlled. These land pieces have acreages west of the County which could be affected by development on that land. With the new zoning, residents would have no alert or ability to stop any development that begins there. The County recommends re-labeling the zones lesser industrial.

Administration and Urban Systems will add the appropriate revisions from all the feedback. The LUB will then be brought back to Council for three readings before becoming official. Following the LUB adoption, Administration and Urban Systems will continue to monitor and track how it works. If required, they will make a list of potential amendments and report back to Council.

For more information, and to view the current draft bylaw, go to www.edson.ca/LUB.

Woodlands/Carrot Creek

Cemetery

AGM

May 1, 2024

7:30pm

at the
Carrot Creek Hall

Unreserved Farm Auction for Allan & Laila Hoefsloot

Opens on April 19th, 2024 & Closes on April 22nd, 2024 - Tomahawk, Alberta

Selling in conjunction with the Rimbey Spring Machinery Sale

Located South of Tomahawk, Alberta on Hwy #759 for 2.4 Kms to the Intersection of Hwy #624 & Hwy #759. East on Twp Rd 510 for 6.6 Kms. North Side of the Road. Green Sign 5230 Twp Rd 510

Tractors

JD 7220 FWA Tractor
w/ 3 pth, PTO, 3 Hyd, Power
Quad w/ F, JD 741 FEL &
Grapple, Showing 11,200 Hrs
IHC 1066 2wd Tractor
w/ IHC 235 FEL, Duals, Dual
PTO, 2 Hyd & Showing 5064 Hrs
MF 65 2wd Tractor
w/ FEL, Bucket & 3 pth

Haying Equipment

JD 568 Rd Baler
w/ Net & Twine, Mega Wide
P/U, Floation Tires
& Approx. 9000 Bales
JD 1470 Discbine w/ 1000 PTO
H&S 12 Wheel Bi-Fold V Rake

Tillage Equipment

Kello 10' HD Breaking Disc
IHC 14' Field Disc
Morris 24' DT Cult
Cockshutt 247 10' DT Cult
IHC McCormick Semi-Mtd 8"
Seed Drill
Vintage MH Steel Wheel
Seed Drill
Ford 4 Bottom 3pth Plow
Vintage 4 Bottom Plow
Vintage 2 Bottom Plow on Steel
Allied 40' Diamond Harrows
Shopbuilt 18' Land Roller

License No. 165690

Cattle Handling

Bale King Vortex 2000 Bale
Shredder
New/Unused Tuff Cattle Squeeze
Numerous Stand Up Cattle Panels,
Squeeze, Maternity Pen, Tipping
Table, Panels, Sheds & Shelters,
Feeders & Oiler

Miscellaneous

Small Rectangular Hopper Bin
Lincoln SA200 Welder on
Transport
Plastic Square Nurse Tank
3 pth Fertilizer Spreader
Assorted Shop Tools
Fence Posts
Barb Wire
Quad Sprayer
Garden Tiller
Wheel Barrow
Garden & Yard Tools

Other Equipment

45' T/A Dry Van
1987 Prairie Trailer 16' T/A
Stock Trailer
16' T/A Bumper Pull Flat
Deck Trailer
Vintage 4 Wheel Buck Board
Wagon on Steel
7"x36' PTO Grain Auger
Flexicoil 3 pth Post Pounder
7' 3 pth Manual Angle Blade
Frontier 60" 3 pth Landscape Rake
72" 3 pth Rough Cut Mower
JD Bale Fork
3 pth Bale Spear
Craftsman DGS6500 Lawn Tractor
Slide In Sled Deck

For Information on Terms &
Conditions, Payment &
The Office Trailer - visit our
website at
www.allenolsonauction.com



For Viewing or
More
Information
Contact Ted
at
(780) 898-9998

Allen B. Olson Auction Service Ltd.

Rimbey & Hwy #16 East/Rge Rd 185, Alberta

(403) 843-2747 Rimbey - (780) 208-2508 - Hwy #16 East/Rge Rd 185

Toll Free 1-855-783-0556

Email: abolson@telusplanet.net - Homepage: allenolsonauction.com

Marathon Bingo Night hosted at Friendship Centre

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Friendship Centre partnered with the Medicine Lodge Rodeo to bring the community an extra special Marathon Bingo Night on April 6. This year the bonanza was worth \$10,000.

Each year the two groups plan this event and then split the proceeds. This is the third year the event has taken place.

The night was hosted in the Friendship Centre's bingo room. The doors opened at 4pm, with the early birds games beginning at 6pm. There were multiple chances to win throughout

the night, but only one person received the big prize. The most cash prizes were awards for full card blackouts.

Each participant had to pay \$125 for a ticket package. A package includes 9 cards, and 3 extra game cards. Extra regular games tickets were available for \$2 a piece. The Medicine Lodge Rodeo also donated one of their custom jean jackets as a door prize.

The whole event was put together by volunteers from the Edson Friendship Centre partnered with the Medicine Lodge Rodeo. This year there were 137 people in attendance; a number that exceeded expectations. "We were pleasantly surprised how it turned out. It ran smoothly with no problems from start to finish," said Michelle Findlay, office manager with the Edson Friendship Centre.

The Edson Friendship Centre has weekly buy-in bingo games. This year the Medicine Lodge Rodeo is planned from May 10 to the 12th.

3rd Annual Element Zone Spring Fling

by Deanna Mitchener

Spring is in the air, and organizers are gearing up for rodeo season. Join rodeo lovers on April 20, starting at 3:00 p.m. out at the Element Zone along Range Road 171.

There will be men's and women's Ranch Broncs, Ladies Cow Riding, Bullpoker Ring of Fear, Sheep Riding and more.

This event starts the season off with some

adrenaline pumping action from start to finish. Travis James says, "We offer crowd interactive events with top quality Free Style Bull Fights. There's a little something for the cowpoke in all of us. Things always get a little western in the Zone."

Get those cowboy boots dusted off and join in the excitement of another season at the Zone with Travis James and his crew.

See you there.

Letter to the Editor

Find your motivation to volunteer

I had attended a presentation on the act of motivating people to volunteer. The presenters were well versed in their subject, and had the research to make their point.

The points being: volunteers live longer, advance in their career faster, enjoy a social life, and expand their experiences.

The sooner you start, the longer you enjoy the benefits.

In today's world there is always that old cliché, "I am so busy, I can't do any more". How do you know? I will give you an example of motivation to do more.

When I lived on the farm, we had a problem

with coyotes. I was not the best shot, but I would try to take one shot, miss, and the coyote would take off running as fast as needed. I'd take another shot, and it would run faster. I'd take a third shot and it would really take off.

I always wondered how fast that coyote could run. I ran out of shells.

I am not saying you need that level of motivation, but unless you start to volunteer someplace, you may never know your full potential. But if you do, you will have some of the best memories ever and they will be yours forever.

Eric Karlzen

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Wildwood Legion is looking for a Bar Steward to work in the Tavern.

Please drop a resume off at the Legion

Thursday - Saturday from 1:30pm - 5:00pm

or email to

rclbr149@gmail.com

5111 - 50th Street, Wildwood, AB

NOW OPEN IN EDSON
 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER & NEAPOLITAN PIZZA

Double the flavour, double the happiness

Ricky's & Famoso
 ALL DAY GRILL PIZZERIA

5625 2 Ave, Edson, AB
 587.466.0687

Town of Edson considers expansion of Backflow Preventer Program

by Niki Luymes

During the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 9, Council was presented an update on the Backflow Preventer Program Pilot.

Council set aside \$50,000 for the program for 2023, which covered 50% of the cost of having a backflow device installed. Eligibility was on a first come basis for those affected by flooding, until the budget was depleted. It was created in response to the 2022 flood event that caused damages to 23 private properties.

The initial rollout saw nine homeowners apply and install backflow valves before June 2023. However, the major flood event in that same month, caused damage to over 90 private properties. Following this event, another 13 homes applied to have a backflow preventer installed. Of the \$50,000 budget, a total of \$23,857.40 was used for reimbursements.

After the 2022 events, Administration decided that more research had to be done to help understand, troubleshoot, and recommend solutions to limit or prevent damage to private properties during major flood events. The Utilities Department put out a Request for Quotes to local companies to complete private property plumbing inspections. Local Edson business, Truman Plumbing and Gas Fitting, was the successful proponent.

After reaching out to all landowners affected by flooding, 46 of them consented to sewer inspection services as offered by Truman Plumbing and Gas Fitting. From this process, the Town learned that 50% of the homes inspected had no backflow prevention device installed. Many of them also had an old model weeping

tiles that feed into the sewer lines. When weeping tile feeds into the sewer system, it is more likely to flood during a rain event as water overpowers the sewer system causing backflow. The remaining homes had both a backflow prevention device and a weeping tile/sump pump that were correctly installed. It's important to note that some of the homes with properly installed devices still experienced backups due to line pressure.

Both, Darin Borysko, Fleet & Utilities Manager for the Town of Edson, and Colin Truman of Truman Plumbing and Gas Fitting, presented their findings to council. They, and Town Administration, were seeking feedback from Council on making the pilot program a permanent program funded through Sewer Contracted Services as proposed in the 2024 Operating Budget. They also recommended an update and expansion to the program.

They proposed that the program reimburse owners for the installation of a backflow valve and a full sump pump. They also wanted to open the program to all residents of Edson and not just those who had experienced flooding. If Council approves the proposed operating budget for this program, the Communications department would inform landowners of the continuation and expansion of the program.

Following the presentation, Mayor Kevin Zahara asked Borysko if he believed that the \$50,000 allotted would be enough to cover the program after expansion. "Do you think that is a sufficient amount to include sump pumps in this program as well?"

"I was actually pleasantly surprised," replied Borysko "In doing the program, a lot of the builds were anywhere from \$1,500, to \$3,000 just for the

backflow preventer. I was expecting a little bit more." Truman agreed, saying that installing the sump pump and back flow preventer at the same time would reduce the overall cost. "As long as they are in the same location, it's not that much more work to add. One at a time would be about \$3,000 each, but both together would only be a third more. Borysko also reminded Council that the full \$50,000 hadn't been used last year. Assuming the program is as popular, it shouldn't be an issue.

Councillor Peter Taylor commented that if the program reached the \$50,000 maximum, Administration would simply have to come ask for an extension. "If people are really enjoying the program, and want to take part in it, I would rather see them do that than deal with a flooded basement." He also added that with the amount of people who just don't know what kind of system they have, maybe they could also create a program that educates. It may also be a good idea to prioritize people who would financially struggle to pay for the installation on their own.

Mayor Zahara added that while he is in support of an education program, he wouldn't want to complicate things by limiting the program to those who need financial aid. "As soon as you start adding different mechanisms, it becomes more of a burden to administer."

"Would this program apply to anyone who has this system or just those who have been flooded?" asked Councillor Greg Pasychny. "It would apply to anybody," answered Borysko, "Even if you were a business owner within town and had a connected sump."

The program will not be put into action until the full 2024 budget is approved on April 23. If approved during this process, interested residents can reach out to the town for more information on the program.

Edson and District
EST. 1912
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TRADE SHOW

EDSON & DISTRICT LEISURE CENTRE

Friday
April 26
12 Noon - 8 pm

Saturday
April 27
10am - 4pm

Booths still Available

Booths still Available

Local entertainment and demonstrations
FOOD TRUCKS
VENDOR DOOR PRIZES
LOTS OF INTERESTING VENDORS
FREE POPCORN AT THE PGHS BOOTH

Adults \$4.00	Kids 4 to 12 \$3.00	Seniors \$3.00
-------------------------	-------------------------------	--------------------------

3 years and under Free!

BeltoneTM
Helping the world hear better
Serving Alberta since 1964
We are AADL, WCB, HINNIHB, DVA provider

HEARING EVALUATIONS

Edson Clinic
Weds, April 24, 2024* 10:00am-1:00pm
Edson Medical Centre
616 50 St, Edson
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

We provide:

- * Latest Technology - all digital hearing aid models
- * Repairs to all models
- * 30 day trial period

Edmonton
#134-15277 Castledowns Road
Edmonton, AB
1-855-258-9429



TOWN OF EDSON

Public Information & Notices 2024

**Town of Edson
Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8am to 4pm
(Closed Stat Holidays)**

FireSmart™ Work (Parkland School Area)



FireSmart work is underway in the forested area between Parkland School and 48 Street.

The work is scheduled to last to the end of the month.

Expect some noise during this time as there will be chainsaw work, brush saws, and equipment such as trailers, quads and vehicles in the area. Please stay clear of the area while work is underway.

*FireSmart, Intelli-feu and other associated Marks are trademarks of the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC).

Town of Edson FCSS - Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

FREE TAX CLINIC

March 4th - April 30th
Located at the Griffiths Park Centre
(5414 6 Ave)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday..... 9AM to 3PM
Wednesday 11AM to 7PM
Friday, Saturday, Sunday.....CLOSED

To book an appointment, please email edsoncvitp@gmail.com or call 780-725-0582

Drop-in & drop-off taxes are welcome, but appointments will have priority.

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Simple tax returns only** (no business income, no capital gains, no depreciation and no death returns)
- **Edson and area residents welcome**
- **Low income, seniors, students**

Income Thresholds are as follows:

- 1 person income \$35,000 or less
- 2 person income \$45,000 or less
- 3 person income is \$47,500 or less
- 4 person income is \$50,000 or less
- 5 person income is \$52,500 or less and increases by \$2,500 per individual per family thereafter



Proudly supported by



Water Risk Levels/Actions

Water levels can fluctuate for a number of reasons throughout the year. Extended, hot, dry temperatures, major fire operations, well failure, etc. In order to help residents understand the water situation throughout the year, operational risk levels have been developed. Please see the chart below to understand the different risk levels and operational changes required for each situation.



Reservoir Levels 75%-100% 60%-75% 50%-60% < 50%

Normal Operations

- Sprinklers and water toys may be used for recreational purposes by children provided children are present during use; this includes children's pools (capacity not more than 1000 liters).
- No changes to regular operations.

Low Alert Warning

- ODD/EVEN watering for lawns will be enforced.
- Reduce Spray-Park Hours by 25%.
- Children's pools (not exceeding capacity of 1000 liters) may be used.
- Requests for site and condition specific irrigation scheduling for Commercial/Institutional operations using metered irrigation systems may be approved.

Medium Alert Warning

- All outdoor water use is prohibited (washing cars, sidewalks, watering lawns, water toys, etc). Exception: Hand watering of flowers/vegetable gardens.
- Reduce Spray-Park Hours by 50-100%.
- Bulk Water hauling by appointment only or with limited hours.
- Requests for site and condition specific irrigation scheduling may be approved.

High Alert / Water Ban

- All outdoor water use is prohibited.
- Spray-Park Closed.
- Bulk Water hauling suspended.
- No town water trucks.
- No training with water by (staff/fire).
- No town grass watering.
- Other conservation measures as needed.

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2070 as amended, can be found at <https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications>. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or planning@edson.ca.

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



www.edson.ca

Sparks and Embers learn about bees

by Deanna Mitchener

The Sparks and Embers attended a bee presentation recently by Shirley Mitchell. After the presentation the girls got to make bee hotels to take home with them.

When asked what inspired her to start having her own bee hives and how long ago, Mitchell said, “I started honey bee keeping about twelve or so years ago. The biggest reason was I kept hearing about the issues honey bees were having almost worldwide.”

“Alberta agriculture offered beekeeping courses, so I thought I would go to find out more. I found beekeeping very interesting so I decided to keep a few hives as a hobby.

In turn, I also learned a lot about how to help our endemic pollinators as well. Of course I like the honey, however also enjoy wildcrafting, so I make many things with beeswax such as candles, lotions, soaps, beeswax wraps, and more,” said Mitchell.

“The honey bees assist with pollination for some crops including vegetables, fruit, flowers, and some feed crops. It is estimated we can thank pollinators for assisting with over 60% of the food we eat. They are such interesting insects and I really enjoy this hobby,” added Mitchell.

“I appreciated speaking about pollinators with the Sparks and Embers. They paid such close attention and asked some great questions. They were keen to learn and made some beautiful mason bee houses to take home,” said Mitchell.



Shirley Mitchell teaching the Sparks and Embers about bees recently. submitted

HAPPY Volunteer WEEK

The empathy, compassion and generosity of volunteers creates connected communities and builds a stronger Canada.

GERALD SOROKA MP YELLOWHEAD
 GERALD.SOROKA@PARL.GC.CA
 GERALDSOROKAMP.CA
 780-723-6068

EVENT REMINDER

April 20, May 18, June 15: Grief Support Group
 9:30am-11:30am at Griffiths Park Centre,
 questions contact Sarah at 780-712-3500 or
 email sarahm@edson.ca

Please remember to shop local and support local...

Local journalism matters now more than ever...

NEWSPAPERS MATTER
 NOW MORE THAN EVER

You're Invited to Westhaven's

MONTESSORI NIGHT

Want to learn more about the program and connect with other Montessori families?

Join us at the school to discover:
 What is Montessori?
 How it is different from other education options?
 How does the program run at Westhaven?

Classroom tours and demonstrations
 A light supper will be provided

Monday, April 22
5-7 pm

1205 Westhaven Drive
Edson, AB
780.723.3397



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



Canadian Firearms Safety Course
 (non-restricted)

AGES 12+
TIME: 9 AM - 6 PM

May 11:
 WILDWOOD RECREATION COMPLEX

May 12:
 PEERS MULTIPLEX

INSTRUCTOR:
 Dan Johnston

COST: \$140.00 per class

Register at
yhcounty.ca/registration

Please Bring:
 - Two Pieces of ID
 - Address Verification
 - Lunch / Snacks



BECOME A YCFD FIRE CADET!

Looking for youth ages 15-17!



Join our Team!



APPLY BY
MAY 31
 SCAN QR TO APPLY

Students may be eligible for highschool credits through this program!

Training begins Fall 2024.
www.yhcounty.ca/ydfd





REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Snowplowing of Local Roadways Within Cadomin Mountain Area For Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County invites interested consultants to submit proposals for the Snowplowing of Local Roadways Within Cadomin Mountain Area Yellowhead County, Alberta in accordance with the Request for Proposal.

A detailed information package will be available from April 04, 2024, on the Alberta Purchasing Connection website (<http://www.purchasingconnection.ca>).

Proposal submissions must be received no later than **2:00 pm Alberta Time on April 26, 2024**.

Proposals must be submitted via email to Sabhago Oad General Manager of Infrastructure & Planning Services at soad@yhcounty.ca or mailed to:

Sabhago Oad
 General Manager Infrastructure & Planning Services
 Yellowhead County
 2716 - 1st Avenue
 Edson, Alberta
 T7E 1N9

This is a "Request for Proposal", and potential consultants are advised that Yellowhead County reserves the right to:

1. Accept a proposal without negotiation.
2. Reject a proposal without negotiation.
3. Reject a proposal from a bidder that has had a previous contract terminated by the County.
4. Negotiate changes in the financial or operational content of the successful proposal.

For further information regarding this request, please contact Amir Syed, Manager of Engineering Services, at (780) 723-4800.

Bring your courage. Unleash your passion. Become a Yellowhead County Firefighter.



Join our Team!

Yellowhead County Fire Department's Volunteer recruitment is now open!




SCAN QR CODE TO APPLY.
MAY 31 Deadline.

We're looking for motivated men and women who want to make a difference in their communities!

Training begins Fall 2024.
www.yhcounty.ca/ydfd





Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-040	SW-31-53-17-W5 North of Edson	Single Detached Dwelling	Apr 5/24	Permitted Use
D24-043	NE-10-53-17-W5 South of Edson	Accessory Building (Shop) with Lean To's	Apr 5/24	Permitted Use
D24-044	Plan 1323215 Blk 2, Lot 2 SE-12-54-13-W5 North of Niton Junction	Campground (Rental Cabins) Discretionary	Apr 5/24	Apr 26/24

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.



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



INVITATION TO TENDER
2024 Gravel Supply, Haul and Place
for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2024-838**
Project: 2024 Gravel Supply, Haul and Place for the East Shoulder Pull Program

Will be received until: **2:00 P.M., April 24, 2024**

At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 – 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Supply, Haul and Place approximately 10,500 tonnes of a Modified Des 4 Class 25 crushed gravel aggregate for the 2024 East Shoulder Pull Program.

Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., April 3, 2024, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager, Infrastructure Services for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



INVITATION TO TENDER
2024 Wolf Lake – Elk River Supply & Place
of Gravel for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2024-835**
Project: 2024 Wolf Lake – Elk River Supply and Place of Gravel

Will be received until: **2:00 P.M., April 24, 2024**

At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 – 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Supply and place approx. 108,000 tonnes of crushed gravel aggregate over the next three (3) years for the Wolf Lake – Elk River Road Summer Gravel Program. Supply and place approx. 12,000 tonnes of crushed gravel over the next three (3) years for spot graveling the Wolf Lake – Elk River Roads.

Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

Copies of Specifications and tender documents may be obtained on or after 12:00 P.M., April 3, 2024.

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security and Consent of Surety as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



INVITATION TO TENDER
2024 Contract Road Rehabilitation
(Shoulder Pulls) for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2024-837**
Project: 2024 Contract Road Rehabilitation (Shoulder Pulls)

Will be received until: **2:00 P.M., April 24, 2024**

At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 – 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Approximately 71 kilometers of Contract Road Rehabilitation (Shoulder Pulls) within Yellowhead County to be completed.

Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., April 3, 2024, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager, Infrastructure Services for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



INVITATION TO TENDER
2024 Gravel Supply, Haul and Place
for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2024-839**
Project: 2024 Gravel Supply, Haul and Place for the West Shoulder Pull Program

Will be received until: **2:00 P.M., April 24, 2024**

At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 – 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Supply, Haul and Place approximately 9,700 tonnes of a Modified Des 4 Class 25 crushed gravel aggregate for the 2024 West Shoulder Pull Program.

Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., April 3, 2024, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager, Infrastructure Services for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.

**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 Tippie 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.
www.yhcounty.ca
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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**EMERGENCY DISPATCHER
CASUAL
LOCATION: EDSON, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-022**

Under the direction of the Dispatch Supervisor the 911 Dispatcher is responsible for 911 call-taking, fire dispatch, Peace Officer Call taking and dispatch and afterhours communications services for Yellowhead County staff, partner municipalities and contracted clients.

The hourly rate range for the casual emergency dispatcher position is \$26.82 to \$29.20.

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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
LOCATION: EDSON, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-023**

Reporting to the Area Supervisor, the Equipment Operator performs skilled work for both summer and winter road maintenance. This work includes a variety of both equipment and labour intensive tasks.

The salary range is currently \$67,937 - to \$84,242 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

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 close on April 26, 2024 at 4:30pm.

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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Project Engineer
LOCATION: EDSON, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-024**

Reporting to the General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Services, the Project Engineer will assist the General Manger in managing the County's engineering and construction program, and will be responsible for the oversight of the delivery of assigned infrastructure projects; including the County roadway infrastructure, bridge structures, Jasper/Hinton Airport, the County drainage system, water treatment and distribution systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, and solid waste management.

The salary range is currently \$105,159 - to \$130,397 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. 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 close on April 30, 2024 at 4:30pm.

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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Facility Fleet Maintenance (Term Position)
LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE
COMPETITION NO. 24-017**

Reporting to the Manager of Transportation Services, Facilities and Fleet Maintenance is responsible for the maintenance and care of County owned buildings, grounds and other facilities, and vehicle fleet in Yellowhead County

The salary range is currently \$71,688 to \$88,893 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

To apply please submit resumes online, on our web page <https://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.





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

ASK OUR RESIDENT EXPERT! DO YOU HAVE TREE & GARDEN QUESTIONS?

Yellowhead County has a new seasonal Horticultural Technician to answer your tree and garden questions and concerns.

TREE & PLANT IDENTIFICATION

TREE PRUNING ADVICE

GARDEN SOIL TESTING

TREE & PLANT DISEASE ID

Testing for the upcoming season:

- Garden Soil sampling provides a basic range result for pH, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium.
- Limit of 1 garden soil sampling per household.
- Testing is on a First come, first serve basis and is subject to availability of testing supplies.
- *Priority is given to gardens that are exhibiting growth concerns.

Disease or pest identification and recommendations or referrals

Contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Department at 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782 for inquiries or to set up an appointment with our Horticultural Technician.



Did you know that wild boar at large are one of the most damaging invasive species in North America?

FOR EVERY VERIFIED* WILD BOAR SIGHTING, YOUR NAME WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A CABELA'S GIFT CARD!

The MD of Greenview, Saddle Hills County, Woodlands County and Yellowhead County want you to Squeal on Pigs! For every verified* sighting, your name will be entered to win a Cabela's gift card! You can report sightings through the EDDMaps App or by emailing wildboar@gov.ab.ca.

*To be eligible for the draw, reported sightings need to be geotagged for confirmation. To learn more about the reporting process, please visit www.mdgreenview.ab.ca/squeal-on-pigs/

For more information, please contact Greenview Agricultural Services at 780.524.7621.



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.



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





Let's Get Ready to Learn!

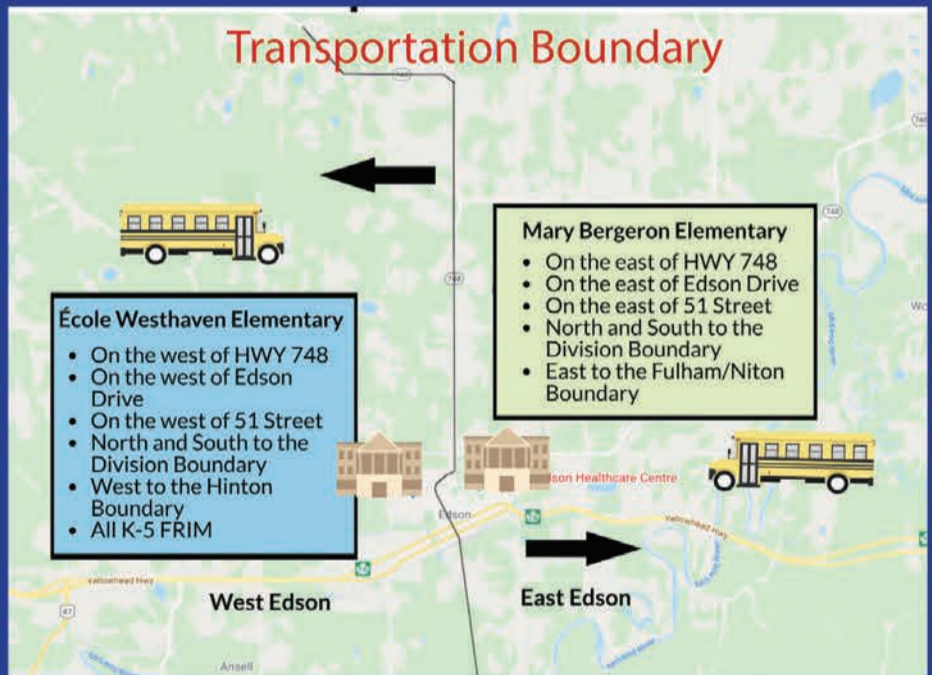
It's Time to Register for Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten!



**GYP
SD
Offers**

- Certificated teacher specialized in reading and numeracy instruction
- Play-based, innovative learning
- Early literacy
- Early intervention supports and resources
- Creative and cultural expression

**Register
by April 30/24 for
a chance to win a
Chromebook for
your family!**



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>
---	---	---

NEW for September - Five Day,
Full Day Kindergarten Program
available at Fulham!



VISIT SCHOOL WEBSITES FOR MORE OPEN HOUSE DATES & VIRTUAL TOURS
Find out more at www.gypsd.ca

Edson Golf Course spring opening preparations underway



Views & News by Deanna Mitchener

I'm sure many of you golfers are itching to get out on the golf course as soon as it opens now that spring is in the air.

Laura Proud, Assistant Clubhouse Manager at the Golf Course told me on April 7, "We currently do not have an official opening date. Our Annual General Meeting (open to 2024 members) is scheduled for April 15 at 7 p.m."

"Preparations for the course's opening are underway led by Andrew and his team, who are diligently working on various projects. The recent replacement of the #12 bridge was made possible with the assistance of members, J & H, and Len's Sandblasting," said Proud.

"Our pro shop is now stocked with our 2024 merchandise eagerly anticipating the return of our members and guests. Throughout the winter we hosted a range of events including Christmas parties, birthday celebrations, and engaging activities such as a Sip & Snap session where participants constructed flower Lego sets. On April 6, we hosted a FORE the Ladies, featuring yoga led by Regan from

Elevation Studios, followed by golf lessons by Jamie. A lunch

followed with open simulator time where participants were able to practice what they learned in their lesson," Proud explained.

The Edson Golf Course invites you to

join their upcoming ladies' night registration on May 1. "This presents an excellent opportunity to learn about our league and connect with other ladies," said Proud.

This reporter will be

sure to stop by the Golf Course throughout the summer. See you soon on the course.



West Fraser is a leading diversified forest products company, listed on the TSX, NYSE and rated as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers for ten years, we are a growing company looking for talented people to be part of our team. Our Edson Forest Products division has an opportunity for an:

MILLWRIGHT

We offer the following:

- Competitive Salary
- Excellent benefits and a defined-benefit pension plan
- Employee Share Purchase Plan
- 7 ON 7 OFF Shift Schedule
- Relocation package
- Job Stability
- Career growth

West Fraser Timber has over 60 locations across Canada, the United States and Europe. We believe strongly in promoting from within and pride ourselves on providing a challenging environment with continuous development. The successful candidate should be interested in future growth opportunities within the company.

If this position sounds like the start of a career for you, Submit your resume at www.westfraser.com/jobs. For more information on West Fraser and other career opportunities, visit our website at www.westfraser.com.

West Fraser believes inclusive, diverse teams build a more vibrant workforce, safer operations, and a stronger company overall. We strive to create workplaces and leadership teams that are reflective of the diverse communities we are a part of. We will not discriminate against any applicant for employment on the basis of race, gender, national origin or any other protected legal characteristic.

We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Candidates must possess a journey person trade certificate.



Weyerhaeuser Company Limited

Pembina Timberlands

Public Input Opportunity for Weyerhaeuser's Proposal to Use Herbicides 2024

What: Pre and Post harvest application of Triclopyr herbicide (for up to 200 ha), and Post harvest application of Imazapyr (for up to 90 ha) within conifer plantations to control grass and other competing vegetation.

Where: Various locations within the following Townships:

Pembina Forest Management Area

Twp. 43 Ranges 12, 13, & 14	W5M
Twp. 44 Ranges 13, 14	W5M
Twp. 46 Range 13	W5M
Twp. 46 Range 13	W5M
Twp. 47 Range 11	W5M
Twp. 49 Range 16	W5M
Twp. 50 Range 16	W5M
Twp. 51 Range 10	W5M
Twp. 51 Range 19	W5M

When: July and August, 2024

How: Application of triclopyr will be using aerial and ground application Application of Imazapyr will be by ground application.

Open Houses will be held on:

- April 29th, 2024 from 5-8 pm at the Canalta Hotel, Rocky Mountain House.
- April 30th, 2024 from 5-8 pm at the Best Western, Drayton Valley.
- May 1st, 2024 from 5-8 pm at the Repsol Place Recreation Center, Edson.

Should you have any questions or wish to provide input to the above mentioned project, please attend the information session or contact:

Edson Office
2509 Aspen Drive
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1S8
Kandis Dickhaut
Phone: 780-712-6879
E-mail: kandis.dickhaut@weyerhaeuser.com

Drayton Valley Office
Hwy 22 & 34th street
Drayton Valley, Alberta
T7A 1S8
Dave Swindlehurst
Phone: 780-542-8074
Email: dave.swindlehurst@weyerhaeuser.com

Fran Lehto
Phone: 780-621-5591
Email: fran.lehto@weyerhaeuser.com

PASSPORT
PHOTOS
FIREARM
PHOTOS
& MORE

Mon to Thurs
9am to noon



The Weekly
Anchor

5010 3rd Avenue, Edson
780-723-5787

Open House

Engage with Forest Industry staff, to review our 2024/25 Annual Operating Plans.

Staff will be present to discuss:

- **Harvesting Plans;** Road development, operations, log haul.
- **Silviculture Plans;** Stand tending, Herbicide vs. Sheep.
- **General Planning,** current and long term.

Wed. May 1, 2024

5pm – 8pm

Repsol Place, Main Lobby, 1021 – 49st., Edson

FREE



Seedling!



Weyerhaeuser



Alberta
Newsprint
Company



West Fraser

For information call 780-542-8014

Parkland Lodge Auxiliary Bake Sale April 20

by Deanna Mitchener

Parkland Lodge Auxiliary is having a bake sale on Saturday, April 20, starting at 1:00 p.m.

If you'd like to bake and donate something for this great fundraiser you will need to have your baked goods into the lodge the morning of the 20th by 11:00 a.m. This allows time for the volunteers to organize the tables and have items set out and ready.

The Auxiliary asks to please include a list ingredients on the package so purchasers know what's in

it in case of allergies etc. "We would also like to encourage everyone that will be purchasing from the bake sale to please bring your own bags. It would be greatly appreciated," said Carol McClintock.

If you need more information you can call or text Carol at 780-728-8084; Ann at 780-723-5673 or Marj at 780-723-6441.

For those of you who enjoy baking, consider digging out one of your favourite recipes or try something new. It's going to be a sweet day—and even sweeter with your help.



A very big thank you to Edson Lions Club for their generous donation of \$2,000.00 in support of the library's furniture fundraising drive recently. Pictured from left to right: Arden Lohner (Edson Lions Club), Robin Corser (Edson Library Board), Charl MacPherson (Edson Lions Club), and John Gauchier (Edson Lions Club). photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

Monthly cribbage tournament at Parkland Lodge



Parkland Lodge hosts a monthly cribbage tournament. Pictured here are a few of the cribbage players. There is no better way to spend a Saturday than with friends playing cards. Congratulations to the winners, and the Lodge looks forward to seeing you join in soon. photos submitted by Deanna Mitchener

67% of wildfires are caused by people.

Don't be that person.

[Alberta.ca/PreventWildfires](https://alberta.ca/PreventWildfires)

Threat to Alberta Waterways

With increased detections in Idaho and Manitoba, Zebra mussels pose a real and costly threat of being introduced to Alberta.



From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

species. These fingernail-sized, freshwater invertebrates have a hardshell and look a bit

like a clam.

Parks Canada recently announced that it is closing all bodies of water in BC's Kootenay and Yoho national parks, and restricting watercraft in Alberta's Waterton Lakes National Park to slow the spread of invasive species. Kelowna's Okanagan-Interior Invasive Mussel Working Group recently formed to address the issue in B.C.

An infestation of zebra mussels can cause millions of dollars of damage, compromising water intakes, dams, water treatment plants and other infrastructure. Commonly spread by boats travelling across borders, zebra mussels pose a threat to Alberta.

Zebra mussels are a threat to other species living in our lakes and rivers, as well as to the water and irrigation infrastructure that we depend on for our economy and for drought and flood protection. In 2023, Alberta inspected 8,818 boats, 19 of which were confirmed positive for invasive mussels (all coming from out of province).

For nearly 10 years, Alberta's inspection program has kept Alberta zebra mussel free by inspecting boats at international and provincial borders.

If established inside Alberta's borders, they could wreak havoc, threatening ecosystems and costing more than \$75 million annually in damages to irrigation infrastructure, according to recent estimates.

Zebra mussels have been detected in Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba. Alarmingly, there has been an increase in the spread of zebra mussels in Manitoba and neighbouring Idaho. And recently, Parks Canada moved to restrict watercraft in Alberta's Waterton Lakes National Park.

Alberta's government is stepping up its defences. The province is increasing the number of watercraft inspection stations, adding more dedicated watercraft inspectors, and setting up a new task force on aquatic invasive species. Alberta is also calling on the federal government to conduct mandatory inspections at the United States border.

In order to confront this growing threat, Alberta's provincial budget increases the number of inspection stations, inspectors and expands the K-9 dog inspection team.

Below is a Op/Ed column from Alberta's Minister of Environment and Protected Areas on the topic.

Our government is also calling on the federal government to require the Canadian Border Services Agency to conduct mandatory inspections and decontaminations of all boats entering Canada from the United States.

Keeping Alberta Invasive Mussel Free

by Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

Alberta will also launch a new task force to examine further restrictions on transporting boats, increased fines, and other actions that can be taken to build a firewall between this invasive species and our lakes, rivers, and infrastructure.

Zebra mussels are one of the world's most invasive aquatic

You can act too. Remember to clean, dry, and drain your watercraft, trailer, and gear and always stop at boat inspection stations, which have been mandatory in Alberta since 2015.



Inspectors decontaminate a boat from invasive species at an inspection station in Alberta. -AB Gov't

The Weekly Anchor
Your Local Independent Newspaper

All claims of errors in advertisements must be received in writing by the publisher within 5 days after the first publication. The Anchor is responsible to supply one ad proof upon customer request. Ads approved by the advertiser or agent absolves the Anchor of any liability for errors. Any other errors or failure to print is limited to the cost of the space where the error occurred within the ad. The opinions expressed within this publication are not necessarily those of the Anchor or the publisher. Material published may not be copied or reproduced without the expressed written permission of the publisher.

We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada

Funded by the Government of Canada | **Canada**

News Media Canada member
Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association

Canadian Publication Mail Number - 40014221
SERVING THE TOWN OF EDSON & YELLOWHEAD COUNTY FOR 30 YEARS
In Office Hours: 9am to Noon Mon-Fri
Telephone: (780) 723 5787
email: anchorwk@telusplanet.net

DISPLAY ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Call
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Tuesday, Noon
Publisher/Editor Dana McArthur
Published by: 422247 Alberta Ltd.
5010 3rd Ave., Edson Alberta - Box 6870, T7E 1V2

Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of: April 1 to April 7, 2024

Traffic violations calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 25 calls . Other investigations included: Assistance 04; Abandoned Vehicles 0; Alarms/False Alarms 2; Animal Calls 0; Assault 2; Cause Disturbance 3; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; False/Abandoned 911 Call 5; Family Orders and Agreements 1; Fraud 1, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 0; Lost or found property 2, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 2; Information File 2; Mental Health Act 1; Mischief or Damage 08; Municipal Bylaws 2; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 2; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 0; Suspicious persons 7; Traffic Complaints 07 ; Theft Complaints 07, Trespassing 8; Unlawfully in Dwelling 1; and Wellbeing Checks 5.

SHOP LOCAL SAVE LOCAL

ADVERTISE LOCAL

Local Journalism Matters...
Support the local businesses that keep your community and its newspaper thriving.

KID'S CORNER

Meet 5 year old Jake who is in kindergarten at Mary Bergeron Elementary School.

What is your favorite thing to do during recess?
I like to play on the big kids' side!

Kid's Corner is sponsored by:
Sand & Gravel Sales/Hauling
Quality Work
Serving Edson & District Since 1974

MCPHEE CONSTRUCTION LTD.
Quality Work 723-5152 EDSON

To place an ad: 780-723-5787 Classifieds go online at www.weeklyanchor.com

CLASSIFIEDS

EMAIL:ANCHORWK@TELUSPLANET.NET

SEED/FEED GRAINS
Seed Oats 98 % germination, Fusarium tested, No wild oats, Can deliver, On farm scale jamesbeniuk@gmail.com Woodland Lumber, Evansburg 780-621-2229
FOR RENT
Commercial Property for Lease - 3000 sq.ft., offices, mezzanine, in-floor heating, Sumo, 12' x 12' insulated overhead door, fenced backyard. Contact Marion 780-712-1497
Office space for rent, various sizes, central location, ample parking call 780-712-9890
FOR RENT: 2 bdrm, suitable for 1

person only. No children, pets or smoking. Call 780-728-5917 leave message
Commercial shop on 2nd Avenue. 1800 sq ft total. 1200 sq ft of 1800 includes storefront and bay with 14 ft door and 600 sq ft of office space. Call Wayne at 780-712-0660. TFN
Pine Manor Apt: 4102-6Ave, Edson 2 bdrm \$1075/ mth rent, \$1075 damage deposit. 1 bdrm \$950/ mth, \$950 damage deposit. Includes heat and water. 780-723-2177 or 780-728-3932
Super Location in town near the highway. Quiet area for resting after work and for pets. 2 bedroom 2 bathroom. Double garage carport.

Utilities included \$1500/mth. text Orest 778-875-4853
Half house quiet area. 1 bedroom + den 2 bathroom. Private entrance. The backyard is fully fenced perfect for pets. Huge deck the unit comes with private laundry RV parking and lots of storage space. utilities included. \$1400/mth text Orest 778-875-4853
Completely renovated trailer in Sunset Trailer Park. New windows, floor, paint closet and more. one year lease \$1400/mth short term \$1500/mth text Orest 778-875-4853

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE: Tuesday, Noon

HELP WANTED
 EYAEYO Cleaning Services Ltd: Looking for 2 Cleaning Supervisor with NOC62024. Wages \$24.10 hourly. Resumes: eyaeyo.cs@yahoo.com
 GET YOUR MESSAGE SEEN ACROSS EDSON AND YELLOWHEAD COUNTY. In print and online! The Weekly Anchor Classifieds reach over 10,000 local readers weekly. email: anchorwk@telusplanet.net

CHURCH DIRECTORY

EDSON

BETHEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
 6350 - 13th Ave., Edson. Phone 723-3007
 Pastors John & Roberta Greiner: Heather & Daniel Greiner
 Sunday service: 10:30 am Morning worship
EDSON ALLIANCE CHURCH
 5525-2nd Ave., Edson
 Ph: 723-5776 Pastor Bryan Walter
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
 Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
EDSON BAPTIST CHURCH
 4719 - 9th Ave., Ph: 723-3982
 Pastor Mesh Hit
 Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.
EDSON MENNONITE CHURCH
 6212 - 13 Ave, Edson
 Office hrs: Tues 9am-1pm
 Office phone: 780-723-4992
 Pastor Tyson Moerike (Call or text 403-966-4705)
 Sunday worship - 9:45
EDSON-PEERS CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
 4633-7th Ave., Edson
 Ph: 723-5242
 Pastor: Ryan Hoogerbrugge
 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Edson - Nursery provided Sunday School
EDSON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
 1133-55 St. Edson - Ph: 723-5490.
 Saturday Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Sabbath School at 10:00 a.m.
EDSON UNITED CHURCH
 Edson United Church
 1214 Edson Drive Edson AB
 Phone: 723-3418
FAMILY OF FAITH CHURCH
 463 72 St., Edson (formerly Glenwood Hall), Telephone: 780-517-7558
 Sunday: 10:00 am - Coffee and Donuts; 10:30 am - Morning Service
 Pastors: Pastors John and Ingrid Huizing vfm@shaw.ca
HOLY TRINITY
 (An Anglican/Lutheran Faith Community)
 Rev. Johnny Pooten 780-723-4366
 Worship Service 10am Sundays.
 All Services will be held at 623-50 St., Edson. (St. Catherine's). Please phone for other information.
THE NEW JOSHUA GENERATION FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
 4911 B 3rd Avenue, Edson, AB
 Sunday Worship at 2:00 p.m.; Fellowship after service.
 Rev. Noemi Sogocio, Senior Pastor, 780-600-0050; noemi_sogocio2006@yahoo.ca
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
 4803 - 6th Avenue, Edson
 Telephone: 723-3661.
 Pastor Father Thomas Basani (SAC)
 Mass: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
 Call office for weekday Mass times.
HARVEST OUTREACH MINISTRY EDSON
 (HomeChurch) in Dunamis Centre 5202 -2nd Ave (East Entrance)
 Service: Sunday 10am
 Ph. 780-725-2222

CARROT CREEK, NITON JUNCTION & PEERS
CARROT CREEK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 Pastor George Stone
 Ph: 795-2132 Church in Peers, Ab
 Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Non-denominational - Everybody Welcome!
COMMUNITY COWBOY CHURCH
 Niton Junction Hall Tuesdays, 7 p.m. 780-712-3502
GREEN GROVE UNITED CHURCH
 Niton Junction - Ph: 795-2568
 Sunday Services

AWNA Blanket CLASSIFIEDS

Buildings For Sale
 INTEGRITY POST FRAME BUILDINGS since 2008 BUILT WITH CONCRETE POSTS. Barns, Shops, Riding Arenas, Machine Sheds and more, sales@integritybuilt.com 1-866-974-7678 www.integritybuilt.com.
Business Opportunities
 BLANKET THE PROVINCE with a classified ad. Only \$269/wk (based on 25 words or less). Reach almost 80 weekly newspapers. Call NOW for details. 1-800-282-6903 Ext 225;

www.awna.com.
Employment Wanted
 GET YOUR MESSAGE SEEN ACROSS Alberta. The Blanket Classifieds or Value Ads reach over 600,000 Alberta readers weekly. Two options starting at \$269 or \$799 to get your message out! Business changes, hiring, items for sale, cancellations, tenders, etc. People are increasingly staying home and rely on their local newspapers for information. KEEP people in the loop with our 90 Weekly Community Newspapers. Call THIS NEWSPAPER now or email classifieds@awna.com for details. 1-800-282-6903, 780-434-8746 X225.

www.awna.com.
Feed and Seed
 BARLEY - * NEW-AB Standwell* Smooth AWN, High Yielding, Grain and Forage Great Lodging Resistance. 1st NITROGEN USE EFFICIENT CEREAL IN CANADA. OTHER BARLEY: Cerveza, CDC Austenson, CDC Maverick, Esma, Sundre. WHEAT - Pintail, Forage or Grain. OATS - AC Juniper, AC Morgan, AC Mustang, Derby, CDC S01 Super Oat. PEAS - Very Early Yellow Pea Forage Peas. ALSO AVAILABLE: Polish Canola & Spring Triticale. mastinseeds.com; 403-556-2609.
 WE BUY DAMAGED GRAIN - Heated, Mixed, Tough, Light, Bugs, Spring Thrashed....Barley, Wheat, Oats, Peas, Flax, Canola. "On Farm Pickup". Westcan Feed & Grain 1-877-250-5252.
 ALBERTA FEED GRAIN: Buying Oats, Barley, Wheat, Canola, Peas, Screenings, Mixed Grains. Dry, Wet, Heated, or Spring Thresh. Prompt Payment. In House Trucks, In House Excreta Cleaning. Vac Rental. 1-888-483-8789.
 FORAGE SEED FOR SALE: Organic & conventional: Sweet Clover, Alfalfa, Red Clover, Smooth Brome, Meadow

Brome, Crested Wheatgrass, Timothy, etc. Star City, SK. Birch Rose Acres Ltd. 306-921-9942.
For Sale
 WHITE SPRUCE TREES: 5' average \$50. Installation ONLY \$19. Includes: hole augered, Wurzel Dip enzyme injection, bark mulch application, staking. Minimum order 25. One-time fuel charge: \$150 - 200. Crystal Springs. 403-820-0961. Quality guaranteed.
Health
 HIP/KNEE REPLACEMENT. Other medical conditions causing TROUBLE WALKING or DRESSING? The Disability Tax Credit allows for \$3,000 yearly tax credit and \$30,000 lump sum refund. Take advantage of this offer. Apply NOW; quickest refund Nationwide: Expert help. 1-844-453-5372.
Services

CRIMINAL RECORD? Why suffer employment/licensing loss? Travel/business opportunities? Be embarrassed? Think: Criminal Pardon. US entry waiver. Record purge. File destruction. Free consultation. 1-800-347-2540. www.accesslegalmjf.com.
PRIVATE MORTGAGE LENDER. All real estate types considered. No credit checks done. Deal direct with lender and get quick approval. Toll free 1-866-405-1228; www.firstandsecondmortgages.ca
Wanted
 COLLECTOR/ ENTREPRENEUR PURCHASING COINS & COLLECTIONS! CASH PAID! ROYAL CANADIAN MINT COINS, collections, rare & old coins, silver & gold coins, jewelry, nuggets, bullion, sterling, gold & silver! 250-864-3521.

Drop off locations for the EDSON FOOD BANK

Sobeys, Shoppers Drug Mart, Independent Grocers, Timberjack Home Hardware and Edson RX Pharmacy

Call 780-725-3185 for an appointment
All other inquiries 780-723-1350
4511 5th Ave. Edson

Sponsored by The Weekly Anchor

BROAD REACH at an AFFORDABLE PRICE

Advertise Province-wide

with a combined circulation of over 650,000 for only... **\$799** plus GST

Ask about the **Value Ad Network**

Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association toll free 1-800-282-6903 x225 email classifieds@awna.com or visit your community newspaper

Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association

What's happening, when and where in the community

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
 April 20: Women's Wellness Workshop. Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Location: Best Western High Road Inn
April 19/24: Adult Card night 7:00pm at Niton Hall Everyone welcome
April 20 May 18 June 15: Grief Support Group 9:30am-11:30am at Griffiths park centre questions contact Sarah at 780-712-3500 or email sarahm@edson.ca
April 26-27: 2024 Edson and District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show. April 26, 2024 @ 12:00 pm - 8:00pm. April 27, 2024 @ 10:00am - 4:00 pm. Location: Edson and District Leisure Centre. Contact: Kathy Arndt 780-723-4918.
April 27: Angel Garden Children's event and Musical coffee house & silent auction 4407 7 Ave Edson. Holy Trinity Anglican/Lutheran Church 1-2:30 pm crafts and children's games 2:30-4:30. music and silent auction.
April 27: Niton Jam 1:00pm at Niton Hall everyone welcome.

April 28/29: Edson Trade Show. Friday April 28 Noon-8pm Saturday April 29 10am-4pm at The Edson District Leisure Centre.
April 29-May26: Step It Up Challenge. Teams of 3 to register in person at the Leisure Centre by April 22.
Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.
First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 1 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge.

We are proud to support community events

Phone: 723-6661

Johnson & Herbert
 CONSTRUCTION (1988) INC.
 EDSON, AB.

The Weekly **ANCHOR**

Farm & Field

News and Views

Nominations open for Agriculture Hall of Fame 2024

“Every 2 years, Alberta’s Agriculture Hall of Fame (AAHOF) recognizes up to 3 individuals whose outstanding leadership, innovation and business practices have advanced Alberta’s agriculture and food industry at the provincial level or beyond,” says Susan Lacombe, program coordinator

with the Hall of Fame. “The 141 men and women named to the Hall of Fame since its inception in 1951 exemplify agricultural leadership and accomplishment.”

The AAHOF honours individuals who have made significant contributions to their field. These could be scientists, farmers, inventors, educators, policymakers or advocates whose work has had a profound impact on agriculture and society. By recognizing their achievements, the AAHOF celebrates their dedication and encourages others.

“Alberta agriculture has a rich history, with innovations and advancements shaping how we produce food, manage land, and interact with the environment. The AAHOF preserves this history, showcasing the evolution of agriculture in our province and the people who have played key roles in its development and achievement. This helps the public understand the importance of agriculture and provides context for current agricultural practices and challenges.

“By highlighting the

achievements of individuals in agriculture, the AAHOF can inspire future generations to pursue careers in this field. It showcases the diverse opportunities available in agriculture and demonstrates the impact that individuals can have on promoting sustainability and addressing global challenges such as food security.”

The AAHOF can serve as an educational resource to inform the public about various aspects of agriculture, including its history and innovations. This can help raise awareness about agricultural issues and promote informed decision-making about food production.

By recognizing and celebrating innovation in agriculture, the Hall of Fame can help

promote further advancements in the field. It can inspire entrepreneurs, researchers and policymakers to develop new technologies, practices and policies that improve agricultural productivity, sustainability and resilience.

“The Hall of Fame directly contributes to the department’s priority to promote agriculture by showcasing and raising awareness around the significant contributions industry champions have made to Alberta, Canada and internationally,” says Lacombe.

Nomination forms and more information about the Hall of Fame can be found on the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame webpage or by calling 780-554-3780.

The nomination deadline is May 3, 2024.

AGRI STAINLESS

STAINLESS STEEL AIR SEEDER PARTS AND ACCESSORIES

The quality, knowledge & service you've come to expect.

flexicoil

20, 40, 50 Series

CASE III

AGRICULTURE

ADX Series

NEW HOLLAND

AGRICULTURE

SC, P Series



CO-OP Neerlandia Service Centre


Call or Text (780) 284-7922
3224 Twp Rd 615 A
County of Barrhead, AB
ryan.v@neerlandiacoop.com
agristainless.com

SEEDS & FERTILIZER

Lawn, Agricultural, Reclamation Seed

Trenton Stanley
B.Sc.Ag.

780-728-9190
tds@telusplanet.net



STANLEY SEED & FERTILIZER

GLASS

Edson Glass Ltd.
To serve you better for your HOME & AUTOMOTIVE GLASS NEEDS



Calvin Robinson
780.712.3444
Fax: 780-723-7805
Email: edsonglass@shaw.ca

#5, 5101 3 Ave.
Box 30044
Edson, AB T7E 1Y2

FRAMING/DRYWALL



- Framing • Texturing
- Drywall • Blow-in
- Taping • Insulation

CALL RICK MOSHER
(780) 517-0607

CARPENTRY AND RENO



OREST'S
Carpentry & Reno

- From small or large renovation projects
- Additions to complete interior renovations
- Basement development and finishing
- Decking • Fence • Landscaping • Roofing
- Electrical • Plumbing & much more

We increase the VALUE of your house for sale or rent

Contact Orest: 778-875-4853 • bigpowercan@hotmail.com
English • Ukrainian • Russian • Polish

APPLIANCE REPAIR



Yellowhead Appliance Repair

- Washer - Dryer
- Fridge - Dishwasher
- Stove / Oven

Edson - Hinton - Whitecourt and Area
Neil Rogers 780-725-0056

REIKI



Reiki

Natural Healing Energy
By Appointment only call
780-728-0106

USUI SHIKI
RYUHO REIKI

ELECTRICAL/INSTRUMENTATION



Keith Ahlefeldt
Branch Manager

Industrial, Commercial, Residential
Cell: **780-712-2553**
Fax: 780-942-2461
Edson, AB 17408 Twp Rd 534

Email: keitha@connectenergyservices.com
www.connectenergyservices.com

ELECTRICAL/INSTRUMENTATION SERVICES

SHOP LOCAL AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES