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# Edson welcomes new Fire Chief

(Town of Edson) The Edson Fire Department has some new leadership. Bradley Milton takes over the Fire Chief role and says he's excited to join the Edson community with his wife and two young boys. "I am happy to join the amazing team here with the Town of Edson and Edson Fire Department. I look forward to a bright future with the Town of Edson, while assisting all of our amazing residents," stated Edson Fire Chief Bradley Milton. Chief Milton comes to the Town of Edson with nearly 20 years experience in emergency services, including many years as a Canadian Forces Firefighter in Edmonton, Cold Lake, Halifax, and Trenton. He also

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# Town offers free tax clinic for area residents who need

by Niki Luymes

Edson and area residents still have until the end of April to take advantage of the free tax clinic offered by the Town of Edson.

From March 1 to May 1, Edson Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in partnership with Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) are offering the service free for those who need it.

“While it's FCSS employees that facilitate the program, we have five very dedicated and invaluable volunteers that share the responsibility of working in the clinic,” said Lexi Abbott, Community Development Coordinator with the Town of Edson.

Each year the clinic helps over 500 people complete their tax returns. “We offer people of Edson and surrounding area an opportunity to get their taxes done for free, if they fit the criteria. As long as they bring all of their information, everything is completed on site,” said Abbot. “Clients will complete an intake

sheet with one of our volunteers and we will enter the client's information into the electronic filing system. Once we're done, we will print out confirmation that it has been filed, place it in an envelope with all of the clients other information, and send it home with them. Then they're all done until next year.”

The clinic only handles simple tax returns. They are not able to file taxes for people with business income, capital gains, depreciation, or death returns. There are also income thresholds that are dependent on family size. 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.

All who want to use the service can prepare by checking their previous year's tax return to be sure they will be bringing the correct paperwork. Then they need to

compile their donation and medical receipts.

Appointments, drop-ins, and drop-offs can be done Monday through Wednesday from 9am to 2:30pm, closing at 3pm, and Thursdays from 11am till 6:30pm, closing at 7pm. You can also call 780-723-0872 or email [edsoncvitp@gmail.com](mailto:edsoncvitp@gmail.com) to book an appointment.

## EVENT REMINDERS

**April 21:**

*Tipple Park Evansburg Community Clean Up. 1-2pm Help clean the park in celebration of Earth Day. Gloves and bags are provided. Meet at the playground and bring your own reusable cup for water and hot chocolate.*

**April 27:**

*Virtual Spring Watercolor Class. 6:00-7:30pm ages 14+ register before Friday April 21 [ntarves@yhcounty.ca](mailto:ntarves@yhcounty.ca) or 780-723-4800*

## Edson welcomes new Fire Chief

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brings plenty of municipal emergency management and response experience, most recently serving as Chief and Director of Protective Services in Hudson's Hope, BC. Milton is also a certified Fire Investigator and is working on his bachelor's degree in applied emergency services administration through Lakeland College.

This appointment comes as Tyler Robinson moves on to a new role within the organization as Senior Manager - Protective Services. The Town of Edson is pleased to welcome Bradley Milton and his family to the community and the organization.

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# County to pave lot adjacent to Administration building

by Dana McArthur

In an effort to improve safety, beautification, and functionality, Council approved full asphalt paving beside the County's Administration building in Edson. This will provide additional parking spaces and improve safety and convenience for visitors and County staff. The project has an estimated cost of \$380,000.

Parking lot pavement options for the vacant space between the administration building and Yellowhead County operations center building was presented to the Council on February 21, 2023, for review and discussions. Based on the Council directions County Administration revised the plan.

"The revised safety, beautification, and functionality plan which entails aesthetically pleasing parking space, pedestrian safety initiatives and environment friendly landscaping, while ensuring safety and convenience for visitors and the county staff," stated Sabhago Oad, General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Services with the County, during the April 11 Council meeting.

Paving the parking area will also mitigate soil pollution from the vehicles, add value to the area, and improve functionality.

The plan will include dual row parking on west side of the Administration building which will provide 40 additional parking spaces, pedestrian walkway connectivity, a concrete median on west side of the new parking lot, and removal/relocation/addition of flag poles and landscaping.

**Edson & District Recycling Society (EDRS) Contract Extension** – Council extended the current EDRS contract for recycling services to June 30, 2024 before the implementation of the province's Extended Producer Responsibility Program (EPR) in 2025. Council asked Administration to review alternate service delivery options and report back by spring of 2024.

**Tender for Range Road 171 Rehabilitation** – The tender for the construction and rehabilitation of Range Road 171 was awarded to Plains Construction Canada Ltd who submitted the lowest bid of \$1,972,429.00.

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# Redesign underway for Victim Services

by Deanna Mitchener

Colleen Talpash, Program Manager with the Edson and District Victim Services, stated recently that some changes have been announced.

"In July 2022 there was an announcement regarding a redesign of Victim Services undertaken by the Alberta government, due to be implemented on April 1, 2024. Rural Victim Services Units (VSU) will no longer be run by boards within their own communities. The new model will have a regional approach, dividing the province into four quadrants," says Talpash.

"Each area will have its own board overseeing the region, each region will have a centralized management staff, and there will be caseworkers working out of RCMP detachments," Talpash says. "Our highly valued volunteers will continue to have a major role in the redesign."

"The participation of volunteers in Victim Services is crucial to provide the level of services needed. Services to victims of crime will not change," Talpash emphasizes.

"In conjunction with the redesign announcement, the

financial benefits program has been greatly enhanced and is now called the Victim Assistance Program (VAP). This will provide better financial assistance to victims of crime including counselling, medical expenses, protective measures, and emergency assistance," Talpash adds.

For more information, you can call the Victim Services office at 780-723-8813 or go to: <https://www.alberta.ca/victims-of-crime-assistance-program.aspx>

VSU will be at the Edson and District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show on April 28 and 29 at the Leisure Centre. They will be sharing a booth with Citizens on Patrol (COP) and the RCMP. Please stop by the booth for a visit and try to win a teddy bear.

"We enjoy having a booth at the Trade Show where we get to meet people and share with them what we do. Many people think that we are counsellors, but we are not. Our role within the criminal justice system is to support victims of crime and tragedy. That includes immediate crisis response, referral to supports, updates on your file as well as court orientation and support," says Talpash.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Writer concerned overuse of road salt causing deterioration of Hwy 16**

I am a business owner whose storefront is on Hwy 16 west through Edson, and my family has been doing business here since 1987. My desk is adjacent to the front window, so I am very familiar with the condition of the highway, traffic habits, and maintenance that takes place year round.

I do believe that I know why the condition of the highway has rapidly deteriorated in the recent years, and I have been collecting data on this for quite some time. In all the years that we have been located on Hwy 16 it seems that year after year the amount of salt being used for winter ice control on the hwy increases.

When my brother used to clean the snow bank away from the front of the store 20 years ago, it was white and fluffy, now it is a horrid mess of brown slop. The purpose of the salt is to raise the melting point of the snow and ice, something that seems useful, but they don't realize all of the down sides to this.

When the salt melts the snow into water during the warmer temperatures of the day, it then freezes at night, splitting apart the small pours and cracks of the asphalt road surface breaking it away, exponentially creaking these massive pot holes and cracks we see today.

This melt and freeze scenario without the excessive use of salt would only happen in the spring time, but instead is happening every single day all throughout the winter. I have documented the highway maintenance company spreading

this material upwards of a dozen times a day on the hwy through Edson, even during periods where it hasn't snowed in weeks.

This can be seen right now in spring time with the accumulation of sand in the shoulders of the highway, in some places 2" deep. On top of this non necessary damage to the road surface, it is also creating environmental and public health concerns.

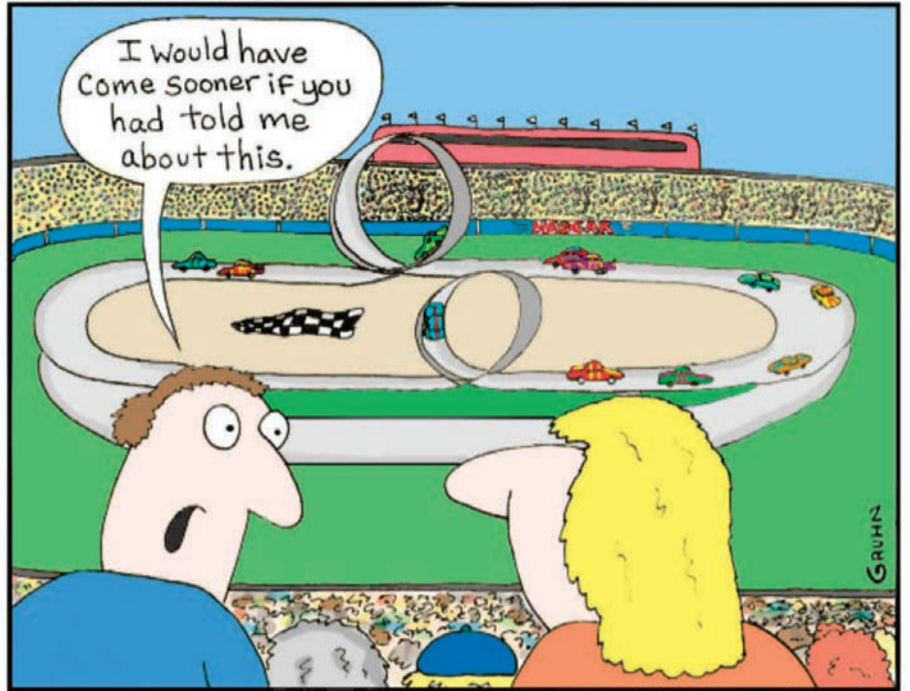
Often out front of my store I have been able to taste the salt in the air, and I have taken multiple water samples of run off, with test results indicating that the water would be harmful to anything that ingests it, including children, pets, and wildlife.

The salt mist from the highway is causing visible rust and corrosion to adjacent infrastructure, the sign structure and downspout screws are rusting on my building. The grout of the tiles on my showroom floor has become permanently stained from the mixture tracking in on customers footwear. The sand/salt mixture plugs our storm drains, and eating up tax dollars both in the cost of the material itself and the cost of cleaning it up.

The cost both direct and indirect to taxpayers for this de-icing program is much higher than anyone realizes, and the Government of Canada's policy on use of road salts is based off information from 1999.

Damon Auriat, Northside Motorsports

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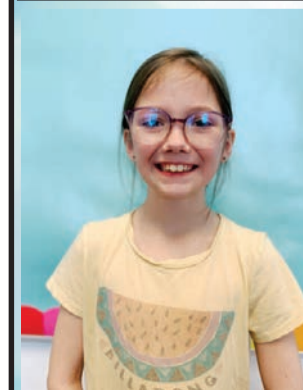
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D23-031	SE-4-55-8-W5 Evansburg Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	April 6/23
D23-030	SE-32-54-14-W5 Peers Area	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling	April 6/23
D23-025	Plan 3577KS Block 14, Lot 10 SE-30-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Single Detached Dwelling- Discretionary with Secondary Suite Internal & Accessory Building (Garage)	April 6/23

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**Yellowhead County**

**INVITATION TO TENDER**  
2023 Summer Gravel Program  
for Yellowhead County

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

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2023-810**  
Project: 2023 Summer Gravel Program

Will be received until: **1:30 P.M., April 27, 2023**

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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](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca).

Copies of Specifications and contract document may be picked up on or after 12:00 P.M., April 12, 2023.

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.

# Edson Healthcare Centre Auxiliary Scholarship winners



Hanna Orge (left) Josina Kennedy (right) are recipients of the Edson Healthcare Centre Auxiliary Scholarship for this year. Josina Kennedy is in her first year of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Alberta and Hanna Orge is in her third year of Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology at the University of Alberta. Congratulations to both of the winners. submitted

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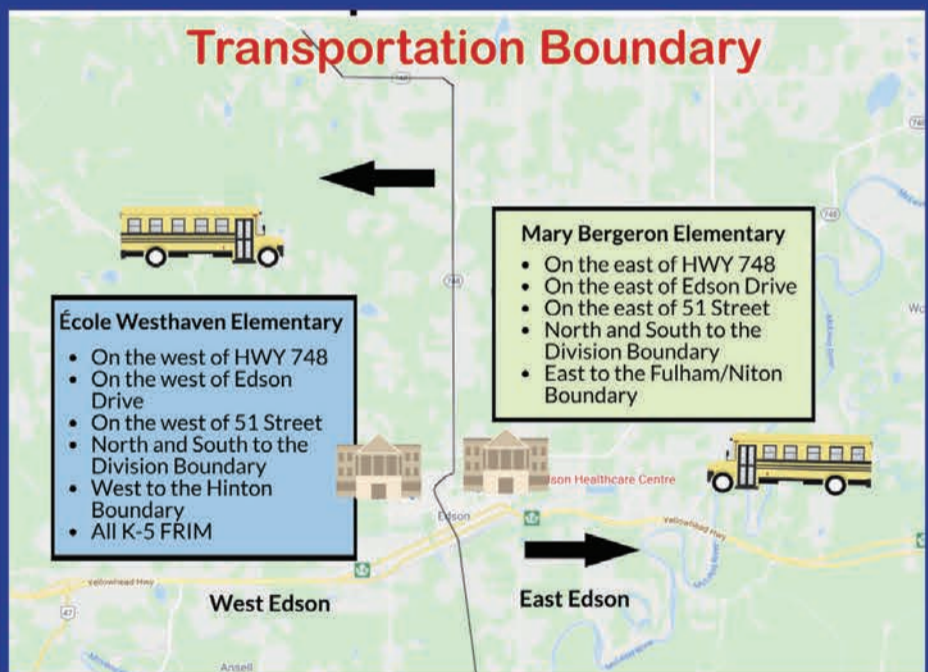
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# Farm & Field

## News and Views

# Trends that will shape the grocery industry in 2023

“In 2023, the lingering impact of inflation, the growth of online shopping and the full return of the store shopping experience, will have a significant impact on shaping the grocery industry,” says Jeewani Fernando, provincial consumer market analyst with the Alberta government.

“In 2020 and 2021, health and safety concerns driven by the global pandemic upended the grocery industry. In 2022, the health crisis took a back seat to soaring inflation and prolonged period of supply chain disruptions. While inflation continues to impact consumers, plenty of other trends in the grocery industry may emerge in 2023.”

The latest 'Trends in retail', which contains items that analyze developments in the grocery sector, looks at some of these trends in more detail. The trends that this analysis looked at were:

- impact of inflation on consumer behavioural changes and some grocers' actions (increasingly introduced private label products, shrinkflation and price freeze on selected products)
- growth of online shopping/e-commerce and

delivery in the grocery sector

- full return of in-person grocery shopping  
Grocery price changes are highly important to consumers since they shop so frequently. Combined with the fact that food is one of the most inflationary consumer categories, shoppers are aware of rising prices and are adapting to this new reality. At the same time, grocers have responded in various ways to these changes in consumer behaviour.

“The impact of e-commerce is becoming clearer,” says Fernando. “Rather than replacing grocery store visits, online shopping will supplement in-person shopping. Grocers that integrate the online shopping experience will likely resonate best with grocery shoppers.” E-commerce and online grocery purchases were growing in Canada pre-COVID, and this growth accelerated during the pandemic as consumers were restricted to their homes.

“Canadians are once again shopping in-person more often rather than stocking up and limiting their trips. This highlights one of the fundamentals of the industry: in-person shopping is not going to disappear. As the industry is built upon habitual and frequent shoppers, the grocers that have the most effective value, quality and convenience offerings will thrive in any environment.”

While grocery retailing is built on fundamentals such as value, quality, convenience and in-person shopping, there are opportunities to differentiate. Specifically, when competing retailers offer similar service, local sourcing can be a way to stand out. Grocers are also using many innovative ways to stay competitive. These include updating their fresh departments and centre store aisles, updating their in-store dining options and introducing new technology like ordering kiosks, smart carts and app-friendly functions.

“Grocers are also investing heavily in new ways of doing business to retain shoppers, grow their business, and help protect their margins,” says Fernando. “New technological innovations are paving the way for a new customer experience, where shoppers can use mobile apps and internet-enabled devices to take advantage of promotions and a more convenient experience.” *AgriNews*

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# Medicine Lodge Rodeo set for May 12 weekend

by Deanna Mitchener

The Annual Medicine Lodge Rodeo will take place on May 12, 13 and 14, marking 42 years of rodeo fun.

Organizer, Susan Longmore, said, "The Medicine Lodge Rodeo committee is working hard to make the 42nd Rodeo something for all ages to experience and enjoy. Being the biggest rodeo is not something we are interested in, it is being the best. Duffy Rodeo rough stock will be providing a little jingle in some cowboy's pockets and Tyson Pietsch will keep the crowd informed through out the event," said Longmore.

The ever famous Squirrely Early Anderson will be sure to keep the crowds in laughter with some western fun. It's not just the kids that enjoy this special clown, even the seasoned spectators look forward to seeing what mischief he will get himself into.

"This year the All Girls Rodeo, on Friday night May 12, will have two new events. The Senior/Junior Potato races and the Open Wheelbarrow Race. The speedy mini-chuckwagon races will be held on Friday and Saturday nights, with the lawnmower races being run on

Saturday morning before the Wildrose Rodeo Association (WRA) events and Sunday evening as the last event," Longmore said.

The WRA Bareback (Pot Of Gold) event has an added purse of \$4,000.00. Special handcrafted spurs and lifetime membership to the Canadian Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame will be presented to the winner of this event.

"Other features include the musical rides on Saturday and Sunday by the Chinook Riders, Saturday and Sunday Pancake Breakfasts, and Sunday Cowboy Church. Ron Pederson, known to many as the 'Mullet Man' will be entertaining the dancers at the Family Dance on Saturday night. You'll also be able to stay warm around a bonfire. And back by popular demand is Clinton W. Gray – Magician Comedy Act, and Melissa's Bouncy House Fun," said Longmore.

Some other exciting news is a mural being painted by a local artist Madison Sharman. Madison is well known around the Edson and Hinton area for her paintings. Through the mural Madison will be depicting the outfitting history of the Anderson family. A lot of history goes with 42 years of rodeo

excitement. Be sure to stop by and take a photo whether you are a spectator, contestant, or sponsor.

As it will be Mother's Day Weekend, Longmore added, "On Sunday there will be gifts for mom's and grandmothers. Our funny event of the hairiest legs contest always has big competition. There will be 50/50 happening on all three days. We have had a belt buckle put into a special case for the auction for the Stollery. The mutton bustin' riders will also get \$10.00 plus a trophy this year."

This year the rodeo committee will be having the Holy Redeemer grad students helping out in concession and helping pick-up and clean-up. Scotia Bank staff will be helping with the pancake breakfast on Saturday and the Edson Friendship Centre will be helping to sell 50/50 tickets.

So pack-up your western spirit and let's ride on out to the rodeo located 40 km west of Edson, 1 km south of Hwy 16 on Anderson Road (Rge Rd 213).



Just some of the action from last year's Annual Medicine Lodge Rodeo. This year's event will take place on May 12, 13 and 14.

# YKCS hosts Good Friday pancake breakfast



Mesh Hit, Pastor of the Edson Baptist Church, gave the message at this year's Good Friday Service. The event was held at YKCS. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School hosted their annual Easter season Good Friday Pancake Breakfast and service in their gym on April 7. Breakfast was started at 9am with the service beginning at 10:30am. The event is organized by local pastors and put together by church volunteers.

This was the 17th Annual Good Friday service. "We work together with community churches to share the Easter message with Edson and area," said John Greiner Pastor at Bethel Pentecostal Church, one of the event organizers. The event always begins with the pancake breakfast, which is prepared by volunteers, with batter donated by Smitty's restaurant. After enjoying the pancakes and sausages, attendees can stay for the service

afterwards.

This year saw approximately 372 people come through the doors. Some came for just the breakfast, others just for the service, but all enjoyed the community offered by the event. Kids at the event could also enjoy free activity boxes during the service. Those boxes were put together with items donated by local businesses. The service included prayer, worship, scripture reading, and a small message.

This year's speaker was Pastor Mesh Hit from the Edson Baptist Church. The music was performed by members of the Edson Alliance, Bethel Pentecostal, and Edson Baptist Churches. "We had a good participation from churches and the community; and the sponsors were greatly appreciated," said Pastor Greiner.



This year's worship team was composed of members from multiple local churches. The Good Friday event was held at YKCS. photo Niki Luymes

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## What's happening, when and where in the community

# Community Events

**March 1-May 1:** Free Tax Clinic located at 5023-3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to book an appointment call 780-723-0872 or email [edsoncvitp@gmail.com](mailto:edsoncvitp@gmail.com)  
**April 12,19,26:** Gymnastics & Dance Combo. Ages 2-5 10:30-11:00am ages 6+ 11:00-11:45am Peers Community Centre. Visit [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) for more info. Please register by March 31 by emailing [ntarves@yhcounty.ca](mailto:ntarves@yhcounty.ca) or call 780-723-4800  
**April 13,20,27:** Prime Time Fitness at Peers Multi Plex. Thursdays from 2-3pm call 780-723-4800 for information and to register.  
**April 20 May 4:** Parent Time Out. Diverse Needs. Parent socializing and play group. 9:30-11:00 am Evansburg Arena registration is required. Call 780-325-3782 or email [jtruemner@yhcounty.ca](mailto:jtruemner@yhcounty.ca)  
**April 20,27,May 25:** Aqua Gentle Drop in Thursday 9:30-10:15am  
**April 21:** Tipple Park Evansburg Community Clean Up. 1-2pm Help clean the park in celebration of Earth Day. Gloves and bags are provided. Meet at the playground and bring your own reusable cup for water and hot chocolate.  
**April 21:** Free Seniors Supper. Hosted by Entwistle Community Church 5pm. 5237-50street, Entwistle Please call 780-727-2829 to reserve your seat.  
**April 27:** Virtual Spring Watercolor Class. 6:00-7:30pm ages 14+ register before Friday April 21 [ntarves@yhcounty.ca](mailto:ntarves@yhcounty.ca) or 780-723-4800  
**May 1-May 28:** Step It Up Challenge. All ages welcome teams of 3+ register at the Leisure Centre once your team is complete.  
**May 2,9,16:** Aqua Gentle drop in Tuesday 9:30-10:15am  
**June 17:** Eddie's Big Run, Kids Fun Run, 3km, 3km, & 10km runs. Save the date.


**June 23:** Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament. Register now  
**June 24:** The Hamlet of Robb is celebrating 100 years with a full day of activities for all ages. There will be a Beer Garden, Children's Carnival and Food Trucks, Historial Display and many other surprises. Bring your family and help us celebrate in style. 10am to 6pm with a park memorial and time capsule unveiling. Be a part of history  
**July 20:** Bear Chase Triathlon. At Bear Lake Campground Registration opens May 24. Ages 3-13 Heats begin at 5:30pm.  
**Every Tuesday:** Winter Walking Group @ 5:15 pm. 60 min guided walk through the Town of Edson exploring the beautiful trails. Drop In no registration. Dogs & kids welcome. See facebook [@edsoncomserv](https://www.facebook.com/edsoncomserv) for updates and muster locations.  
**Every Thursday:** Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.

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750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	1.75L	1.75L

<b>Top Star</b> Vodka	<b>Rover's</b> Irish Cream	<b>Alberta</b> Premium	<b>Royal</b> Reserve	<b>Flor De Cana</b> 5 Yr Old	<b>Wayne</b> Gretzky Red Cask	<b>Tito's</b> Handmade Vodka	<b>Top Star</b> Vodka	<b>Royal</b> Reserve Whisky
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<b>\$3.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>
							
750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL

<b>Sweet Bliss</b> Mango/ Strawberry	<b>Bodacious</b> Smooth Red	<b>Bodacious</b> Smooth White	<b>Hardy's</b> Cabernet Sauvignon	<b>Crush</b> Cabernet Sauvignon	<b>Crush</b> Pinott Grigio	<b>Small</b> Mercy Red	<b>Small</b> Mercy White
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<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>	<b>\$9.99</b>	<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$32.99</b>
							
750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	4L Box

<b>Black Cellar</b> Pinot Grigio	<b>Black Cellar</b> Malbec Merlot	<b>Wine</b> O'Clock Merlot	<b>Wine</b> O'Clock Pinot Grigio	<b>Blue Nun</b> Reisling	<b>19 Crimes</b> Chardonnay	<b>19 Crimes</b> Cabernet Sauvignon	<b>Peller Family</b> Pinot Grigio
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<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$17.99</b>	<b>\$19.99</b>
				

<b>Cold Ones</b> Lager	<b>Cold Ones</b> Strong	<b>Mountain Crest</b> Lager	<b>Keystone</b> Light	<b>Twisted Tea</b> Mix Pack
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<b>American</b> Vintage(Lemon)	<b>America</b> Vintage(MIX)	<b>Budweiser</b>	<b>Canadian</b>	<b>Coors Light</b>
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