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Weekend fun at Peers Gold Dust Daze

by Niki Luymes

People from across the Yellowhead County area flocked to the hamlet of Peers to take part in the annual Peer's Gold Dust Daze.

The weekend-long event ran from the evening of August 4 to the late afternoon of August 7. As always, a majority of the activities took place at the McLeod Valley Recreation Grounds near Peers and had no

shortage of fun and exciting events to enjoy.

The event started with a pancake breakfast at the Peers Multiplex. While some slo-pitch games did run on Friday night, Saturday morning marked the

official start to the Gold Dust Daze. This time of community and delicious pancakes led into the annual kick-off parade.

Businesses and organizations from the area were on display for

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One of the more exciting and chaotic parts of Peers Gold Dust Daze was the Instant Rancher competition. A group of kids chased down a selection of livestock. photo Niki Luymes

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the loop around the hamlet. MP Gerald Soroka, MLA Martin Long, and Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams all made appearances and threw some candy to the crowds. Upwards of 300 people came out to watch the parade. A majority of those people then made their way over to the McLeod Valley Grounds for the rest of the events.

The official opening ceremony was at 12pm after which attendees could enjoy a variety of activities. A couple of events were exclusive to Saturday including the Show and Shine with 12 classic cars to look over and the silent auction. Saturday ended with an age 18 and over dance and concert. 'Drive Dogs' from Edmonton performed late into the night to a sold-out crowd. "They played a mixture of everything and everybody really enjoyed the dance," said Connie Werzun, event committee member and one of the volunteer organizers for the weekend.

Sunday also began with a pancake breakfast, this time at the McLeod Valley Grounds. Exclusive to Sunday was the river race that began at 11am. The race featured rafts, canoes, and kayaks all racing down the McLeod River. Sunday ended with a family dance run by a local DJ, which ran all the way up to the fireworks. "The fireworks was an awesome show. People said it was one of the best they've seen," added Werzun.

There were also many activities that ran each day. One event was the popular Kids' Daze activities. This year it featured unique bouncy castles that all had water involved to help beat the heat. There was also a bubble pit, gold panning, and various arts and crafts set up to enjoy. One of the more chaotic kids activities was the Instant Rancher competition. For this event, the kids were welcomed into the arena as a collection of young livestock was released. This included chickens, pigs, ducks, and one calf. The kids then did their best to chase

down and catch one of the animals. Each child then got to keep the animal they caught, if they chose to.

There were other adult oriented horse and cow events going on in the arena all weekend long. On Saturday and Sunday there was the horse-pull competition where a pair of draft horses take turns pulling a wagon loaded down with cement weights. This year the winning team pulled over 1,500 pounds. Also featured was the Mounted Shooting where competitors attempt to ride a pattern while shooting balloons. The riders use blank shots that pop the balloons with heat. This event requires precision and speed to come out on top.

Also returning this year was the Ranchers Rodeo. In this event teams of ranchers compete against each other in different challenges. This year had eight teams of four competitors going for the win. The individual events vary, but each requires the use of ranching skills such as roping, riding, and wrestling cattle.

For example, on Sunday teams competed in Wild Cow Milking where they had to rope and milk a cow that had been set loose in the arena. Other events included Trailer Loading, Catch Your Horse, Team Doctoring, and Wild Bronc Riding. The Ranch Rodeo also featured youth events like Cows Got Out where youth had to get up, mount their horse, then ride over to and rope a dummy cow in a simulation of real ranching life.

Local food trucks and artisan vendors were selling souvenirs and food all weekend long. Chicken bingo, horse shoes, and 50/50 draws happened every day. One of the main attractions of the weekend was the annual Slo-Pitch tournament.

The event came to a close on Monday. The final events were a tube race down the McLeod, the Slo-Pitch finals, and the final Ranch Rodeo

events. The last official event of the day was the duck race that happened around 12:30pm, and was a fitting end to a wild weekend.

Gold Dust Daze is entirely put together by volunteers from the Peers' Ag Society and surrounding community. All the money earned from the event goes right back into

the Ag Society and the planning for next year.

This year's event happened despite the damages to the fair grounds received during the June floods. This is a testament to a strong community coming together to make the event possible.




The Rancher's Rodeo was a test of skill and luck at the McLeod Valley Grounds during Peers Gold Dust Daze. photo Niki Luymes



There were many grand floats at this year's Peers Gold Dust Daze kickoff parade. This one from Peers Farm and Feed really rocked the boat. photo Niki Luymes



Kids scrambled to gather the candy tossed from floats at this year's Peers Gold Dust Daze parade. photo Niki Luymes




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The maximum weight pulled at this year's Peers Gold Dust Daze horse-pull competition was over 1,000 pounds. photo Niki Luymes



The bouncy castles at the Peers Gold Dust Daze provided entertainment and a great way to beat the heat. photo Niki Luymes



The Peers Gold Dust Daze Show and Shine featured 12 different classic cars for people to enjoy. photo Niki Luymes



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Shandy's Dream for a Cure set for September 10

by Deanna Mitchener

The Annual Shandy's Dream for a Cure Barbecue and Fundraiser was postponed, and will now be held on September 10 from noon to 4 p.m. in the RCMP Centennial Park in Edson.

In 2015, Barbie Brown and husband Rod Reichenbacher lost their daughter Shandy to a brain tumour at the tender age of just 11 years old.

Shandy had a dream to help find a cure for brain cancer. After her passing the family was determined to keep Shandy's dream alive. They came up with Shandy's Dream for a Cure to raise

much needed funds for paediatric brain tumour research.

Every year family, friends, and the community come together to remember Shandy and her dream and to raise awareness of brain cancer and to raise money for research into a cure.

"Since starting Shandy's Dream for a Cure in 2016 we have raised over \$100,000 in support of paediatric research. For four years Brain Canada matched our money that was raised," said Barbie.

"During Covid in 2021 and 2022 we couldn't hold the barbecue due to restrictions, so we decided to try a Bottle Drive. Now that the Covid restrictions have lifted we are back doing the

barbecue fundraiser plus we still do the bottle drive," explained Barbie. "Our Bottle Drive raised \$1,630.70 so far this year. We are accepting bottles all year long if anyone has some they would like to donate. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 this year."

If you would like to help support Shandy's Dream for a Cure you can go online to <https://rb.gy/ybboph> anytime to make a donation. You can also come out to the barbecue and purchase a burger or some memorabilia in Shandy's name. Hope to see you there.

Local Girl Guides have lots to offer

by Deanna Mitchener

Do you have a young daughter or someone you know looking to join a local group? Girl Guides has a lot to offer.

The Sparks group is for girls in kindergarten and grade one and meets on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Embers is for grades two and three and they meet on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.

The Guides are grades

four through six and they meet on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Pathfinders are grades nine and 10. They start holding regular group meetings in late September and go to early May.

Jayne Buchwald, said, "The groups are also looking for volunteers to help run the different programs this fall. It doesn't take a whole lot of time. Roughly one hour each week. You would be helping with prep-work, planning

meetings, and organize events like day camps and district events. At times you maybe asked to book outside resources such as museum visits and guest speakers. On the actual meeting nights you would participate, set out what we are working on, and organize the cleanup. Also there are once a month district meetings that can be online or in person."

Julia Darling, said, "When girls have

someone in their corner they can do anything. As a Girl Guide volunteer you'll build meaningful connections, invest in unbreakable bonds, and create a space for girls to just be. Every week you'll fill your cup with laughter and smiles with some of your new favourite people. You'll become an influential part of girls' lives and watch their confidence grow."

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved with please email Jayne at

janebuc@telus.net for more information.



Local Girl Guides selling their delicious cookies recently. If you would like to get involved with the Guides contact Jayne at janebuc@telus.net for more information.

Alberta RCMP caution farmers of grant fraud

(RCMP) Alberta RCMP are investigating a complaint of a farm grant fraud. The investigation has revealed that the victim signed up for a farm grant on a website that came up during a Google search.

The website asked for a fee to be submitted with the business plan. When no assistance or funds came, the victim asked for a refund, which also never came. Finally, they contacted 310-FARM who advised him that it was a fraud and that loan programs never ask for any fees or referrals up front.

Alberta RCMP want to remind citizens of the following:

Farm grant programs such as 310-FARM provide free

assistance/referrals;

The 310-Farm (previously known as Ag-Info Centre) should only be accessed through www.alberta.ca/310-farm.aspx; and

It is illegal for any grant or loan program to ask for an upfront fee.

Call the Alberta Farmers' Advocate Office (403-742-7901) or toll free 310-FARM if you are unsure about a grant program.

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



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Canadian rural newspapers now blocked by Meta; Google to follow

- Federal and local governments boycott Meta -

Canadian journalism is under attack as Meta blocks all Canadian news on its sites.



by Dana McArthur
publisher/Editor

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Goggle has stated it will also block all Canadian news soon. These companies seem to think Canada is small enough to bully. The question is, will individual Canadians and companies respond to these American giants or just let Canadian journalism die?

News Media Canada, the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, and CBC/Radio-Canada have applied to Canada's Competition Bureau to investigate Meta's abuse of its position, as evidenced by its decision to block Canadian news content from its digital platforms in Canada.

The applicants also request that Meta refrain from discriminating, by algorithm or by any other means, against content from Canadian news organizations on its digital platforms accessible in Canada.

Background: Meta recently announced it is officially ending news availability in Canada. Meta has decided to block Canadian news content instead of following the requirements of Bill C-18. The law compels tech giants like Meta to pay Canadian news outlets for journalism they profit from, but do not pay for.

Google has now informed the Canadian government that they have made the decision that when the law takes effect they will be removing links to Canadian news from Google Search, Google News, and Google Discover products.

Meta has now removed Canadian news for all Canadian users of its Facebook and Instagram platforms. —"we are announcing today that we

have begun the process of ending news availability permanently in Canada," said Rachel Curran, head of public policy for Meta Canada.

Paul Deegan, president of News Media Canada, said this "intemperate" action will harm user experience and devalue the Facebook platform. "Without access to real fact-based news created by real journalists, Facebook will become far less attractive to users and advertisers. We expect more and more advertisers and their agencies will begin pulling advertising from the platform in response to this unilateral, undemocratic, and unreasonable move."

The Canadian Government's stance is that Meta's "bullying" tactics will not work with the government, which it says is ensuring those companies do not weaken Canada's democracy by threatening its domestic media industry.

Meta's actions have led to Canada's Federal Government and Provincial Governments in B.C. and Quebec to boycotting Meta. Many companies have followed suit.

The point is, does anyone in Canada believe having Meta and American billionaires in charge of what news Canadian citizens will or will not read, is a good idea?

Since 2008, close to 500 media outlets in 335 communities across Canada have closed, with more than 20,000 journalists losing their job.

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Teddy Bears, games, and sunshine equals fun!

by Niki Luymes

It was a day of fun in the sun at this year's annual Teddy Bear Picnic.

The Teddy Bear Picnic serves as a way for young families to connect with all the early learning resources in the Edson area. This includes daycares, preschools, clubs, and other support organizations.

This year's picnics took place on August 3 from 1pm to 7pm in the green space next to the Edson Leisure Centre.

The big draw to the event was the incredible amount of free activities offered. The Town of Edson provided free face painting, balloon animals, glitter tattoos, bouncy castles and more. Other games and toys were placed around the grounds with tug o' war, giant checkers, and the parachute games proving quite popular.

Each of the different vendors also offered their own activities to help draw people in. Among them were multiple sensory play pits, colouring pages and other crafts, plus an awesome selection of games and toys. There was no end

to the activities for kids of all ages.

There were also multiple draws and free items being offered. "It's great to see children out and running around and checking things out," said Jennifer Gomez, exhibitor at the event with CORE Childcare.

When all the fun was done families could gravitate towards the sitting area for free hotdogs, hamburgers, and watermelon.

The event is planned and put together by the Town of Edson and Edson Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). This year the event was expanded to run until 7pm to better reach working families. "It's been really good," said Sarah McDonald with Edson FCSS. "It's been really busy, just consistently busy, and the weather has been great too."

The Teddy Bear Picnic has been going for about three years now. Before that it was a smaller event run through Parent Link, but the choice was made to expand to better serve the community. Now the event has grown in size and scope creating a great way for families to connect with the support they need.



Jennifer Gomez was staffing the CORE Child Care Society booth as this year's Teddy Bear Picnic next to the Edson Leisure Centre. photo Niki Luymes



Tug o' war games were just a small part of the fun offered at this year's The Teddy Bear Picnic held on August 3 near the Edson Leisure. photo Niki Luymes



The parachute was one of the many free range activities set up at this year's Teddy Bear Picnic. photo Niki Luymes

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Alberta Open Farm Days in Yellowhead County August 19 & 20, 2023



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D23-072	Plan 8821844 Lot 25 NW-20-49-26-W5 Folding Mountain	Short Term Accommodations	July 28/23
D23-095	Plan 0728603 Blk 1, Lot 3 SE-28-53-8-W5 Evansburg Area	Manufactured Home	July 28/23

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 of 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 days 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.

Fundraising underway to enhance Edson's cataract program

by Deanna Mitchener

The Community Care Foundation of Edson and District is a registered charity that has been fundraising \$160,000 to expand and enhance the Edson Cataract Program.

Members of the foundation are all volunteers. Each of the members have a common goal to enhance rural health care in the area.

In June of 2021 the cataract program in Edson was opened. Since then over 600 patients have utilized the service. The Community Care Foundation paid \$90,000 to purchase the medical equipment required to run the program.

Ruth Martin-Williams, the president of the foundation, said, "The surgeon can do the pre-surgical assessment in Edson now, but specialized medical equipment is still required, which will cost \$160,000."

"Slowly but surely our fundraising efforts to enhance the program are growing. Rather than patients having to drive all the way to Sherwood Park for pre-surgical assessment, that can now be done in Edson."

"The reason behind the Community Care Foundation is to help enhance different health care programs. Alberta Health Services covers the wages of the surgical team and supplies the operating and recovery facilities. However, AHS does not pay to purchase 'non-essential' medical equipment. Alberta Health Care cannot accept financial donations, only a hospital foundation can. The money

collected through donations is used to enhance care at the hospital," said Martin-Williams.

The foundation had a booth set up during the Summer Festival and was able to raise approximately \$950 through donations.

"Fundraising is the only way to meet our benevolent goals and we depend on the generosity of our community to come together and give back. We are very proud of the cataract program and are now looking to improve this service," said Martin-Williams.

"The Cataract surgeon explained that many patients do not want to travel to Edmonton to see her, especially when the roads are bad or having to find someone to take a day off work to drive them," explained Martin-Williams. "The ophthalmologist would need an IOL master and a macular OCT machine. We have not obtained an exact quote yet, but our surgeon has indicated that a new IOL master usually costs approximately \$100,000 and a new macular OCT cost approximately \$50,000".

"Cataract surgery is our main focus currently, but our mandate is to support all aspects of health care and surgical needs at the Edson Healthcare Centre. We would be grateful for any donation that helps us achieve our goal," said Martin-Williams.

All donations over \$20.00 will receive a charitable receipt and will be acknowledged on their donation wall. Contact Ruth Martin Williams at 780-725-2290 or rmw53185@gmail.com or contact Marsha Jensen at 780 712-3917.

Canadian Grain Commission Repeals Grading Changes



Gerald Soroka
MP Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that in response to stakeholder concerns the Canadian Grain Commission is repealing the alignment of primary and export tolerances for test weight and total foreign material for all grades of the following classes of wheat:

- Canada Western Red Spring (CWRS)
- Canada Western Hard White Spring (CWHWS)

- Canada Western Extra Strong (CWES)
- Canada Western Soft White Spring (CWSWS)
- Canada Northern Hard Red (CNHR)

The alignment of total foreign material tolerances for Canada Western Amber Durum (CWAD) is also being repealed.

Changes to the tolerances announced in the Canada Gazette, Part II on July 19, 2023, will be repealed as soon as possible.



Jace (9) and Maverick (9) enjoy spending time at the Edson Rotary Skate Board Park whenever they can. photo Deanna Mitchener



The Lions Club donated a cheque for \$1,000 to Georgina Gauchier who lost her house recently when a storm knocked the power lines onto it. The Lions wanted to be able to provide some emergency cash to help in the short term. When the Lions spoke with the victim, Georgina said she only had time to grab her keys and her purse on the way out the door. She did not get her phone nor did she have time to get her shoes before it was too late. Her house was lost to fire and she was very lucky to make it out. The Mountainview Rec Society will be host to a fundraiser with dinner, a bake sale, and auction in Marlboro on Sunday, August 27 for Georgina. For more info contact (780) 723-3169 or lionsed1@telus.net. Pictured L to R are Lions Treasurer John Gauchier, Vice President Arden Lohner, and Georgina Gauchier.

Behind the scenes look at the Edson Food Bank

by Deanna Mitchener

In a behind the scenes interview with Amy Pillage, Program Coordinator at the Edson Food Bank, she said, "It takes 115 hours of volunteer effort per week to operate successfully, that's 5980 hours a year. At present we have 55 active volunteers."

In 2022, the food bank handed out 2069 food hampers (that's households served) or 4159 individuals. The Edson Food Bank Society began operations 37 years ago in 1986.

"Since April 2022 we have myself as a part-time paid coordinator. We distribute over \$200,000 in food annually. We are a hub for Food Banks Alberta, which means we have the ability to store and distribute food to surrounding food banks. In 2022 we received 38,000 pounds of free food from the Food Banks Alberta warehouse."

"We do not screen our clients. If they identify themselves as needing support, we provide service after they provide some basic information for our confidential database which is used to provide statistics," explained Pillage.

"We can buy food at cheaper prices than you can, so we value receiving cash donations, said Pillage. Donations can now be made by e-transfer to treasurer.edsonfoodbanksociety@gmail.com. Monetary donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Edson Food Bank Society 4511 5th Ave. They issue tax receipts monthly.

They add fresh products to each hamper which includes onions, carrots, potatoes, cucumber, lettuce, apples, oranges, and bananas. Dairy products added to each hamper are eggs, margarine, cheese, and milk coupons. Meat products include frozen hamburger, wieners, luncheon meat, and more.

"We believe that access to nutritious food is a basic human right. We are committed to responding to the needs of our community through food distribution and support services. We value respect, compassion, and honesty in all interactions and activities. In addition to our many corporate sponsors, local schools, sports teams, and churches are great supporters of the Edson Food Bank," said Pillage.

Edson Food Bank is open 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. every Tuesday and then on the second and last Thursday of the month from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the Food Bank is located at 4511 5th Ave.

"We have an amazing secretary who applies for our grants. Right now we are looking at applying for a grant to get updated appliances. All of our fridges and freezers were donated to us, which was great. But it's time and would be so nice to be able to purchase something new and hopefully maintenance free. Right now temperature checks are being done twice a day manually. We are working on getting instant temperature checks and are still working through the trial phases. We need to keep the food safe and up to standards," said Pillage.

If you or someone you know is in need of food please reach out to the local food bank.



Food Bank volunteer Wanda Desautels was set up during the recent Summer Festival to share information about the local Food Bank in our community. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Scouting Canola Fields in Yellowhead County for Clubroot

2023 Clubroot Scouting will occur in Yellowhead County from approximately August 28th - September 30th.

(YC) With fall approaching it is time once again to remember that clubroot has been detected in Yellowhead County. Clubroot is a soil-borne disease that reduces yields of cruciferous crops such as canola, mustards, and some vegetables.

The disease causes galls or clubs to form on the root systems of infected plants which then restricts the nutrient and water uptake of the plants reducing the yields of crops. The higher rate of the infection of clubroot in the soil, the more severe the yield loss in the crop will be. In 2015, new clubroot pathotypes were confirmed in the Edmonton region that are able to overcome resistant varieties of seed.

Please note that Yellowhead County Pest Inspectors will be scouting for this disease in canola and other Brassicaceae fields throughout Yellowhead County from approximately August 28th - September 30th. Scouts will be taking all possible preventative measures to limit the spread of the disease.

The primary way this disease spreads is by soil movement from infected fields to non-infected fields. This may be done by soil falling off of farm machinery, vehicles, and off-highway vehicles. It may also be spread by wind and water erosion. Equipment sanitation is essential to preventing establishment of clubroot.

Rotation of crops is highly recommended to prevent the severity of clubroot in ones fields. Continuous cropping of canola may increase the likelihood and severity of infection.

There are no treatments currently available for clubroot infected fields/plants so prevention practices are highly recommended. Some things you can do to prevent establishment of clubroot as:

- Check fields regularly and look for abnormalities such as galls and/or clubs on roots, premature ripening, and/or wilting plants

- Sanitize machinery, vehicles, and equipment before moving in to a new area with a solution of 1% bleach and 99% water

- Use clubroot resistant varieties of seed for planting
- Please see www.clubroot.ca for more details or contact the Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Department in the Wildwood County Office at 53404 Rge Rd 92A or call toll free: 1-800-814-3935.



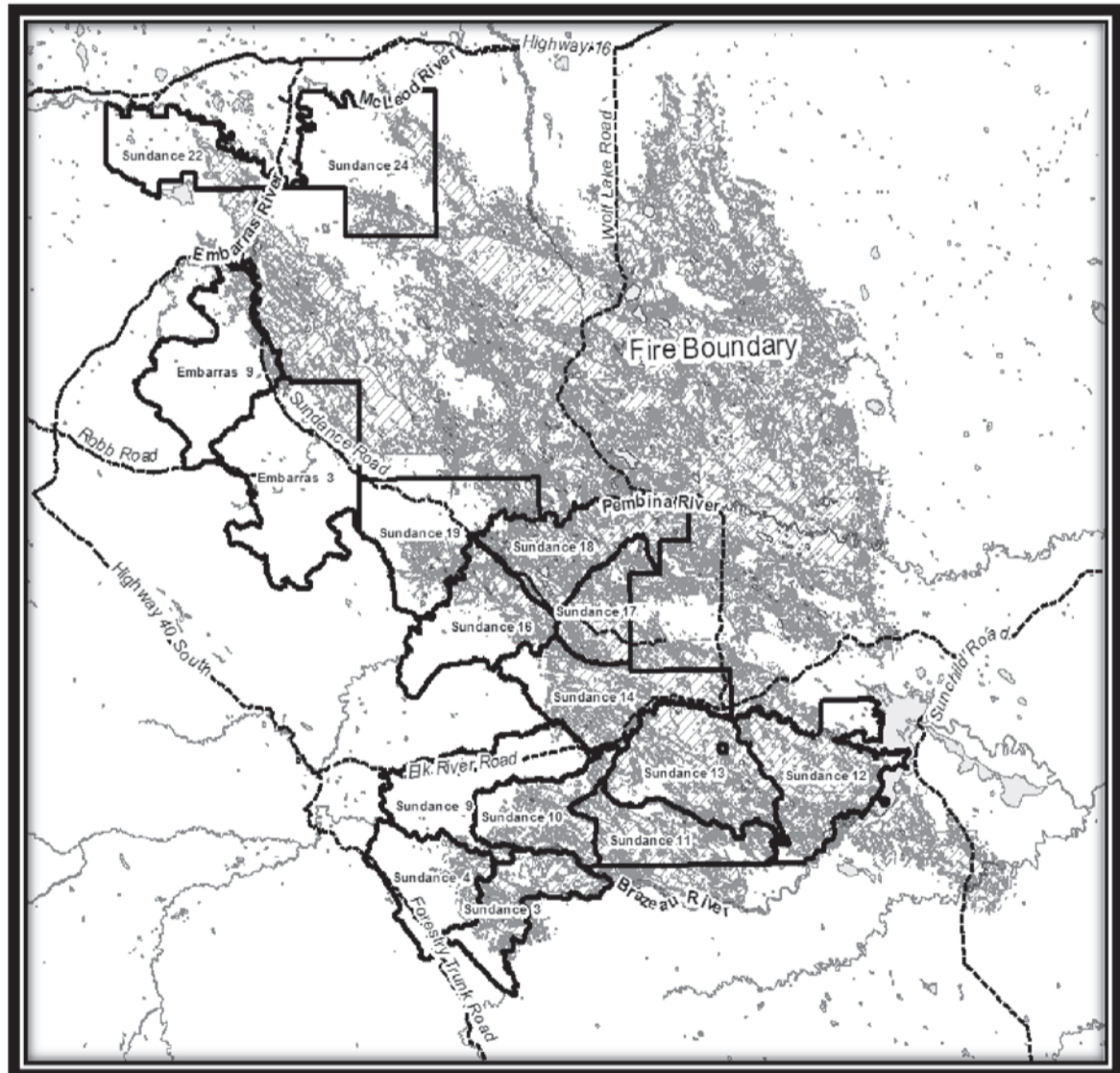
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Hinton Wood Products and Edson Forest Products are commencing timber salvage planning activities in several compartments of our Forest Management Area. As a result of the recent wildfires located between the McLeod River to the north and Brazeau River to the South, we will be assessing timber within the burnt areas to utilize any merchantable trees while still taking all forest values into consideration. As part of HWP's Public Involvement Process, members of the public with resource value concerns or knowledge of this area are invited to offer comments during the initial planning phase.

Located south of Highway 16, access routes to these compartments are by way of Highway 40 South, the Forestry Trunk Road, the Elk River Road, Robb Road as well as various other resource roads.

You can provide information or inquire about our planning process through the following contact:

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1-780-865-8931 or by email at ryan.lanning@westfraser.com

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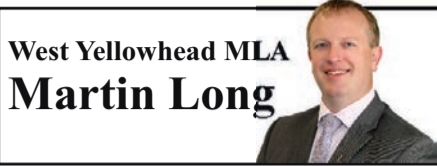
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Summer is whizzing by!

Help for Alberta farmers impacted by wildfire and drought

When Danielle Smith was first elected Premier, she wasted no time getting to work on fixing longstanding issues in Alberta's health care system.



**West Yellowhead MLA
Martin Long**

recognizing that wildfires and extremely dry conditions have affected many farmers and

ranchers since the April 30 enrolment deadline. This gives affected producers more time to review and manage the business risks associated with these challenging situations.

Streamlining mental health and addiction care

Alberta's government is working with AHS to improve the delivery and oversight of mental health and addiction services across the province.

To ensure the effective delivery of services across the province, the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction has issued a directive to AHS to consolidate its mental health and addiction programs, services and operations under the existing AHS Provincial Addiction and Mental Health program. AHS will also align these services with the government's recovery-oriented approach to ensure high-quality services remain available to Albertans across the province.

Raising the civil claims limit

As of Aug. 1, Albertans can represent themselves more effectively in civil claims court matters and save time and money on legal costs.

To make the civil claims process simpler and more cost effective, Albertans can now file civil claims of up to \$100,000 in the Alberta Court of Justice. This change is an increase from the previous limit of \$50,000 and the first time in nine years that Alberta's government has increased the civil claims limit. Albertans will continue to have the option to pursue their civil claim at the Court of King's Bench of Alberta.

Creating certainty for renewable projects

Alberta's government is responding to concerns about electricity projects to ensure future growth is balanced with responsible development.

Starting Aug. 3, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) will pause approvals of new renewable electricity generation projects over one megawatt until Feb. 29, 2024, and review policies and procedures for the development of renewable electricity generation. This approach is in direct response to a letter received from the AUC and concerns raised from municipalities and landowners related to responsible land use and the rapid pace of renewables development. At the end of this process, future renewable projects will be able to move forward at a pace that is conducive to business while maintaining responsible environmental stewardship and preserving Alberta's reliable electricity supply.

In addition to signing a public health guarantee, Premier Smith signed a \$24 billion, 10-year health care funding agreement with the federal government, ensuring no Albertan will ever have to pay out of pocket to see their doctor. She also invested an additional \$1 billion into Alberta's health care budget, to build a stronger and more resilient system for the future. Most importantly, however, Premier Smith replaced the AHS board with Dr. John Cowell, who she tasked with overseeing major reforms to improve EMS response times, decrease emergency wait room times, reduce surgery wait times, and restore local decision making – a move that is already showing positive results.

I look forward to watching our health care system continue to improve under the leadership of Premier Smith and Minister LaGrange. Recently, Minister LaGrange reiterated her commitment to restoring local decision making in the health care system, saying, "Albertans need faster, better care, and that simply is not possible if hospitals — whether in rural Alberta or downtown Calgary — are fighting layers of bureaucracy in order to make simple decisions ... central to fostering this environment is increasing the capacity for local decision-making. By empowering frontline health-care professionals, we open the door to valuable insights and expertise that can drive meaningful common-sense improvements at the local level."

Unlike the opposition – who just threw more and more money at Alberta's health care issues, and who watched as wait times increased and issues worsened – Premier Smith, Minister LaGrange, and our entire team are working tirelessly to fix the issues that have hindered our health care system for years.

Rural Health care delivery has been a top concern as my role of MLA. I am honored to be named Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health and look forward to supporting the Minister of Health, Adrianna LaGrange, to bring solutions to the issues that exist in accessing healthcare in rural Alberta.

Helping farmers impacted by wildfire and drought

The AgriStability program has reopened for late participation so producers affected by wildfires and drought can consider enrolling to manage business risks.

Alberta producers can sign up for AgriStability until Sept. 29. The Government of Alberta and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada have reopened the program

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead



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MP Yellowhead**

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deadline. This gives affected producers more time to review and manage the business risks associated with these challenging situations. In Alberta, producers sign up for AgriStability and access benefits through Agriculture Financial Services Corporation. Factors such as reduced income, increased expenses or reduced inventory are used to determine a potential benefit.



Among the burnt trees across the region you'll find beautiful purple flowers. Fireweed is native to North America and grows in open sunny areas, especially after a wildfire has been through. *Ab Wildfire*

~ Obituary ~

Valerie Wooders

November 29, 1946 – July 27, 2023



Valerie Wooders (nee Rose), beloved wife for 52 years of Jack Wooders passed away peacefully in hospital, Friday, July 27, 2023 at the age of 76 years after spending her final days surrounded by family and friends.

Predeceased by both of her parents, she will be remembered with love by her husband Jack, her son Cameron (Harmony), Jack's children John (Chieko) and Victoria, two sisters Cindy (Glen) and Pam, her six grandchildren, Laird, Jake, Andrew, Sarah, David, Arianna and many friends who looked on Val as family.

Valerie was born in St. Boniface, Manitoba. She received her schooling and university education in Edmonton and taught with Edmonton Catholic Schools briefly before moving with Jack to a small farm near Edson, Alberta where she taught with Grand Yellowhead School Division for a total of 36 years and as a substitute for years thereafter. She was recognized by students, colleagues and parents for not only her teaching skills but also her big heart in caring about her students. She was also an Alberta Teaching Award of Excellence finalist.

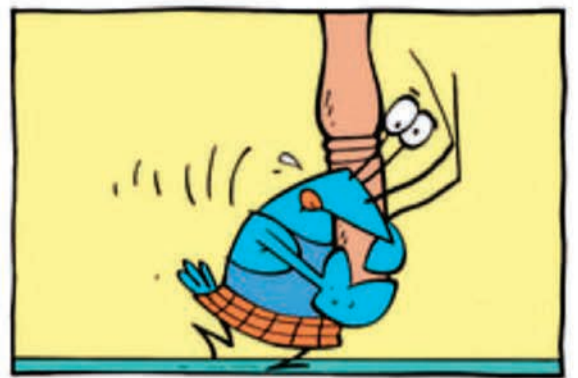
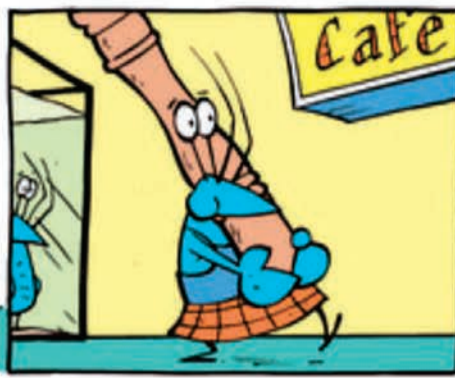
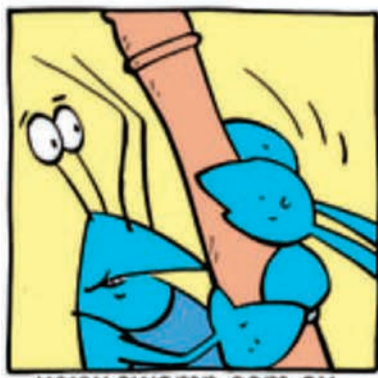
Always happiest spending time with family and friends, Valerie loved her long life on the farm and welcomed others to enjoy the outdoor activities with them. She also loved travel, theatre, cards and Sudoku. Wherever she was, Val was a presence who cared about those around her. She leaves us all with many treasured memories.

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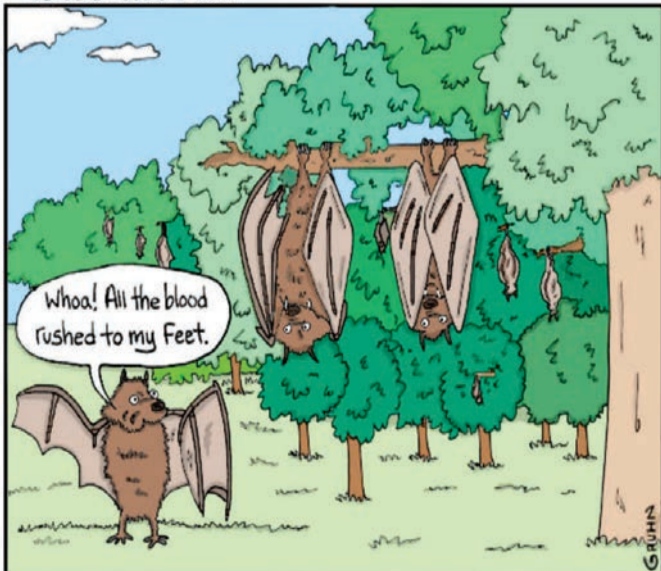
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Closing date: **August 18, 2023**

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Community Events

August 15,29: Paddle Board Yoga. Millers Lake 7pm. Instructor contact Renae 780-728-5464 pay cash in person.

August 16: Adventure play camps ages 3-5 Niton Community Hall 10am-1pm registration opens June 12 www.yhcounty.ca/registration
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August 15: Seniors Appreciation event. Full schedule at www.yhcounty.ca Marlboro Hall. Registration options 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 email kschatz@yhcounty.ca register online: www.yhcounty.ca/registration

August 17: Seniors Appreciation event. Full schedule at www.yhcounty.ca Wildwood Community Hall. Registration options 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 email kschatz@yhcounty.ca register online: www.yhcounty.ca/registration

August 17: Brule Play in the Park. Bouncy Castles and lawn games. 5:30-7:30pm call 780-723-4800 for more information.

August 19-20: Alberta Open Farm Days. Free self driving tour filled with new tastes and experiences. Interested in joining go to www.AlbertaOpenFarmDays.ca or www.YHCounty.ca for more details.

August 22: Cadomin Playground Adventure all sorts of family fun. Light snacks and cold treats provided 12-2pm. For more info visit www.yhcounty.ca/registration

August 23: Babysitter's Safety Course 9am-3pm Wildwood Complex ages 11+ to register visit yhcounty.ca/registration

August 25: Mayor's Golf Tournament NEW DATE.

August 25: Playground Adventure 12pm-2pm. Marlboro Park. Bring your children to play at the park and join in all sorts of family fun. Light snack and a cold treat provided. Visit www.yhcounty.ca/registration for more details.

August 29: Community Registration Day, Edson RCL 51

www.edson.ca/CDprograms

August 30: Youth Interagency Outdoor Movie, RCMP Centennial park. www.Edson.ca/YIA

September 2: Wop May Day, RCMP Centennial Park www.edson.ca/CulturDays

September 14: Downtown Music & Art Walk and Pig Roast, Main Street www.edson.ca/CultureDays

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 for updates and muster locations.

Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.

First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am & 1 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge.

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News and Views

Shallow buried pasture water pipelines may be an excellent option for watering livestock on pasture

“When water sources are diminished due to lack of quantity or quality, shallow buried pasture water pipelines should be considered as a practical and economical way to supply livestock with water on pasture,” says Shawn Elgert, agricultural water engineer with the Alberta government. “Instead of constructing a dugout where the runoff is not consistent or dependable, a pasture pipeline can bring the water to the cattle instead of forcing the cattle to go the water.”

Shallow buried pasture water pipelines have many benefits, such as improving animal health and performance by providing clean and fresh water, reducing soil erosion and nutrient runoff by providing an alternative to accessing natural water sources, enhancing pasture productivity and quality by enabling rotational grazing and better distribution of manure, saving time and labour by eliminating the need to haul water, and increasing land value by adding permanent water infrastructure.

These pipelines are designed to be used during the frost-free part of the pasture season. They are polyethylene pipes that can be installed between 6 and 30 inches below the ground and can deliver water from a pressurized source (such as a dugout, well, or municipal line) to a trough or a tank.

The pipes are usually one to two inches in diameter, depending on the length and demand of the system. The pipes can be installed using a plow or a ripper that cuts a narrow furrow in the soil and places the pipe in it. The furrow is then closed by running a tractor tire over it.

“High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipes are recommended as they can withstand rupture from water freezing inside the pipe,” explains Elgert. “If spring watering is desired, it is advised to blow the lines out in the fall after using, as the

lines can take some time to thaw in the spring. If the line is as deep as 30 inches, it is harder to remove if maintenance is required.”

Selecting a larger diameter pipe than required for flow rates can help reduce energy requirements as well as installation problems (for example, if a rock has created a kink in the line). Companies that install these types of pipelines often get a better deal on the pipe as they purchase large quantities, so producers should consider hiring a company install it.

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation has a pipeline plow available and free to use. For more information on the pipeline plow, contact 310-FARM and ask to speak with a water specialist. A tractor with at least 100 horsepower is recommended to use with this plow. To avoid any surprises during installation, one pass should be made with the plow before installing the pipe.

“The design and installation of shallow buried pasture water pipelines depend on several factors, such as location and capacity of the water source, distance and elevation of the pasture, number and type of livestock, layout and size of the troughs or tanks, soil type and topography, and availability of power and equipment.”

Other general tips for designing and installing shallow buried pasture water pipelines include the following:

- Avoid rocks, stony ridges, or other obstructions that can damage the pipe or reduce the water flow.
- Joints where needed should use proper connection methods such as fusing the pipes together.
- The system should be tested for leaks and proper operation before being used.

“Shallow buried pasture water pipelines may be an excellent option for watering livestock on

pasture,” says Elgert. “They can improve animal welfare, environmental stewardship and farm profitability. And, with proper planning and assistance, they can also be installed easily and inexpensively.” *AgriNews*



This deer near Edson blended right in with the local groundcover. Remember to watch for wildlife along roadway this time of year. photo Deanna Mitchener

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