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Flooding as storm rips through Edson

A fierce summer storm that ripped through Edson on Sunday night of August 4, had many residents of town dealing with flooding and power outages.

"Our town was rocked by a massive storm at around 7pm that caused widespread damage to both public and private property," said Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

The extent of the damage is still being assessed. Flooding had subsided in a number of areas a day later. Edson Emergency Services and Town of Edson staff were fully

deployed throughout the evening. Fortis crews continued to restore power throughout the night. 63rd St from 9 Ave to Creekside Village

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Chelsy Bishop, with the Daycare Society of Edson, with a group of kids on August 1, in the parking lot of the Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre during the 4th Annual Teddy Bear Picnic (see page 13). photo Deanna Mitchener

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Flooding as storm rips through Edson

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was closed to safely remove downed trees under the powerlines.

According to Environment Canada, about 42 mm of rain fell in the area between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday. At one point, wind gusts reached 107 km/h. June of last year, Edson was hit with over 105 mm of rain in a span of just 48 hours and also saw localized flooding in the area.

"No infrastructure is going to handle 42 mm of rain within an hour," said Mayor Zahara. "Crews had pumps and everything ready to go. I can't say enough about this community. They always rally together. On behalf of Town Council I'd like to thank Edson Fire, RCMP, Town of Edson staff, Fortis, ATCO, and local residents who have jumped into action to help out."

Debris, caused by the strong winds and rain clogged up catch basins, created a significant amount of the flooding issues. "The culvert upgrades done at 6th Avenue at Wase Creek helped move water through that creek as designed. Overland flooding on the road was caused by debris blown into the catch basins from the wind, clogging them," Zahara added.

Premier Danielle Smith arrived in Edson on Monday afternoon where she met with Mayor Kevin Zahara and West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long to survey the storm damage first-hand. "I want to thank all the civic officials at the Town of Edson, Mayor Kevin Zahara, and MLA Martin Long for working diligently to

support residents affected by the localized flooding that hit Edson last night," stated Smith.

"At this time, the floods have not appeared to have caused any major issues with the sanitary sewer projects underway on 54th or on 10th, said Zahara. "Both projects are being done to mitigate flooding in the community. However, they are not complete, so it did not help in this latest extreme rain event. The 18th Avenue project was just completed and there was no water pooling on the street indicating that the storm sewer operated as intended."

Following the floods last year, the Town introduced the Backflow Prevention Program and paid for assessments on private homes to gain a better understanding of why there has been flooding in some homes and not others.

"Most of these homes were built prior to current building regulations. Plumbers have

found incorrect hook-ups for things such as sump pumps and weeping tiles which are causing some of the problems. As such, we expanded the program this year to include sump pumps. The Town will cover up to 50% of the cost and if it's fully subscribed council will add money to the budget so more people can take advantage of the program," Zahara explained.

"Plumbers are also finding weeping tile tied into the sanitary system. This is a major issue and we recommend all homeowners have weeping tiles disconnected from the sanitary system and have it discharging to the surface to prevent backups and overloading the sanitary system," Zahara said. "This coupled with other upgrades we are doing will go a long way to mitigate flooding in Edson."

- compiled by Dana McArthur with files from Shaylyn Thornton and the Town of Edson



Flood water surrounded Galloway Station Museum as a storm bringing heavy rain and wind ripped through Edson on August 4 (more photos on page 4).

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46th Annual Peers Gold Dust Daze

by Niki Luymes

The hamlet of Peers kicked off August with the annual Peers Gold Dust Daze. Gold Dust Daze is a weekend long event that features a variety of entertainment, activities, and more.

This year the Gold Dust fell on August 2-5. The event was held at the McCloud Valley Grounds, with the parade happening in Peers.

Gold Dust Daze always starts on the Friday with the first Slo-Pitch games of the weekend. The tournament features four different levels, for players of different skills. The finals took place on Monday, with each level crowning a winner. On Sunday was a kids only game where the young players got a chance to enjoy the field.

The fun continued on the Saturday with the morning breakfast and kickoff parade. The breakfast was set up at the Peers Multiplex beginning at 8am. The parade began at 10am. Custom-made floats, cars, wagons, and horses made their way through the hamlet. Represented in the parade were businesses, clubs, show and shine cars, and local dignitaries. Candy for the kids and small gifts were handed out along the way.

Afterwards, the crowds moved down to the McLeod Grounds where the rest of the events took place. Visitors could also enjoy the Show and Shine that started at 11am. Visitors had the chance to vote

for their favourites in different categories.

The official opening ceremonies began at 12pm. Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams, Yellowhead Councillor David Russell, and local MP Gerald Soroka said a few words of welcome before raising the flags. "It's quite impressive how the community has pulled together over all these years and made this event better and better. It's the little improvements each year that make all the difference." said Soroka.

On the north side of the McLeod Grounds the horse arena was bustling with activities all weekend. The first event was the heavy horse pull. Horse teams of two worked together to attempt to pull increasingly heavier wagon loads. The winner was based on horse weight class. The Heavy Weight winner pulled 7,500 pounds.

Next up was the Alberta Mounted Shooting Association. In this event a pattern of balloons is set up in the arena. A contender then has to complete the pattern, shooting each of the balloons. Individual riders competed against each other for best time.

Also taking place was the Ranch Rodeo. A teams of four ranchers compete against each other in various cattle themed events. Whether the event was catching and saddling and loose horse, or wrangling a cow into a trailer, each event gave riders a chance to show off their skills.

Starting at 1pm on both Saturday and Sunday was

Kids' Daze. Just behind the playground were crafts and activities for the younger crowd. There were bouncy castles, a bubble pit, cookies, and crafts to enjoy. Yellowhead County was also there on Saturday giving people of all ages an opportunity to help paint the community mural.

The weekend included a variety of local vendors and food trucks. On Sunday there was a silent auction set up at the covered beer gardens. Also running was the chicken bingo and a 50/50 raffle.

Sunday featured the raft/canoe/kayak race. The tube race and rubber duck race were on Monday. "Some people really look forward to the rafts and make it an all day event. I heard there was one that was doing a barbecue," said Pam Alford, one of the Directors from the Peers Community Group.

At the end of the day was the sold-out steak fry followed by the community dance. On Saturday it was the 18 and over dance with live music by 'North of 49', a band out of Edmonton. Sunday ended with the Family Dance. "We had moms and dads and kids there, and lots of dancing, popcorn, and music," added Alford.

This year marked the 46th year that Gold Dust Daze has taken place. What began as a small celebration has become a staple event for area residents. "It was a really good weekend. And lots of people, probably the most people we've ever had, came down to the grounds," said Alford.



The local 4H Clubs were well represented at the Peers Gold Dust Daze parade in Peers on August 3. photo Niki Luymes.



One of the first events at the Peers Gold Dust Daze was the Show and Shine on August 3. photo Niki Luymes



Yellowhead County was set up at Peers Gold Dust Daze on August 3, where members of the community could help paint a community mural. photo Niki Luymes



Returning this year as part of the Kids' Daze area of the Peers Gold Dust Daze on August 2 to 5, was the bubble/foam pit. photo Niki Luymes.

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Alberta Premier Smith travels to Edson to view flooding



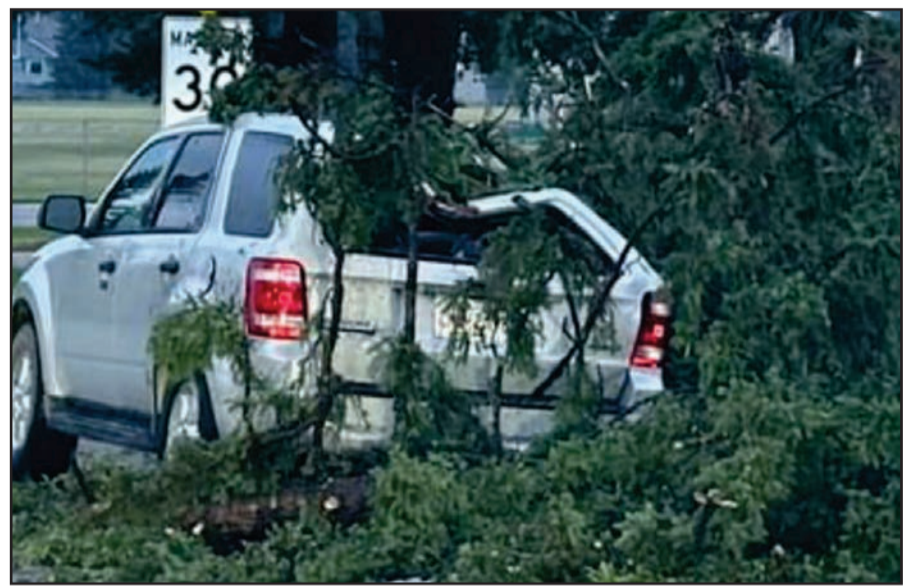
Premier Danielle Smith, MLA Martin Long, and Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara reviewing the flood damage in Edson firsthand after a severe storm on August 4 at about 7:30 p.m. photos submitted by Deanna Mitchener



Water damaged vehicles and reports that some homes were flooded after a severe storm roared through Edson on August 4.



The immense amount of rain in a short time frame in Edson, coupled with extreme winds, resulted in some flooding and power outages on August 4.



Debris caused by the wind and rain damaged property and clogged up catch basins, creating the majority of the flooding issues after a severe storm on August 4 in Edson.



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SCAN ME



Auto theft a growing problem

There have been close to 4000 auto thefts in Alberta the first six months of this year. In 2023 there were 8,710 auto thefts in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions.

According to the RCMP, trucks are the most commonly stolen vehicle each year.

In early February 2024, the Alberta RCMP Auto Theft Unit began an investigation into multiple vehicles that were suspected to be re-vinned and registered in Leduc and Calgary areas. As a result of this investigation, officers recovered a RAM 2500, RAM 1500, and a Chevrolet Cruze, all of which had been re-vinned. The value of the vehicles recovered totalled approximately \$175,000.

Of course, this only makes a small dent in a very large auto theft problem. The fact is, most stolen vehicles are not recovered.

Summer is a busy time as we rush to enjoy the weather while we can. Unfortunately, we often don't keep theft precautions in mind as we spend more time away from home, driving to our next destination.

AMA states, "We know that in the province of Alberta about 50 per cent of all vehicles are stolen with the keys when they are left running or the keys are inadvertently left in them."

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From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
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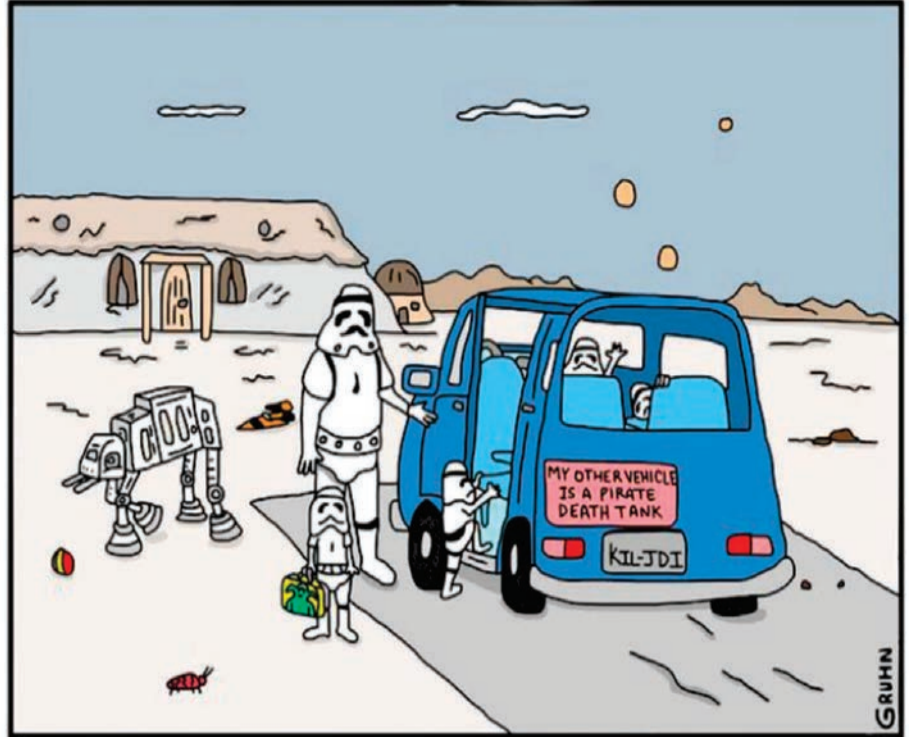
While even the most cautious among us are not immune to auto theft,

practising good auto theft safety can help avoid becoming a victim. Below are some tips from the RCMP on keeping you and your vehicle safe.

- Always lock your vehicle, even if you are just running into the store to grab something quickly.
- Make sure that all windows are closed when you leave your vehicle.
- Park your vehicle within sight and in a well-lit area.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage. Otherwise, try to park it such that it can't be easily moved by an opportunistic thief.
- Never leave keys or garage door openers in your vehicle. Garage door openers can be stolen, along with personal identifying documents, and used to identify and enter your home.
- Ensure that personal belongings, especially important documents, are not stored in your vehicle.
- Remove loose change and valuables. These items can be enticing to criminals.

If you see something suspicious, report it to your local police service. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com.

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For the week of: July 29 to Aug 4, 2024

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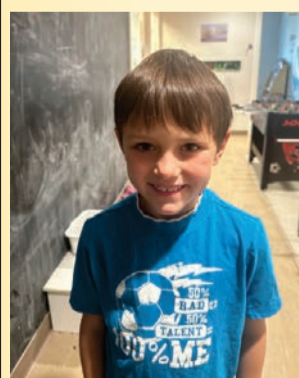
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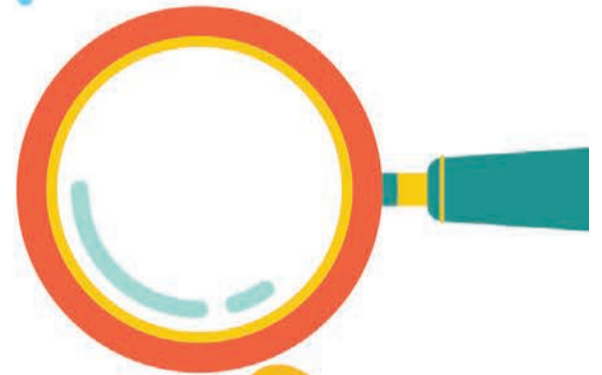
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PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 06.24 & 07.24
PURSUANT TO SECTION 692 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 692 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BEING CHAPTER M-26 R.S.A. 2000 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO:

Notice is hereby given that all Public Hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on August 27, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to the proposed Bylaw No. 06.24 and Bylaw No. 07.24 being Bylaws to adopt Bench Creek Area Structure Plan and Amend the Edson Urban Fringe Intermunicipal Development Plan

WHAT: Proposed Bylaw No. 06.24 Amendment to Edson Urban Fringe Intermunicipal Development Plan and Bylaw No. 07.24 Bench Creek Area Structure Plan

WHEN: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2024

WHERE: Yellowhead County Administration Building Council Chambers
2716 1 Ave. Edson

WHY: Council will hear submissions from interested persons or their representatives in respect to the proposed Amendment to the Edson Urban Fringe Intermunicipal Development Plan and the proposed Bench Creek Area Structure Plan

Submissions can be email to planninginfo@yhcounty.ca or dropped at the Yellowhead County Edson office. Deadline for submissions to be included in the agenda is Friday August 16, 2024. Submissions can still be received after this date but will not be included in the agenda.

All written submissions will become public information upon receipt by the Yellowhead County Council.

Copies of Bylaw no. 06.24 and 07.24 are available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County office located at 2716 - 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at 780-723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.

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D24-103	Plan 2421316 Blk 5, Lot 8A SE-8-53-19-W5 Millers Lake	Existing Storage Container (Seacan)- Variance for Size & Setback & Distance to Garage	Jul 30/24	Aug 20/24
D24-105	NW-12-55-14-W5 North of Peers	Short Term Accommodation	Aug 1/24	Permitted Use
D24-106	SE-31-54-14-W5 North of Peers	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Shop	Aug 1/24	Permitted Use

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 \$500.00 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.

New Broadband Opportunities Coming to County Residents!

Marlboro & Evansburg Speed Tests Needed!

Yellowhead County needs household internet upload and download data to determine areas lacking access to reliable internet connectivity.

- Households in Marlboro and Evansburg are asked to run speed tests on their home internet.
- Run several upload and download speed tests and take a screenshots to capture the result.
- Please email screenshots of the speed tests to: yofdadmin@yhcounty.ca
- It's recommended to use a reputable third-party online speed test. A search online will show several options. It's recommended to use several speed tests other than a speed test from an internet service provider.

For more information, contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800.

At Home Alone

Safety Course

This course is designed to teach children to make safe choices when they are at home alone. Includes a safe food prep activity!

MARLBORO COMMUNITY HALL
Friday, August 23, 2024
From 10 AM - 1 PM
\$5.00 Ages 9-13

To register visit yhcounty.ca/registration.
Registration deadline is August 22nd
Pre-registration is required.

BABYSITTER'S SAFETY COURSE

This course is designed to provide graduated babysitter's with the necessary skills to ensure safe and effective babysitting.

Please bring a nut free lunch & a doll or stuffed

August 27 Wildwood Complex
9am - 3pm **\$10** Ages 11-15

To register visit yhcounty.ca/registration
Registration deadline is August 22

EMERGENCY DISASTER PLANNING



Emergency Preparedness Planning Evacuation Checklist

It's always good to be prepared to leave your home on short notice. During an emergency or major disaster is not the time to gather up what you need. Take stock of items and vehicles that you need to take with you if you need to evacuate.

Apart from personal items, pack enough supplies to sustain yourself/your family for up to a 72-hour period. Make sure you have sufficient fuel.

Items to take with you: Have a grab-and-go kit. Include essential supplies, such as water, food, and first-aid supplies. See a full list of items on the back.

PLEASE NOTE: If the order for evacuation is given, a reception centre and an emergency update line will be set-up.

All evacuees will need to check in, even if they plan to leave the area and not stay at the reception centre. Evacuees can call the emergency update line.

Stay tuned to updates which will be available through local media and posted on the Yellowhead County Website and Facebook page:

www.yhcounty.ca
on Facebook at: @YellowheadCounty

For wildfire updates, see the Alberta Wildfire website: <http://srd.web.alberta.ca/ledson-area-update>

72-Hour Emergency Preparedness Kits for 4 people or 2 people can be purchased from our Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) or directly from Red Cross Canada.

For a more comprehensive list and other evacuation tips go to www.yhcounty.ca/evacprep

Emergency Kit Storage Locations:

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and vehicles.

Home: Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.

Work: Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a "grab and go" case.

Vehicle: In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car.

Know your utility shutoffs. Learn now how to safely shut off all utility services in your home. Note: To turn off gas you may need a special wrench.

For a complete list go to www.yhcounty.ca/EvacPrep



Wildfire & Disaster EVACUATION CHECKLIST

Food	Medical	Documents
<input type="checkbox"/> Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food <input type="checkbox"/> Six litres of water per person (2 litres/day)	<input type="checkbox"/> Medications and a copy of prescriptions <input type="checkbox"/> Spare eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing aids and batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Small first aid kit <input type="checkbox"/> Dust mask	<input type="checkbox"/> Identification <input type="checkbox"/> Family emergency contact list <input type="checkbox"/> Care cards <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance papers & pictures of house and contents <input type="checkbox"/> Passport <input type="checkbox"/> House deed
Toiletries	Other	Clothing & Comfort Items
<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and/or hand sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Comb or brush <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine hygiene products	<input type="checkbox"/> Spare keys for house/car <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-crank flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> Radio <input type="checkbox"/> Orange garbage bag (use for poncho or garbage) <input type="checkbox"/> A good whistle <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone and charger	<input type="checkbox"/> Jacket and sweater <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency blankets, and/or sleeping bags <input type="checkbox"/> Books, small games or stuffy for children <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothing, including a long sleeve shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes
Pets & Livestock	Vehicle Preparation	House Security
<input type="checkbox"/> Kennel <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Medications <input type="checkbox"/> Leash, collar, and ID Tag <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Treats <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum half tank of gas <input type="checkbox"/> Make evacuation plans if you do not drive <input type="checkbox"/> Place vehicles pointing out <input type="checkbox"/> Roll up windows <input type="checkbox"/> Place essential items in car <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency supply kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Close and lock all doors and windows <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off pilot lights, propane and gas tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Turn on outside lights <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off water <input type="checkbox"/> Leave a note on your door saying where you have evacuated to

Do you have livestock? Check out our Livestock Evacuation Preparation list. Request one from Yellowhead County or download it online at www.yhcounty.ca

For a complete list go to www.yhcounty.ca/EvacPrep

FINAL WEEK

BONUS DEADLINE: AUGUST 22



HORSEPOWER OR SPENDING POWER

2024 Chevy Corvette 3LT Stingray Convertible OR \$100,000 CASH



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Tickets must be purchased within Alberta. 270,700 tickets are available at 1 or \$100, 3 for \$150, 9 for \$300, and 18 for \$450. Draws are September 4 (Bonus), September 24 (Early Bird) and October 15 (Final) at 3950, 12 St NE Calgary, AB. Licence #687957.



A group gathered at the Kinsman Park on August 3, to help Jack (6) and Gunner (7) celebrate their birthdays. Nice to be outdoors celebrating in the nice weather. Happy birthday to you both. photo Deanna Mitchener

TRL
Gas CO-OP Ltd.
18th ANNUAL MEETING
 Tuesday, August 27, 2024
 Anselmo Hall

Join us for a complimentary Burger
 Starting at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting to follow
 Financial Statements
 Election of Directors

3 Door Prizes of \$100.00 Credit on
 Member's Gas Account

**All TRL Members are invited
 and encouraged to attend.**



PUBLIC NOTICE
BLUE RIDGE LUMBER INC.
 Vegetation Management Program

Blue Ridge Lumber Inc., on approval from Alberta Forestry and Parks, will be conducting our vegetation management program on or after August 10, 2024, until September 10, 2024. Approximately 1200 hectares of harvested area will be treated with Vision Max via aerial or ground operations. The purpose of the chemical treatments is to manage competing vegetation.

All treatment locations are listed in the following townships:

Legal Locations of planned Herbicide Treatments

Township	Range	Meridian
69	9,10	5
67	9	5
66	8,9,10	5
65	10,11	5
64	8,10,16,17	5
63	9,10,11,16,24	5
62	9,15,16,17	5
61	10,11	5
60	11	5
59	19,20,21	5
58	19	5
57	18,19	5
56	17,18	5
51	12	5

Access to all areas will be posted with signs and all applications will be conducted in accordance with Alberta Forestry and Parks regulations. For more information regarding our Vegetation Management Program, please contact us by email at brl-woodlands-tending@westfraser.com or call 780-648-6266.

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**Is now accepting applications
 for 2024 Natural Gas Installations**

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Whitecourt, Alberta, T7S 1X3

Phone: 780-779-9990
Toll Free: 1-800-727-5259
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30

No applications accepted after September 1, 2024

Sarah Coks and Joseph Matangihan with the Edson Daycare Society (blue room) ages three to five years old were out enjoying a walk on July 31st. Photo by Deanna Mitchener.





Loui Giannitsos (Loui the Greek) was raising awareness recently of the doctor shortage in Edson and delays of healthcare services that have plagued much or rural and municipal Alberta. submitted

~ In Loving Memory ~
Owen (Ripper) Douglas Ripley

January 9, 1939 - July 31, 2024

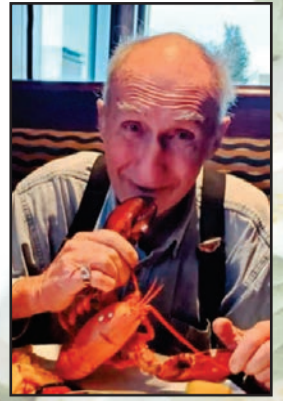
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Owen (Ripper) Douglas Ripley on July 31, 2024. He joins his beloved wife, Elizabeth, who died on March 16, 2020, whom he missed dearly.

He is predeceased by his sister Ethel and brothers Ivan and Garnet.

Owen is survived by his sister Bona and his sons Douglas Ripley and Reginald, daughter Vicky Boyle, and numerous grand and great grandchildren.

Owen worked for Suncor from 1959 to 1989, finishing his career at the North Rosevear Gas Plant in Edson, AB.

He passed on peacefully in his sleep at the Peace Villa Seniors Lodge in Fort St. John, BC.



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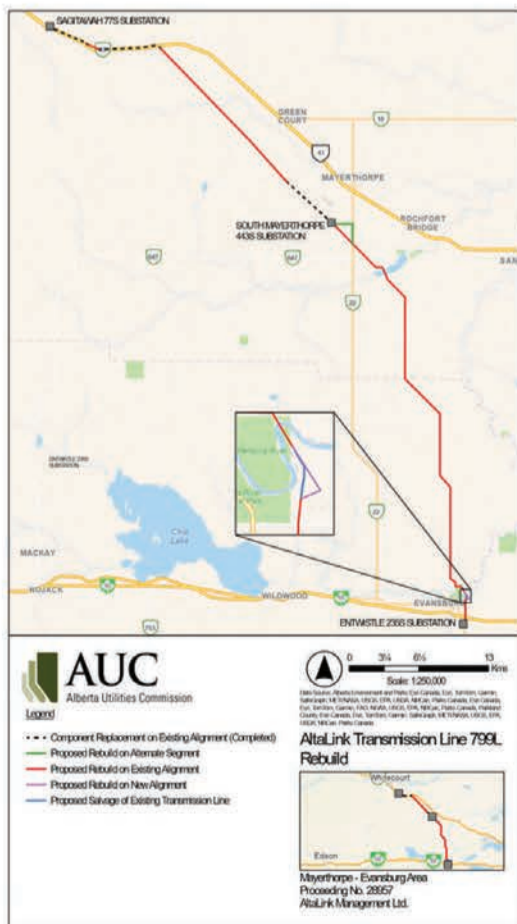
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**Notice of hearing
 Transmission Line 799L Rebuild**

AltaLink Management Ltd. has filed an application for a transmission development between Whitecourt and Entwistle



**Proceeding 28957
 Application 28957-A001**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the application and submissions received to consider the electric transmission development application in Proceeding 28957. The Commission is proceeding directly to a notice of hearing given the submissions already received on the record.

**Written participation submissions are due August 28, 2024.
 Written evidence is due October 16, 2024.**

AltaLink has applied to rebuild approximately 62 kilometres of the 138-kilovolt Transmission Line 799L between its Sagitawah 775 Substation, located near the town of Whitecourt, and its Entwistle 2355 Substation, located near the town of Entwistle. The application has been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

AltaLink has proposed to rebuild the transmission line primarily along the existing alignment. AltaLink proposed an alternate route for one segment of the transmission line. A map of the proposed routes is included in this notice. The Commission may approve either of the proposed routes.

Additional information about the application

The application and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website www.auc.ab.ca. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, please contact:

AltaLink Management Ltd.
 Nora Panahi, Regulatory Coordinator
 Phone: 403-267-5909
 Email: regulatory@altalink.ca

Participant information session

The AUC will be holding a virtual information session to provide information about how you may become involved in this proceeding and the funding which may be available to you to support your position, which includes costs for legal representation and expert witnesses. The virtual information session is scheduled for **August 21, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** The project and its merits will not be discussed at this session. To register for the virtual information session, please sign up here or email elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca by **August 19, 2024**.

If you cannot attend the virtual information session, but want to learn more about the review process, or for more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under "Have your say about a utility project" or under "Review process for facility applications." The lead application officer, Elaine Chu, can also be contacted at 403-592-3282 or by email at elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca.

Submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 28957, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your submission. The lead application officer, Elaine Chu, can also be contacted at 403-592-3282 or by email at elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca.

The AUC may make its decision without further notice or process if no written submissions are received.

Only parties that have filed participation submissions and have been granted standing may be eligible for funding and to fully participate in the hearing.

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available to anyone registered in this proceeding. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

4th Annual Teddy Bear Picnic

by Deanna Mitchener

The 4th Annual Teddy Bear Picnic was held at the RCMP Centennial Park in Edson on August 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The weather was perfect and it was a beautiful day in the park.

Sarah McDonald, Community Development Supervisor for the Town of Edson and FCSS, said, "Today is our 4th Annual Teddy Bear Picnic. This is an event where we bring together all the Early Childhood Matters coalition groups to give the community a space where they can connect with all these groups at one time."

"The event offers people an opportunity to see what's available and what resources we actually have in our community. It can be hard to know what's available if you are new to the community. Groups can showcase what they have to offer, connect with one another, and connect with the community," McDonald said.

"Each year we are growing and growing, which is amazing. This year we are at a new location at RCMP Centennial Park, and it seems to be a big hit. There is a lot more traffic going by on both sides of the highway. People driving by can stop in and see what's happening. Visitors can connect with the resources we have and have fun and celebrate with other families in the community. We have a lot of young families in Edson, so it's a great time to just focus on this group that can sometimes be missed," said McDonald.

"We have an increase in resources that are available such as the Yellowhead Women's Shelter and Community Engagement Action Team doing a healthier-together project. Alberta Wildfire was able to join us this year and the Edson Fire Department makes for a few more participating. We lucked out on the weather, it's hot out, but we have free water and a free barbecue. Everything is free here today, you don't have to bring a penny," said McDonald.

A lot of different agencies took part in the event this year including: The Daycare Society of Edson, Edson Dance Academy, Edson Tumblers Gymnastics, Brighter Futures, Women Infant Nutrition, YKCS, B.B Yoga & Mindfulness, B.E.S.T, Alberta Wildfire, C.E.A.T, Yellowhead Emergency Shelter, GYPSD Transportation and GYPSD, Edson LEAP Society, Edson Recycle, Edson Fire Department, Galloway Station Museum, Yellowhead County FCSS, Core Childcare Society, and the Edson Food Bank Society.

It was great to see so many coming together so families can get as much information as possible from one location.

McDonald later added, "It was a huge success. We had so much great feedback this year. We know many kids look forward to this event every year. FCSS truly cannot pull this off without our amazing early childhood partners across the community. And of course, our sponsors."



Rachel making a frog on a log with balloons on August 1, during the 4th Annual Teddy Bear Picnic. photo Deanna Mitchener



The Edson LEAP Society had activities set up to engage with families during the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. photo Deanna Mitchener



It was great turnout for the Annual Teddy Bear Picnic held at the RCMP Centennial Park in Edson on Aug 1. photo Deanna Mitchener



The petting zoo was wonderful for little ones to get up close and interact with the farm animals. photo Deanna Mitchener

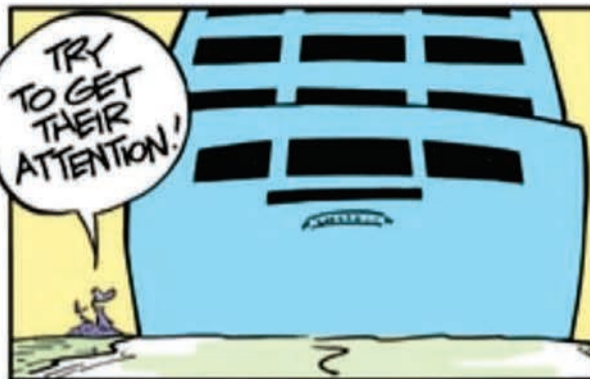
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A: Three Blind Mice!

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Tuesday, Noon

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EDSON

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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

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

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1133-55 St. Edson - Ph: 723-5490. Saturday Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Sabbath School at 10:00 a.m.

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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

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Pastors: Pastors John and Ingrid Huizing vmf@shaw.ca

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Worship Service 10am Sundays. All Services will be held at 623-50 St., Edson. (St. Catherine's). Please phone for other information.

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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

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Call office for weekday Mass times. **HARVEST OUTREACH MINISTRY EDSON**

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CARROT CREEK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Community Events

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- Aug 14:** Life Skills Boot Camp Peers Multiplex 11:00am-2-:30pm for ages 14-18 register by calling 780-325-3782 or email showe@yhcounty.ca
- Aug 14:** YIA Olympics 1-4pm ages 11-17 PCHS Soccer field visit www.edson.ca/yia for more info and to register.
- Aug 19:** Life Skills Boot Camp Marlboro Community Hall 11:00am-2:30pm for ages 14-18 register by calling 780-325-3782 or email showe@yhcounty.ca
- Aug 15, 22:** Jr. Park Explorers, two dates left to choose, Time: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Location: Kinsmen Park. An outdoor camp for ages 4-6, Each day has a different theme. Unparented program. Register on the Town of Edson website.
- August 16:** Community Paint Party. Wildwood fair grounds 11:00 am-4:00pm Help make a Mural. All ages welcome
- August 21:** Bring your Children to play at the park 12-2pm Light Snacks and a cold treat in Cadomin Visit yhcounty.ca/registration for more information.
- August 24:** Cadomin Pump Track Grand opening. Pick a name of park contest, Giveaways and free BBQ for more

- info contact 780-723-4800
- August 28:** Youth only Free outdoor movie 9pm watch for more info
- August 30:** Alberta Outdoor Adventure Expo, Like summer camp for the whole family, Time: Aug 30, 5:00 pm - Sep 02, 12:00 pm, Location: Medicine Lodge Rodeo Grounds, 825-706-0930 or email at admin@aoaexpo.com
- 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.

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News and Views

Charting a path for regional Ag Societies

Alberta is funding a study to receive recommendations on how the province can best support its seven regional agricultural societies.

Agricultural societies are part of the backbone of farm and rural communities. Alberta has seven regional agricultural societies in Camrose, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Lloydminster, Medicine Hat, Olds and Red Deer, and they play a huge role in their surrounding communities.

Regional agricultural societies are made up of Albertans who genuinely love their communities. They develop educational programs, organize major community or special events and provide services based on community needs. They run major facilities like trade centres and exhibition grounds for their people to enjoy.

To determine how best to support regional agricultural societies and the work they do into

the future, the Government of Alberta has hired Deloitte to provide recommendations.

“Regional agricultural societies are a huge part of Alberta communities and a lot has changed since they were established more than a century ago. We know they do great work. Now we need to understand their challenges and opportunities to better position our agriculture sector and rural communities for success.”

RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Support for regional ag societies
In Budget 2024-25, Alberta’s government provided \$11.5 million for the Agricultural Societies Grant Program, including \$2.8 million to regional societies. The government also provides funding for agricultural societies to make major repairs to infrastructure through the Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization Program. In 2023, 34 agricultural societies received a total \$2.5 million.

The study will be funded through the

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership’s (Sustainable CAP) Resiliency and Public Trust program.

Sustainable CAP is a five-year, \$3.5-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation and resiliency in Canada’s agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and \$2.5 billion that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

Quick facts

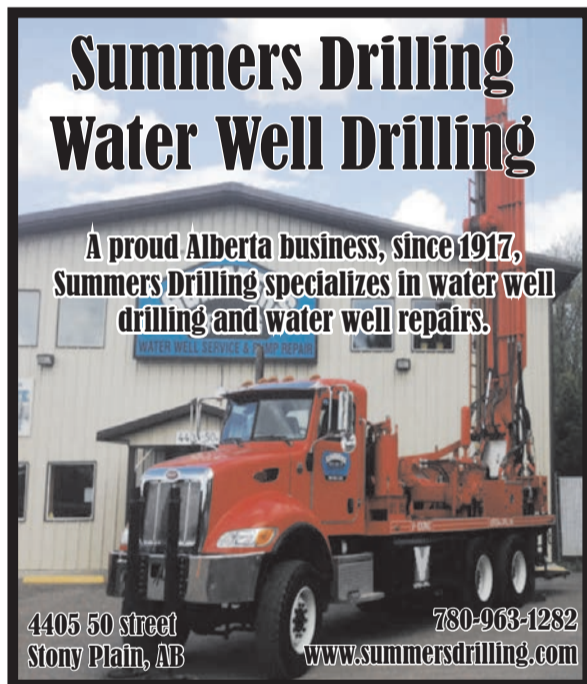
Alberta has 291 agricultural societies, the most in Canada.

Alberta is the first Canadian province to declare a special day for its agricultural societies.

September 21 is Agricultural Societies Day in Alberta, recognizing the hard work of these volunteer-driven, non-profit organizations.

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Volunteers from United Trinity were planning for their free community lunch for August. They also were trying out new menu items. Twice a month they host a free meal, plus deliver to 75 homes. They are in need of volunteer drivers, so if you can spare some time once or twice a month please contact their volunteer coordinator Ed Moore. photo Deanna Mitchener

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