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**Edson Eagles Jr. A team excited to begin season**

by Dana McArthur

The Greater Metro Jr. A Hockey League (GMHL) has announced an expansion team for Edson dubbed the Edson

Eagles!

The GMHL is Canadian based, and started in Ontario 17 years ago in the greater Toronto area, and grew across the province and into Quebec.

"We are entering into our third season in the West with seven teams, and the league will operate this year with about 30 teams across Canada," said Derek Prue Director from the

GMHL West Division. "We are very excited to be adding Edson into our division!"

Current teams in the western division include Fox

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Campers from the LEAP program's Future Entrepreneurs respite camp decided to make a donation of \$80 to the Edson Animal Rescue with the money they made (see story page 7). photo submitted

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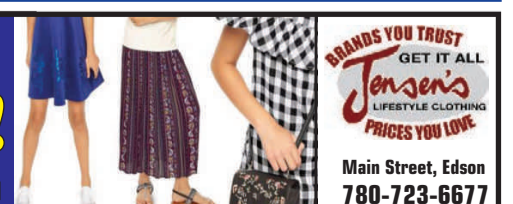
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# Edson Eagles Jr. A team excited to begin season

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"We play a 42 game schedule, so 21 home games each year, plus pre-season and playoffs. Edson fans can expect a full-scale entertainment experience with as much happening away from the ice as on it! Pre-and-post game events, mascot, giveaways, intermission games and events, minor hockey showcase games and skills, craft tables for younger kids... and more!" said Prue.

The GMHL was also the only league in Canada to have completed the season, complete playoffs, and award a Championship Cup —the Dynalife Cup.

"This year will be the first for the GMHL National Championship, with teams from the West able to host this prestigious event every second year! There is also a showcase tournament each year, along with collegiate and pro all star games! Over the history of the GMHL, over 900 players have graduated to every level of collegiate and professional hockey," stated Prue.

One of the hallmarks of the league is their community involvement.

"Edson can expect to see each one of our players contributing to the community in a number of ways. Community volunteer events, appearances in the schools, literacy and drug awareness, and more. We will also be skating alongside minor hockey and strengthening the level of the youth hockey teams," said Prue.

The team will also be hosting the Snow Angel program where seniors and disabled individuals can expect to have their walks shovelled by Edson Eagles players each time it snows.

"Our mandate is to develop the entire individual, not just the on-ice hockey player, and getting these young men into the community helps us achieve this goal," said Prue.

The Town of Edson stated, "We wish all of our users well during the season."

The Edson Eagles Club along with the Aeros Club, and another group submitted a business plan as part of the Town of Edson's comprehensive review to determine the appropriate terms and conditions for any agreement in relation to the upcoming 2021/2022 season.

Following that review, the Town decided not to offer exclusive use of its facilities or special concessions to any particular team who participated in the process.

This change effectively levelled the playing field, making it possible for any and all leagues to bring a team to Edson.

Upon being advised of this, the Edson Aeros owner Axel Axmann and management made the decision to discontinue operations in Edson and seek a new home for their Western States Hockey League Club.

The Edson Eagles will be unveiling their team jerseys and naming their first corporate partners very soon. Volunteer positions and billet homes have started filling up for the players who will start arriving next month!

For more information on the team, or to inquire about how to get involved with the Eagles, check out the team's facebook page and website [edsoneagles.com](http://edsoneagles.com), or call West Division Executive Director Derek Prue at 780-905-0447.

All GMHL West games are live streamed on [GMHL.TV](http://GMHL.TV).



*The primary Edson Eagles jersey will most likely feature a large Varsity E to represent the community of Edson, and the eagle will be the secondary logo featured on the shoulders.*

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# Edson hospital pauses surgical services Aug 6 weekend

Edson Healthcare Centre is pausing surgical services over the August 6 weekend, including C-sections, due to a lack of anesthetist coverage.

Surgical services will not be available from Friday, Aug. 6, at 5 p.m. to Sunday, Aug. 8, at 10 p.m.

No surgeries or C-sections were previously booked during this time.

This situation will not impact any other care services offered at the healthcare centre.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is working to ensure local residents continue to have access to the care they need.

Patients with higher level care needs requiring C-sections or

surgical services during this time will be diverted to the Hinton Healthcare Centre (86 km away).

AHS apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, and is thankful for the support of surrounding healthcare centres and medical staff, and the community for their patience and understanding.

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The local RCMP were called to the scene and the woman was flown by a private helicopter to the airport in Swan Hills where they were met by emergency medical services. Unfortunately, the woman succumbed to her injuries. It is believed that she was working in the area when the adult black bear attacked.

Fish and Wildlife officers reportedly set up a trail camera and traps in the area, and took samples from the victim's clothing for analysis to create a DNA profile of the bear.

Officers also reported locating three black bears near the site of the attack and were awaiting DNA results to confirm if one of them is responsible. "This decision is never made lightly, and when it is made, it is to prevent more attacks by that particular bear," a provincial release stated.

The family of the victim does not want her name released.

OpEd

# Recent Senate Appointment

Alberta continues to be an afterthought to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's agenda and for proof, look no further than his latest Senate nomination to fill a vacant seat in Alberta. Albertans have chosen to elect senators. Justin Trudeau ignored this and instead pursued his own partisan agenda.

These criticisms are not a personal attack against the newest senator, Ms. Sorensen, nor an attempt to undermine her experience or qualifications, but rather a criticism against how the Prime Minister chose to circumvent Alberta's wishes.

As a Conservative MP from Alberta, I hear daily how the Canadian Federation is in a precarious position. It is clear: Justin Trudeau either doesn't care about tearing the country apart, or it is part of his political agenda to maintain power at any cost.

Either way, Albertans and all Canadians deserve better. If you feel the Prime Minister has disregarded Alberta and hurt the unity of



Canada, you can let him know at: [Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

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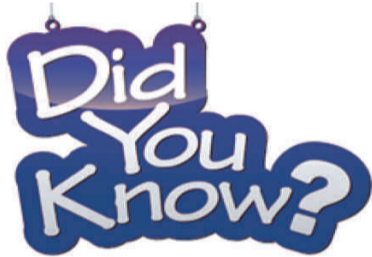
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Land Use Amending Bylaw No. 2260

Council will hold a Zoom Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 on **Tuesday August 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm through Zoom Meeting online**. If approved, "Recycling Depot" will be added as a discretionary use to the C-1 Retail Commercial District, C-2 Service Commercial District, the M-1B Light Industrial (Unserviced) District; and as permitted use to the M-1A Light Industrial (Serviced) District, GSI-C Glenwood Service Industrial-Commercial District, and the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the Land Use Bylaw No. 2070.

To view details of the application, please see: [www.edson.ca/bylaws](http://www.edson.ca/bylaws). You may submit written comments by emailing: [engineeringandplanning@edson.ca](mailto:engineeringandplanning@edson.ca); by mailing: Planning—Town of Edson, PO Box 6300, Edson AB T7E 1T7; or by hand de-livering to the Civic Centre drop off box at the front door entrance. Submissions must be received by the Town prior to the Zoom Public Hearing for Councils consideration. Any person, group, or person acting on behalf of anyone who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw, may make representation during a Public Hearing through Zoom online. Oral presentations are subject to a five (5) minute time limit and must be sent ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Zoom Public Hearing.

Registration will remain open until the beginning of the Public Hearing on August 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Register here at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_qItiR-O5RgqEO6RlyWZ-KQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qItiR-O5RgqEO6RlyWZ-KQ) or contact [engineeringandplanning@edson.ca](mailto:engineeringandplanning@edson.ca) for meeting details. Personal information contained in submissions are collected under the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act). This meeting will be recorded and shared.



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Council Live Stream



## NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

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<b>Week 2</b>					
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066-2021	414 50 Street/Plan 1494 AC; Block 21; Lot 4	Sign, except Billboard – Fascia Sign, Wall Sign	Permitted	July 27, 2021	C-1

Any person who deems 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 21<sup>st</sup> day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website ([www.edson.ca/development](http://www.edson.ca/development))**. 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.**



# The Weekly ANCHOR

## Comment



**OpEd:**

### "No bed shortage...":AHS

Alberta Health Services facilities are open and ready to provide care to Albertans who need it.

Every day, our healthcare teams carefully manage hospital beds to ensure Albertans get the care they need.

Aligning healthcare resources such as beds with patient demand has always been a key tenet of how we manage Alberta's provincial healthcare system.

Let us be clear – there is no bed shortage in Alberta. Our system is stable, safe, and available for any patient who needs it.

If a patient needs a bed – whether it be in an emergency department, or on a hospital ward – a space will always be available.

AHS is currently dealing with some temporary, short-term bed reductions at some of our hospitals.

This was not unexpected, as we emerge from an unprecedented pandemic that tested our healthcare system's capacity and pushed our frontline teams to their limits. We will be dealing with the impacts of the pandemic for some time.

This is a challenge being experienced across the country. Our staff and physicians have worked extremely hard and deserve a break, meaning they are less available to work extra shifts than they would have been a year ago.

Many are travelling to see loved ones they have been unable to see in 20-odd months.

This means that temporary bed reductions are necessary at sites where staffing challenges are significant.

It's important to point out that the vast majority of our beds remain open and available for patient care.

AHS has about 8,500 acute care beds across the province – 98.3 per cent of those beds are open and available for patients.

In addition, AHS has about 1,200 emergency department care spaces across the province. Of those, 98.9 per cent are open and available.

A key point is that there are times that a bed may be closed but there isn't a patient in need of that bed.

During the summer months, when demand is lower, AHS has reduced beds in order to accommodate vacations and absences. This occurs every summer to varying degree.

For example, last weekend AHS closed three emergency department care spaces at the Sturgeon Community Hospital in St. Albert, due to some unexpected staff absences.

However, the hospital currently has 40 emergency department care spaces available, and the temporary closure of those three beds had absolutely no impact on patients.

Similarly, six emergency department spaces have been temporarily closed at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. But, 50 care spaces remain open, and patient occupancy is less than 80 per cent with fewer than 40 patients currently needing an emergency department bed.

This is important context to keep in mind when you hear about claims of a bed shortage.

In other instances, AHS has been able to alleviate the need for bed reductions or service reductions, by recruiting locums or redeploying staff and/or physicians to a site that is experiencing staffing challenges. Again, this is common practice over the summer months.

For example, a last minute locum placement in Rocky Mountain House just this week meant we were able to keep the site's emergency department open. We are always working towards these solutions.

Temporary bed closures are not unusual for AHS or any other health system, especially in the summer when staffing levels are historically lower as our healthcare workers take more personal time.

Emergency department bed reductions are infrequent but do happen from time to time. As of July 22, there are just two AHS sites where patients are being diverted from EDs, on certain days and at certain times – Elk Point and Fort Vermilion.

This is not something AHS wants to happen, but these situations happen every year, especially in the summer. It's not a result of a policy or resource change.

As AHS deals with these situations, it's important to know that vacancy-filling and recruitment is always a priority for AHS and takes place all year, in real time.

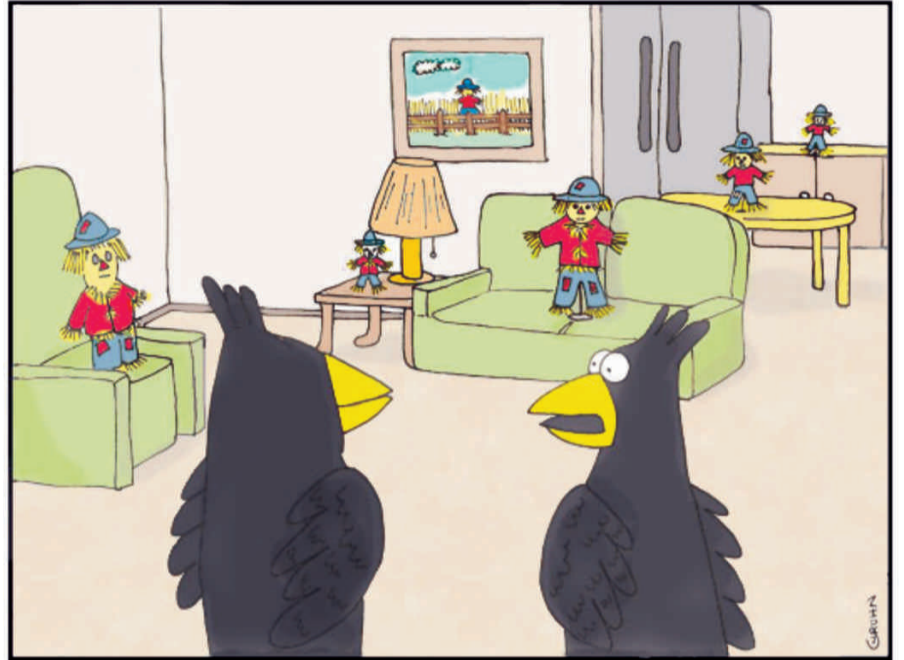
Over the last year, AHS has filled more than 1,000 vacancies for registered nurses. Additionally, there are approximately 1,700 more RNs working in AHS today than there were in 2019.

AHS is pursuing recruitment strategies that aim to fill existing vacancies by the end of August or September, and earlier where possible. As the pandemic winds down, we are also moving staff who were working on the pandemic response into their original positions, this will help fill vacancies.

This all helps to ensure the healthcare system is safe – and there for those who need it.

Dr. Verna Yiu  
AHS President and CEO

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# LEAP Centre offers camp for Future Entrepreneurs

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Edson LEAP Centre has been offering Summer Respite Camps for children and youth in the community.

Camps are split by age groups, with the options of 5-8 years and 9-13 years. Camps held so far this summer have included Minute to Win It Challenge Week, Crafty Crafters, Summer Buggin', and Summer Soakers.

From July 26-30, LEAP offered the older campers a Future Entrepreneurs camp. The camp description read: "Campers will work together to create their own small curbside vendor in our community, brainstorming, planning, and bringing their ideas to life."

Christina Gauchier said that the idea for the camp was sparked from the recent Lemonade Day stand event that was held earlier this summer in Edson.

Six young entrepreneurs participated in the camp and "worked hard as a group to come up with a small business idea that they could offer in our community," said Christina.

Camp participants first had to come up with a plan and a budget, and then had to prepare a proposal and presentation for the Town of Edson's Community Development Manager Tanya Byers with the goal of obtaining a business license. Byers granted the license at the Town office on the morning of Tuesday, July 26.

One of the campers, Amira A., had great things to say about the program. "I love the planning part of this camp. I want more experience in being an entrepreneur," she said. "This camp is all inclusive, and I like that even though all of us kids are different, we have good ideas and come up with one together."

The Future Entrepreneurs held a T-Rex Mini Fair on Thursday, July 29 on the front lawn of the Red Brick Building. It included an obstacle course, a dino dig for a prize, glitter tattoos, dino games, and the kids sold ice cream and water to event-goers. Guests were also able to get a photo taken with a T-Rex.

The kids then took the funds they had made, and chose to make a difference to some organizations in the community. They donated \$80 to the Edson Food Bank Society and \$80 to the Edson Animal Rescue Society. "And [they] still had a little money left to purchase some brand new games for the LEAP Centre, for when they come for camps," added Christina.

The LEAP Centre's summer program is open to anyone in the community. "We offer respite programming for caregivers to take a break while providing peace of mind that their children are in a safe, caring and engaging environment," said Christina. "We offer small group settings to ensure each child receives a more personalized session."

The many programs offered by the LEAP Centre can be found on their website at [www.edsonleapcentre.com](http://www.edsonleapcentre.com), and a complete list of their summer programs can be found on their Facebook page.

Other Summer Respite Camps being offered for the remainder of summer include Let's Ride (Biking Week), Bike & Scooters, Farm FUN, Super Size Games, and My Friend, My Pal, My Pet. Camps are offered for 3 hours per day at a cost of \$150/week or FSCD Respite Hours.

Those looking for more information or to register can email [edsonleaprespite@gmail.com](mailto:edsonleaprespite@gmail.com).



Campers from the LEAP Centre's Future Entrepreneurs respite camp decided to make a donation of \$80 to the Edson Food Bank Society with the money they made. photo submitted



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# Yellowhead Agricultural Society requests funding for new building

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the July 20 Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting, Yellowhead County Council heard a new facility funding proposal from the Yellowhead Agricultural Society (YAS).

YAS President Scott MacRae, YAS Business Consultant and Bookkeeper Christine Davis, and Klay Dyer of Dyer Educational and Research Consultants Inc. presented the proposal.

The proposal started with an overview of the society, which was founded in 1975 and has over 250 current active members. "The Society is committed to supporting community growth, quality of life, and economic sustainability for the Town of Edson and the entire region of Yellowhead County," said Dyer.

Their mandated focus is on agriculture-focused recreational, educational, and business events that emphasize community involvement and sustainable economic impact.

The society is 100% debt free, has capital assets valued at over \$1 million, and has seen consistent growth over the past five years. Out of their membership base, 36% are new (1-5 years), 30% are long term (10+ years), 76% self-identify as being from Yellowhead County, and 7% self-identify as being from Edson. Some members are even from Grand Prairie and Parkland County.

The current indoor riding facility has been in operation for 26 years, and the Society has successfully managed many agriculture-focused events and clinics including:

- drop-in riding, jumping, dressage, rode, clinics, barrel racing, and roping
- Lessons and training opportunities
- 4H and canine related shows/lessons/clinics
- assorted trade shows
- support to local 4H Clubs, Canine Clubs, Agricultural clinicians, and a variety of general community group events.

Unfortunately, the current building has reached the end of its projected lifestyle. The 16,000 sq ft wood-framed facility needs a number of replacements and upgrades, including the need to reinforce the sinking wood infrastructure, re-insulate the entire building, and replace the ceiling in full.

Additionally, the building has many limitations, such as a permanent seating capacity of only 30, no onsite potable water or indoor plumbing, and a lack of storage. The annual net revenue is \$35,000, but could be significantly higher if not for the loss of events such as the Rocky Mountain Futurity Derby (3 days with 300+ participants), Edson Bullrama (2 days, 50 participants, 300+ spectators), the Edson Stampede (3 days, 250 participants, 500+ spectators), and the MJ Memorial Barrel Race (3 days, 300 competitors).

Their new proposed facility would be a 49,000 sq ft steel framed-building with a permanent seating capacity of 500+. It would offer full onsite services including potable water, indoor toilet facilities, and growth-ready electrical, as well as increased storage, a full warm-up arena, a rough stock area, various meeting rooms, and a state-of-the-art concession with

designated seating area.

While the current facility has reached its maximum revenue potential, the new building could expect to see an annual net revenue of approximately \$677,288 by year five, explained Dyer.

With an expected project cost of \$2,648,000 for the "steel shell and site preparations," the YAS requested that \$500,000 in County funding be considered in the upcoming 2022 budget discussion.

The project already has \$400,000 in municipal funding secured, \$495,000 in organizational funding, and \$123,000 in confirmed sponsorships, with another \$130,000 in pending sponsorships and grants.

The project is also applying for a \$1,000,000 Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant from the government of Alberta, and Dyer explained that a commitment of funding from the County would go a long way in seeing success from that application.

Councillor Lavone Olson spoke on the "big need" for this type of facility in our community. "Municipalities seem to focus more on other sports like hockey, skating, curling, swimming, those types of sports," she said. "[Rodeo] competitors in this area are at a huge disadvantage." Olson said that there are multiple facilities in the Grande Prairie area, as well as Ponoka and Thorsby and elsewhere, but that is lacking here.


"Having said that, I'm not sure what our budget is going to look like in the fall. I know we are under fiscal constraints right now, so we have to be very careful how we do this," added Olson. Other Councillors also referenced the budget and financial constraints as a potential obstacle to providing the funding.

Councillor David Russell spoke on his support of the new building. "I think this is a wonderful project. I'd love to see it happen. It'd be an excellent contribution to our region," he said. "I feel that yes we are under financial restraint, but I also feel that this is a good investment into our community."


Russell referenced the Multi-Use Recreation Facility project in Edson. "If we can afford a \$35 million partnership with our next door municipal district, I see no reason we couldn't find a way to partner with them again for \$500,000... The operational costs of the new facility we're working with the Town of Edson will exceed the entire cost of this building, in my opinion," he said.

"I also feel that at the end of the day when both facilities are complete, and finished, and operational, that the number of people in and out the door of this facility will exceed the number of people going in and out the door of the \$70 million facility," Russell added. "I say that as a 4-H father and farmer. I've seen what 4-H is capable of doing, I've attended multiple rodeos in my time, my son was a bullrider for years, I've seen what goes on at rodeos. I believe that this facility is good and will help our region."


The proposal presenters specified that no operational costs would be requested from the County for the new facility. County Council will consider the funding proposal for the new YAS facility in their upcoming budget deliberations.




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D21-120	Plan 0622250, Blk 2, Lot 1 SE 27-53-09-W5 Wildwood	Accessory Building (Storage Building)	Jul 22/21
D21-122	Plan 1021232, Blk 1, Lot 1 SE 19-53-16-W5 Edson Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Veranda and Attached Garage and Accessory Building (Cold Storage/Barn)	Jul 28/21
D21-121	Plan 0326135, Blk 4, Lot 2A NE 15-49-21-W5 Robb	(Discretionary Use) - Home Occupation (Major) - Accommodation & Recreation Service	Jul 29/21
D21-124	Plan 7822234, Blk 2, Lot 7 NE 36-53-09-W5 Lobstick Resort	Existing Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Deck (Variance for Front & Side Yard Setbacks) & Existing Accessory Building (Garage) with Lean To	Jul 30/21
D21-125	Plan 9122295, Blk 2, Lot 4 NE 19-53-18-W5 Branch Corner Area	Manufactured Home with Addition - Variance for Age	Jul 30/21
D21-126	Plan 0222668, Blk 1, Lot 1 SE 19-53-09-W5 Chip Lake Area	Existing Single Detached Dwelling with Addition/ Covered Deck, Attached Carport & Existing Accessory Building (Shelter) - Variance for Side Yard Setback	Jul 30/21
D21-127	Plan 0020610, Blk 1, Lot 1 NW 27-53-18-W5 Edson Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Entry, Covered Patio & Attached Garage	Jul 30/21
D21-130	Plan 1320417, Blk 1, Lot 6 SW 36-53-17-W5 Edson North Estates	Existing Accessory Building (Shed)	Jul 30/21

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# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Medicine Lodge Rodeo!

by Shaylyn Thornton

This August long weekend, the Medicine Lodge Rodeo celebrated their 40th annual rodeo.

Typically, the event is held each year on the second weekend in May. However, because of Covid-19, this year's rodeo was instead held on July 30-August 1.

The rodeo's organizers had their work cut out for them with the many unknowns of what summer would look like with Covid restrictions. "We started planning for the rodeo in early January having an alternative date to be held late July if all Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. Not being able to have spectators attend our rodeo would not be a feasible option for us," explained Susan Longmore, Secretary/Treasurer/Marketing for the Medicine Lodge Rodeo.

"We had most of the planning process in place working on having no restrictions after the end of June. Once it was announced that in early July there would be no restrictions, it was a whirlwind of paperwork, combined with new stipulations and forms, to get all the important regulations in place," said Susan. "[For example] insurance, AGLC licences, and Alberta Health regulations adhered to."

But after a lot of hard work, everything came together. The rodeo saw thousands of guests over the weekend, with a rough estimate of 800 attendees on Friday, 2,200 on Saturday, and 2,300 on Sunday. The Friday night All Girls Rodeo had about 57 competitors, and the WRA and local events on Saturday and Sunday saw approximately 300 contestants.

When asked about highlights of the event, Susan had a great list of memories from the weekend. "Seeing many new people attend who have never before attended or people just driving by on the highway seeing the rodeo signs and coming in because they had never seen a rodeo before," she said.

Another highlight was having MP Gerald Soroka, Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara, Mayor of Yellowhead County Jim Eglinski, and MLA Martin Long attend the Sunday performance to help us celebrate the 40th Medicine Lodge Rodeo. The group was taken into the arena during the Grand Entry by stagecoach and mini-chuckwagon parade wagon.

Another special moment for Susan was when her two grandsons entered the Mutton Bustin' competition. "Fall off and get up and smile!" she said.

An extremely exciting and unexpected moment came during the auction of a Medicine Lodge Rodeo Jacket. The auction was held with the goal of raising funds for the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton, and two local businesses came through in a huge way.

After some bidding back and forth, Hillbilly Hallows along with Rodfather Compression Inc. decided to donate \$50,000 each, for a whopping \$100,000 donation to the hospital.

Susan explained that at one point, they were an organization helping Braden Mole raise funds for the Stollery. "Now we have continued raising money because we all have had children needing the care and attention the Stollery has to offer. It is a wonderful cause to help all children," said Susan.

Competitors, organizers, and attendees had a great weekend. "The event was amazing," Susan said. "The weather was fantastic, although a little humid with smoke in the air."

Attendees are given a rodeo program with questionnaires that many fill out and drop into a drop box for rodeo organizers to check out. A Medicine Lodge Rodeo jacket is given to someone who fills out the questionnaire, if their name is drawn.

The questionnaire results in getting some suggestions, finding out what fans like, and sometimes the organizers get ideas that they can look into.

"You may think it funny but a comment I received this weekend was about our indoor washroom facilities. They said that having attended many rodeos they had never seen bathrooms so clean and well taken care of," said Susan. "Many also like the Gift Shop we have and buy something to take home for family and friends. Duffy Rodeo stock is one of the best and many fans and contestants alike comment on them."

All in all, the completely family-run 40th Medicine Lodge Rodeo was "a complete success," said Susan. "I believe our mom would be proud of the work and love we have for the sport that she so loved. It is 'A Place Where Rodeo Roots, Spurs and Dreams Come Together.'"



Bronc riding during the 40th Annual Medicine Lodge Rodeo on the August long weekend. photo Deanna Mitchener

## RESULTS FOR THE 2021 MEDICINE LODGE RODEO

Wasn't that a fantastic camping weekend! Sunshine with die-hard rodeo crowds, new rodeo fans and sponsors, 8' rabbit walking around plus determined cowboys/cowgirls made the Medicine Lodge Rodeo the place to be for this August long-weekend. The rodeo results for this three day event were:

### WRA Event Winners:

Bareback - Ethan Mazurenko with a score of 78. Tanner was presented with a Lifetime Membership to the Canadian Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Saddle Bronc - Dyllan Dupperon with a score of 73.5

Bull Riding - Ben Havell with a score of 74

Steer Wrestling - Jordan Ness with a time of 4.6 seconds

Tie Down Roping - Coy Skocdopole a time of 11 seconds

Ladies Barrels - Brittany Mosicki with a time of 13.936 seconds

Team Roping - Koby Ziemmer and Austin Young with a time of 5.9 seconds

Novice Horse Riding - Jackson Lunn with a score of 71.5

Jr Bulls - Beau Gardner with a score of 69

Jr Steer Riding - Kane Scott with a score of 71.5

Jr Barrels - Hannah Anderson with a time of 14.488 seconds

Jr Breakaway - Beka Erickson with a time of 3.3 seconds

### All Girls Event Winners:

Sr Pole Bending - Alexis Saraver of High Level with a time of 22.17 seconds

Jr Pole Bending - Laura Sarauer of Prince George with a time of 21.34 seconds

Steer Undecorating - Brittany Mosicki of Warberg with a time of 5.2 seconds

Sr. Barrel Racing - Brittany Mosicki of Warberg with a time of 14.357 seconds

Jr. Barrel Racing - Amedee Crossland of Mayerthorpe with a time of 15.07 seconds

Sr Gunnysack Race - Brittany Mosicki of Warburg

Jr Gunnysack Race - Madison Douglas of Barrhead

Rescue Race - Alexis Saraver Team - High Level

Bloomer Race - Kaitlin Sharra Team - Edson AB

Cow Riding - Courtney Lavalley of Mayerthorpe with a score of

### Local Event Winners:

Calcutta Cow Riding - Sarah Bauer of Stony Plain with a score of 70

Sat Lawnmower Race (Modified) Ty Baudin (Outlaw) Tim Arsenaault

Sun Lawnmower Race (Modified) Ty Baudin (Outlaw) Kaiden Graber

Medicine Lodge Rodeo Jacket bought by two bidders: Hillbilly Hallows for \$50,000.00 and Rodfather Compression Inc for \$50,000.00. With all the combined bid of \$100,000.00 to be given to the Edmonton Stollery Children's Hospital. Absolutely amazing!!

## Bargain Boutique's fantastic facelift

by Reverend Kimberly Roy

The Edson United Church Bargain Boutique (Thrift Store) has been a gift to Edson since January of 2016! I can hardly believe it's been 5 1/2 years of helping those in need and doing our best to keeping as much out of the landfill as possible. The thrift store is just one of the church's many community outreach programs.

Lots has happened over the past couple years and with Covid and the economy, the thrift store and the church have experience great financial hardship but we are determined to continue providing this and other amazing



outreach projects to the Edson community.

This summer, the Bargain Boutique had a fantastic face lift thanks to several amazing volunteers and our two fantastic Summer Students, Trish and Shelby Biro. The additional space more than doubles our ability to set stuff out. We now

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# Thank You Sponsors 2021 Medicine Lodge Rodeo

Wasn't the weather perfect for camping and the entertainment for all those who had never seen the thing called RODEO. Sunshine, awesome sponsors, great crowds, hard working volunteers and determined contestants all made for an action packed 40th Medicine Lodge Rodeo. The Medicine Lodge Rodeo committee has a "hats off" salute for the following sponsors. Without our sponsors continued support and those that love this special brand of western entertainment we would be unable to provide this rodeo family weekend, (Sorry if any sponsors were missed.) Our motto is: 'We don't want to be the Biggest, we just want to be the BEST!!'

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Preliminary investigation reveals a canoe turned over into the water from the wake of a passing motor boat.

After approximately 30-minutes, occupants of another boat stopped and assisted in pulling the two people out of the water and took them to shore.

The 64-year old adult female, of Edmonton, Alta., survived.

However, despite the efforts of emergency crews, the 65-year-old male, of Edmonton, Alta., was pronounced

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### ~ Obituary ~

## Garda Barford

1950-2021



On July 23, 2021, Garda Barford, loving mother, grandmother, daughter and sister passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side.

Garda was born in Hamiota, Manitoba to Muriel (Bud) and Roy (Doc) Williams on June 11, 1950. She was the youngest of three daughters with whom she had a very special bond that started in childhood and continued throughout her adult life. Garda married her husband Ed (the love of her life) in 1970 and they had one son Eddie of whom she was very proud and devoted. She trained as a hairdresser and worked in that field for a short time before deciding to be a full time stay at home mom. Garda and her family moved to Edson in 1981 where she was active in and supportive of all her son's activities.

Garda enjoyed being outside, people watching and was an avid reader. She was a very determined lady who spoke her mind and stood up for what she believed in. Family meant everything to her, and she took joy in supporting the many activities in which her grandchildren were involved.

Garda is survived by her son Eddie (Shannon), her grandchildren Regan, Ty and Colton, her mother Muriel Williams and her sisters Yvette Espey and Lillian Sabourin. She was preceded in death by her husband Ed Barford and her father Roy Williams.

The family would like to thank Dr. Zdrill for his amazing care and support of Garda.

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58	18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27	W5M
59	17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25	W5M
60	23, 24	W5M
61	22, 24	W5M
62	22, 23, 24	W5M

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49	19-22	W5
50	19, 22 & 23, 25	W5
51	21 & 24	W5
53	23 & 24	W5
55	18-21, 23	W5
56	17 & 18, 22-24	W5
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# Resources to help ag industry withstand dry conditions

From consistent water supply to access to feed to managing financial risk, Alberta's ranchers can access the programs that make the most sense for their operation.

"Alberta's government is here for our cattle producers. We're working with industry to identify their most pressing concerns and making sure they have the supports they need to make it through this difficult time. We will continue to support the

agriculture industry in whatever way we can." — Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

**Featured supports:**

- The governments of Canada and Alberta, through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, recently doubled the low yield threshold to encourage Alberta grain farmers to divert additional cereal or pulse crops to be salvaged for livestock feed.

- Alberta's Water Pumping Program provides assistance to producers in securing adequate water supplies for domestic, livestock or agricultural purposes.

- Alberta announced a 20 per cent reduction in premium costs for crop, pasture and forage insurance earlier this year, which protects against weather-related production loss. As a result, 400 additional farmers and ranchers enrolled, almost 1,400 farmers and ranchers increased their level of coverage and almost 230 clients re-enrolled after cancelling their insurance in 2020 or prior years.

- Alberta's Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) hired an additional 21 adjustment team members in December 2020 and April 2021, bringing the total number of active adjustment team members to 119. The government has advised crop adjusters to be flexible and complete early assessments to convert crops to livestock feed.

- The federal Livestock Tax Deferral allows farmers who sell part of their breeding herd due to drought or flooding in prescribed drought or flood regions to defer a

portion of sale proceeds to the following year.

Additionally, a number of provinces have joined Alberta in requesting that the federal government undertake a formal assessment for an AgriRecovery response. AgriRecovery is designed to cover uninsurable costs, such as those incurred due to extreme drought conditions.

Provincial officials are working hard to identify extraordinary circumstances not covered by existing programs and advocate for new solutions. This assessment has begun and includes collaboration with industry stake-

holders.

On July 31, Minister Dreeshen, along with Premier Jason Kenney, Minister of Environment and Parks Jason Nixon and Associate Minister of Rural Economic Development Nate Horner, toured the dry conditions facing cattle producers near Bassano.

"I appreciated the opportunity to show Premier, Minister Dreeshen, Minister Nixon and Associate Minister Horner the impacts of drought firsthand. I value their acknowledgement of the severity and urgency of the situation. AgriRecovery programming and other initia-

tives are going to be essential to maintain Alberta cattle herds." —Melanie Wowk, chair, Alberta Beef Producers

Alberta continues to experience a very dry summer, which is a concern for many of the province's ranchers. The province is monitoring the situation and working with AFSC, other levels of government and our commodity groups to make sure farmers, ranchers and producers have the supports they need during this difficult time.

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