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Edson Library's Annual Tree Trimming Party returns

by Niki Luymes

The Edson & District Public Library celebrated the holiday season this past week with their Annual Tree Trimming Party.

On Saturday, December 3

families and kids of all ages could come between the hours of 1pm and 4pm to enjoy the festivities. Alongside everything the library usually offers, there were also free snacks, games, and festive

crafts to enjoy. Like every year, the kids could make themselves ornaments to either take home or hang on the library's public Christmas tree. There were four craft stations set up for

attendees to enjoy. Kids could also complete a letter to Santa or just spend their time colouring. The library staff and volunteers were busy making sure everyone had a great time. One of the games was

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Kids of all ages were welcome to come out and enjoy the Tree Trimming Party December 3 at the Edson Public Library. The event ran from 1pm to 4pm and was a great day of festive fun. photo Niki Luymes

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a library-wide snowman scavenger hunt that helped kids get reacquainted with all the library has to offer.

The event saw incredibly good attendance. Families filled the activity tables throughout the day. "It is so amazing seeing all these kids running around the library again, and all the families," said library staff member Trisha Thurner.

"The Christmas Tree Trimming Party is something that we've done here at the library since time immemorial. It's been tough these last few years not to be able to provide this fun time," said Thurner. The library has been seeing an increase in attendance lately, which encouraged the library staff to begin running seasonal events again. The Tree Trimming Party also served to kick off the return of these quarterly library events.

The next event will be Family Literacy Day which will also be a celebration of the Library's birthday. The party is planned for January 28, 2023 and will be a delightful return to form for the library.



Christmas crafts and festive snacks were only a small part of the fun at the Edson Public Library's Tree Trimming Party on December 3. From 1 pm to 4pm families could come out and enjoy all that the library has to offer. Photo Niki Luymes

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YCFD members excel during 2022 FireFit Championships

(YC) Throughout the 2022 FireFit season, Yellowhead County firefighters competed in several events and made the Yellowhead County Fire Department proud.

Yellowhead County, AB (December 5, 2022) - With the conclusion of the 2022 season of the FireFit Championships, two of Yellowhead County's firefighters took a moment to reflect on this year's achievements. Andrew Kencis and Tristan Meade participated in the events, which are designed to test a firefighter's skills and endurance. They competed in regional events in Edson and Calgary, and in the Canadian and World Championships.

Andrew has been a FireFit competitor for more than 10 years, and has the greatest respect for the sport. "It keeps us focused on maintaining the high level of fitness required in our profession," he says. "One has to remember that we have to perform sometimes extremely strenuous tasks in all sorts of environments and conditions." This was Tristan's first FireFit season ever. "This is gonna be easy!" he thought. "[But] it was immediately apparent how wrong I was," he laughs.

FireFit competitions are based on common tasks that firefighters must perform in emergency situations. Firefighters wear full protective equipment while completing several tasks, including climbing six flights of stairs with a 42-pound fire hose, simulating a forced entry, and carrying a dummy weighing 175 pounds for 100 feet. Billed as the "toughest two minutes in sports," FireFit is a challenging test of

fitness and real-world skills.

At the Edson regional, Tristan was the first-place rookie, completing the course in under two minutes on his first run ever, with a final time of 1:57.00. He and Andrew also competed in the two-person technical relay, winning bronze.

In the Canadian and World Championships, Tristan competed against his friend and fellow rookie Joseph Dostaler in a close race that saw him achieving an impressive time of 1:37.17, but losing to Joseph by just one hundredth of a second. The neck-and-neck race was one of the highlights of the championship. His relay team in the men's hybrid open won silver.

Andrew won silver for his individual run in the men's over-60 category. His over-60 relay team won gold, setting a new world record with a time of 1:41.89. Tristan and Andrew also competed in the two-person technical relay, and improvised a new technique that allowed them to shave precious seconds off their finish time. The technique was noticed by other firefighters, who have introduced it to their teams both in North America and Europe.

In October, Andrew travelled to Utah for the International Firefighter Challenge, where firefighters from over 14 countries gathered to compete. Andrew won bronze with a firefighter from Slovenia in the over-60 tandem event, and then won silver with his four-person team in the over-60 relay event.

Congratulations to Andrew and Tristan on your FireFit achievements!



This highly challenging and entertaining FireFit competition was held June 4th and 5th, 2022 at the Edson Boys and Girls Club parking lot and featured firefighters from across western Canada.



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Town joins effort to improve regional rail service

by Niki Luymes

During the Edson Town Council meeting on December 6, Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA) representatives Brock Mulligan, Senior Vice President and Natalie Peace, General Manager of Weyerhaeuser raised concerns regarding the impact of diminished rail capacity.

In response to an increased number of circumstances whereby the rail system, owned by Canadian Pacific and Canadian National, has been unreliable or failed to meet service obligations, the AFPA states, it is approaching affected municipalities to highlight the issue and lobby all levels of government for support.

The group contends that, "poor railway service is having a negative impact on communities throughout rural Alberta. Our most important industries, including energy, agriculture, and forestry, are suffering from unreliable service. This undermines competitiveness, tarnishes our reputation as a reliable supplier, and harms local jobs. While Canada's railway duopoly continues to make record profits, they are failing to invest those profits back into the people and infrastructure to fulfill their service obligations."

Rail capacity issues can have a direct and adverse effect on Edson's economy

Together with local municipal partners, AFPA's plan is to lobby at the federal and provincial levels, and with railways themselves, for better service. "We are seeking both advocacy and financial support from

our municipal partners to execute the strategy and stand up for our communities and industries."

Led by Mayor Jackie Clayton of Grande Prairie, the coalition seeks to include a diverse group of representatives from municipalities and industry. Already 8 different communities have agreed to be a part of the delegation. This number includes towns such as, Whitecourt, High Level, and Slave Lake, and counties such as Northern Lights County and Northern Sunrise County. Mayor Zahara has been working with representatives from other municipalities and industry to discuss railway service in Alberta over the past few weeks.

The AFPA asked the Town for \$2000 towards the coalition for the implementation of the advocacy plan compiled by Canadian Strategy Group. The budget from CSG to execute the strategy is \$35,000 over 4 months. Potential travel expenses for participation in a delegation to Ottawa is estimated at approximately \$1,300 (assuming two nights accommodation).

Councillor Ed Moore began the open discussion by asking, "How long has this problem been around and what do you think are some solutions to it?"

Peace answered by saying that the issues are usually seasonal, happening more often in the winter and that they have existed since she came to Edson in 2018. "As for solutions, I think we really need to lobby and work with the rail services and make sure they understand our needs. And then, how do we prioritize the forestry sector when they're planning and reach out to

them for solutions as well."

"It's a problem every winter," said Mulligan, also in answer to the question. "One of our asks for railway is going to be that they need to figure out how to deal with this because it's not like winter is a surprise phenomena. The service is consistently poor during those months. So this is a big part of the ask—for them to make the proper investment in people and infrastructure to make sure the service is delivered in the months we need it the most."

"You mentioned eight communities that signed on in favour. Have any communities not, or been hesitant, or haven't gotten back to you?" asked Councillor Peter Taylor.

"There are a handful of communities that we don't have confirmation from," answered Mulligan. While no specific names were given, the call went out to most of northern Alberta and they are waiting for all responses.

"Regarding lobbying the federal government," said Councillor Krystal Baier, "have you had any successes with them so far?"

"Our conversation as AFPA with the federal government are in their early stages," replied Mulligan. "We're planning, as part of this lobbying effort, to have more in-depth conversations. The recommendations are there, and now it's time to put some resources and actions in place to help them stick."

Mulligan and Peace ending the open question time by thanking Mayor Zahara and the Council for being supporters of the process. "That

support means a lot to people all over our industry," said Mulligan.

Following the presentation council put forward three different motions relating to the matter presented.

First, that Council contributes \$2000 to the Alberta Railway Advocacy Coalition. That Council appoint Mayor Kevin Zahara to the Alberta Railway Advocacy Coalition. And that Council approve Mayor Kevin Zahara's participation, along with associated expenses, in an Alberta Railway Advocacy Coalition delegation to meet with government officials in Ottawa to further the Coalition's advocacy efforts, if required.

Councillor Gean Chouinard asked, "Since this is federally funded, with CN, have we brought this to the attention of our local MP?" Mayor Zahara replied by saying that doing so is a part of the whole strategy.

All three motions were then carried unanimously by council.

During the discussion on the first of the three motions Councillor Baier presented the idea that the issue should also be presented to Alberta Municipalities. "Maybe this is something they could advocate for us as well." The idea was supported by the rest of council. This led to the creation of a motion that council direct administration to bring back a draft resolution for Alberta Railway Advocacy Coalition to be considered at the 2023 association convention. This motion was also carried unanimously.



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Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to review our planned activities for block and road development, harvesting, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the Nojack area. Input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified, such as trails, camping areas, recreational areas etc.

Canfor, Millar Western, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Alexander First Nation, and the Nation owned businesses of Backwoods Energy Services and Alexander Contracting & Consulting are partnering to carry out the White Area timber harvesting.

In addition to the Open House, information and an opportunity to provide input into the planning process will be available online at canfor.com/WhiteArea.

Contact:
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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.**

Comment



Domestic Violence doesn't take a Holiday

When we think of the holidays, warm images are conjured of families basking in the holiday spirit. But for some — those images are not their reality.



From the Publisher's Desk
Dana McArthur
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certainly does not stop during the holidays.

For all too many, the holidays are another reminder that their household is not a safe or warm place to be. Providing their children with the picturesque Christmas we all dream of, seems hopelessly out of reach.

Sadly, Alberta has the ignominy of having one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the country. Alberta women's shelters received more than 65,000 calls seeking support this year — an increase of 25 per cent from the previous year.

Exposure to family violence can negatively affect a child's brain development, emotional well-being, ability to learn, and their ability to connect and make friends.

AHS defines domestic violence as the abuse of power within relationships of family that endangers the survival, security or well-being of another person. It's important to remember that abuse isn't just physical, but can also be verbal or emotional.

While it is difficult to find any reliable, national study linking the holidays with an increase in domestic violence, this violence

Domestic violence is a year-round problem. However, the abuse experienced by victims can be exacerbated (although not solely caused) by the financial stress and alcohol consumption that often accompany the holidays, as well as stresses of the Covid era we are in.

This special time of year should feel joyful and magical for everyone. But it can be a particularly tough time for women and children living in abusive relationships, or for those finding themselves in a shelter.

Women's shelters are under a great deal of financial and accommodation stresses currently. You can help make the holidays brighter for local women, children and youth by reaching out and speaking out — and considering a donation to the Yellowhead Emergency Shelter this season. Although staying in shelter may not feel that special, at least it's one that's inviting, warm, hopeful — and violence free.

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D22-188	SE-28-55-09-W5 Wildwood Area	Accessory Building (Addition to Existing)	Dec 1/22

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 - it is not prohibited by signage,
 - operators travel single file and in the proper direction required,
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- OHV use is not permitted in parks, playgrounds, and schoolyards
- OHVs must travel single file in the proper direction required

More details and the full bylaw can be found at www.yhcounty.ca.



BIRD CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Pick up a build-your-own Nesting Box Kit and join our informational webinar on bird conservation!



Register early. Limited kits available.

Step One: Decide what type of nesting box you'd like to build.

Step Two: Call our Wildwood Office at 1-800-814-3935 to sign up. Pre-registration and payment is required - deadline Jan 16, 2023.

Step Three: Pick up your Nesting Box Kit starting the week of January 23rd. Kits can be picked up from both the Edson and Wildwood Offices. You can build them anytime that works with your schedule!

Step Four: Check out the informational portion of the workshop online via Zoom on January 25th from 7 PM - 8 PM. Conservation Coordinators for EALT will teach us all about the birds that will use the nest boxes, how to properly maintain them, and bird conservation tips in general.

Visit www.yhcounty.ca for more info including our Guide to Choosing a Nesting Box!

Brought to you by Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services in partnership with Edmonton Area Land Trust (EALT)



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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Yellowhead County's Christmas Decorating Contest 2022

Who has the most festive abode in all of Yellowhead County?

Enter your home or business, all decked out for the holidays, to help spread Christmas cheer and have a chance to win great prizes!



Prizes for:
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MOST CREATIVE
BEST IN BUSINESS
MOST ECO-CONSCIOUS DESIGN

Please visit www.yhcounty.ca for full contest rules, details, and how to enter!

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12 PM TO 2 PM
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Bring your littles out to enjoy a variety of festive activities!

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Brought to you by Yellowhead County FCSS and Yellowhead County Parks & Recreation

Private Contractors for Hire SNOWPLOWING OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS

Each year, Yellowhead County compiles a list of Private Contractors who are available for snowplowing services to residents in the County. An updated list is available each winter season on our website. All Private Contractors must submit their information annually.

Private contractors interested in being listed on the County website can submit a form.

Please contact our Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030 or www.yhcounty.ca



Christmas Cookies & Cards

Create handmade Christmas cards and gift tags to give to loved ones, while sampling holiday treats!

PEERS: 1-2:30 PM

December 15 at the Multiplex
\$10/person. All supplies provided.

Open to all ages! Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of program. Call 780-723-4800 or email ntarves@yhcounty.ca to reserve your spot.

Yellowhead County HOLIDAY HOURS
CLOSED Dec. 23, 26, 27 & Jan. 2



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays to You and Yours!

On behalf of all Yellowhead County Council and staff!

LANDFILL - HOLIDAY SEASON - CLOSURES

CHRISTMAS, BOXING DAY, NEW YEARS DAY

The West Yellowhead Regional (WYR) Landfill in Hinton will be CLOSED for Christmas, Boxing Day, and New Years Day.

WYR Landfill in Hinton Regular Winter Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays & Holidays.

Please ensure all loads are secure.

For more information, please call the West Yellowhead Regional Landfill at 780-865-1414.

New program to improve access to hip surgeries in region

(AHS) HINTON – Northern Albertans now have increased access to hip surgery with the opening of a new surgical program at Hinton Healthcare Centre.

An orthopedic surgeon is visiting the Alberta Health Services (AHS) site for four days per month doing hip surgeries and eventually knee surgeries. Hinton becomes the fourth site in the AHS North Zone providing hip surgeries, joining Grande Prairie, Westlock and Bonnyville.

“The Alberta Surgical Initiative opened the door for this kind of surgery to be done in Hinton,” says Minister of Health Jason Copping. “Albertans across the province say reducing surgical wait-times is among their top priorities for their health system and, through programs like this and other strategies, we are working toward ensuring all Albertans, regardless of where they live, get their surgeries within clinically appropriate wait-times.”

“This is a great example of innovation that provides more options for patients,” adds Martin Long, West Yellowhead MLA. “Our government is committed to strengthening our publicly funded health system and reducing surgical wait-times, and new approaches like this will help deliver on that promise.”

The program launched last month and, by early next year, local surgical teams expect to perform up to 16 orthopedic surgeries every month.

“We are really excited,” says Crystal Browne, AHS Director of Clinical Operations for Hinton and area. “Our team in Hinton has done a great job in launching this program; it's just a great success story all around.”

Hinton partnered with Grande Prairie Regional Hospital to identify the first four patients on the wait-list who were willing to travel to another hospital for their surgeries.

Denise Cook became the program's first patient when she opted to have hip replacement surgery in Hinton rather than in Grande Prairie, where she lives.

“I was impressed with how all the departments in Grande Prairie and Hinton worked together,” Cook says. “Everyone from physio to the bone clinic here in Grande Prairie, the surgeon's office, the hospital in Hinton telling me what to expect. They had everything arranged for me to get the equipment I needed at home. It all happened quickly. I was thoroughly impressed.”

Cook's surgery was done on a Monday morning and, by Tuesday at noon, she was discharged and on her way home to Grande

Prairie, where she is now recovering.

“It was a remarkable experience,” Cook says. “I really want to give a huge shoutout to the staff at the Hinton hospital. They were all amazing. I'm a cancer survivor, so I've had experience in the hospital and that care was great, and this was unbelievably amazing, too.”

“We are a very strong surgical site, and that echoes out into other areas of care in the hospital,” adds Alana Larson, assistant head nurse for the operating room at Hinton Healthcare Centre.

In 2019, AHS and Alberta Health began developing the Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI), a plan focused on reducing surgical wait-times for Albertans. Through the strategies under the ASI, AHS continues to increase surgical activity in the province to get Albertans the surgical care they need within clinically recommended wait times.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

Letter to the Editor:

Residents' Blue Jays fan-letter gets response

Editor's note: A number of residents from the Pioneer Village in Edson were pleasantly surprised when their fan letter to the Toronto Blue Jays team garnered a reply. Below is the letter and response they shared with us.

Fan letter to Toronto Blue Jays:

Hello there, this is Flo Vankoughnett from Pioneer Village in Edson, Alberta. I have been enjoying ballgames most of my life, starting with listening to the radio powered up by my dad's tractor battery.

I've been a fan of the Blue Jays from the beginning in 1977. Here in our home we are all able to watch your games on SportsNet.

We are never late for a game! Some of us pick wild berries and we make sure to head home in time to catch games.

We also sit through all commercials. My favourite is the Peanut Butter and Jelly spread ones with Vladdy and George.

I talk to you boys as a grandma would. Every time one of you boys get up to bat, like Vladi, I tell you to smoke-it (Vladi you have listened several times) Once I [accidentally] punched myself on the side of the head knocking my glasses off, as an example of how involved I get during the games.

When you boys get on base or hit a homerun we love to see your smiley faces, it makes us feel so much a part of the game!

We are so proud of you all for your exceptional skills and teamwork. how you support each other, and also your great sportsmanship towards other teams. This makes you, the Blue

Jays, the very best!

We've noticed that no matter how things turn out you John [Schneider] are always there in total support for your guys. You are the best manager in all our opinion!

When games don't go your way just remember, you've all done the very best you could do in the moment, and no one can ask for more. So stand tall, shoulders back, head up high, and carry on!

Hugs to you all from all of us. We are looking forward to next season!

God Bless each and everyone of you.

Take care, Flo

The reply from the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club:

Dear Flo,
It has come to our attention that you are an incredibly big fan of the Toronto Blue Jays! Passionate fans such as yourself make the team extremely proud to play every single game.

We are honoured to have you as a lifelong fan and are so excited for what the future has in store. May there be an unlimited supply of Tony Fernandez-esque gold gloves, Joe Carter-like home runs, and Jose Bautista-style bat flips that we will cherish together in the near future!

On behalf of the entire Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club, thank you again for your continued support. We hope to see you here at the ballpark soon!

Let's Go Blue Jays!

Sincerely,
Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club

Dec 6, 2022 meeting

Town Council Highlights

Recognition. Mayor and Council acknowledged young local entrepreneur, Kaylee Leis owner of Kaylee's Little Lemon for getting 2nd runner up for Lemonade Day National Entrepreneur of the Year, beating out 23,000 other youth across North America. This is in addition to the other local awards earlier this summer including the Provincial Colouring Contest, Best Tasting Lemonade Best Stand and Best Entrepreneur as part of the Lemonade Stand initiative.

4. Uncollectible Accounts. The Town of Edson Finance Department reviews outstanding accounts on a regular basis and identifies accounts that remain uncollected. Council approved the write off of the 2022 uncollectible accounts in the amount of \$3,594.37.

2023 Operating and Capital Budgets. Council approved the 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets as presented. This follows an extensive process of deliberations that began on October 15, as well as public consultation initiatives such as the 2023 Budget Public Engagement Tool.

For more information on the budget, visit www.edson.ca/budget.
3-Year Operational and 5-Year Capital Plans. Council approved both the operational and capital plans. These plans provide high-level financial forecasting for the Town's future operational and capital requirements, and must be reviewed by Council annually. However, they are not budgets, and will change as priorities and financial

processes change.

Information Items. Council accepted an information item regarding advocacy for the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant, seeking financial support from the Province for required upgrades.

Next meeting. Council cancelled the Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 13, 2022, and scheduled a Regular Council Meeting on December 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

George Buckle: May 17, 1929 - December 7, 2014
Liz Buckle: October 14, 1936 - December 18, 2002

The song may have ended,
But the melody lingers on.
You are always in our hearts.

Patricia, Sheila and Trevor

A visit with Santa at Galloway Station



After getting their photo with Santa, kids could decorate free sugar cookies at the year's annual Santa at the Galloway. The event filled the museum with fun and smiles from 1pm to 3pm on December 3. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

The Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre hosted their annual Santa at the Galloway Event on Saturday, December 3. From 1pm to 3pm families came out to get a picture with Santa and enjoy cookie decorating and making take-home crafts. The event was run and prepared by the Edson and District Historical Society and was free for all who attended. Photography for the event was done by local photographer Michelle Buchwald. Photos could be downloaded for free after the event or for a small charge you could get them professionally printed. This year's attendance surpassed all expectations. Over 225 kids made their way to Santa's lap over the course of the day. This exceeded the numbers from last year and created quite a benchmark for future

events. Despite the large numbers, each youth did get their moment with Santa. "Our Santa was the best," said Shari McDowell, Manager at the Galloway, "He really made the kids feel special." This is the seventh year that Santa has come to the Galloway. The event began in 2012 and has been going strong ever since. "What's neat is that there are kids who have grown up with the Santa at the Galloway," said McDowell, "It's fun to be a part of that. That's kind of the magic of Christmas." The event was a great way to kick off the Christmas season and spread a little cheer. Santa at the Galloway is usually planned for the first Saturday of December. The planning for next year's event has already begun with hopes for just as great a turnout.



Santa was the star of the show at this year's 'Santa at the Galloway' event. From 1pm until 3pm on December 3 families could come out to the Galloway for a free photo with the man himself, while also enjoying other activities. photo Niki Luymes



On December 3rd, the Edson Animal Rescue Society ran their pet photo with Santa Fundraiser from 11am to 2pm at Bannister GM. Santa, along with volunteers Sarah Vander Haegh, Megan Bradbury, and Shyanne Fletcher show off some of the kittens up for adoption at the event. photo Niki Luymes

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Lights and cheer at 36th Annual Santa Claus Parade

by Niki Luymes

The streets of Edson were filled with lights, music, and cheer during the 36th Annual Santa Claus Parade.

On Friday, December 2, people braved the cold to take in all the well-crafted and very bright parade floats.

The parade began around 6pm and followed the same route as last year starting in the Parkland High School parking lot and ending at Griffiths Park.

This year's parade featured 37 different floats. Each one entered featuring this year's theme which was a 'Storybook Christmas'. Each float paid homage to classic Christmas stories such as Polar Express, Porcupine in a Pine Tree, and How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Santa himself was seated on the Town of Edson's 'A Peanut's Christmas' themed float.

Each float was judged to determine the best in a variety of categories. The winners included: for Most Colorful was Enerlock Industrial, sponsored by WSP Canada; Most Original was Parkland School, sponsored by Century 21 Twin Realty; Best Youth was Westhaven School, sponsored by Thymes Two Unique Gifts & Accessories; for the Top Commercial float the winner was Country Boyz Oilfield, sponsored by GFL; and Top Retail was Surepoint Group, sponsored by Jensen's Lifestyle Clothing. Finally, the Best Non-Profit Winner was Edson Sno-Seekers, sponsored by Freedom Powersports.

Despite the colder weather the event still saw impressive crowds. "Lots of people showed up to watch, everybody showed up with their floats, and it went really well and ran really smooth," said Kathy Arndt, Edson Chamber of

Commerce Manager.

The Edson Chamber of Commerce puts on the parade every year with help from the Town of Edson, Edson RCMP, and both the Edson

and Yellowhead County Fire Departments. "It turned out really well and we're just thankful that we were able to have it this year," said Arndt.



The 36th Annual Santa Parade hit the streets on December 2 at 6pm. Both the Edson and Yellowhead County Fire Departments took part in the event. photo Niki Luymes



The Santa Parade is brought to you by the Edson Chamber of Commerce. Members of the Chamber team braved the cold to take part in the event on Friday December 2. photo Niki Luymes



To fit the 'Storybook Christmas' theme of this year's Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade, this float chose to celebrate the classic Canadian Christmas book Porcupine in a Pine Tree. photo Niki Luymes



The Polar Express float by Country Boyz Oilfield, perfectly fit the 'Storybook Christmas' theme of this year's Santa Parade. The parade took place on December 2. photo Niki Luymes

Lights and cheer at 36th Annual Santa Claus Parade



One of the 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' themed floats that hit the streets on Friday, December 2 as part of the 36th Annual Santa Parade. photo Niki Luymes



This smiling Bonhomme snowman was just one of the many faces at the annual Santa Parade December 2. photo Niki Luymes



Pete the Cat from the popular book series was one of the literary characters that made an appearance at this year's Santa Parade. photo Niki Luymes



At this year's Santa Parade the man himself was seated on the town of Edson's 'Peanut's Christmas' themed float. The parade took place on December 2. photo Niki Luymes



The PCHS 'Welcome to Whoville' float won the Most Original award at this year's Santa Parade on Friday, December 2. Photo Niki Luymes

County's OHV Bylaw receives updates

Changes to Yellowhead County's Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw (Bylaw 18.22) recently received approval by County Council.

(Dec. 5, 2022) - Yellowhead County's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Bylaw defines where OHV users can and cannot use any type of off-highway vehicles within Yellowhead County, including municipal highways.

Following a review of the previous bylaw, it was clear that OHV use in hamlets and on County roads is done in a very responsible manner. However, that bylaw only allowed travel from a residence to a trail head and didn't allow for operation throughout the hamlet for extended periods or on a regular basis. This resulted in

daily violations of the bylaw.

The changes in the new bylaw allow operation of OHVs in hamlets and on County roadways on a regular basis, but in a safe and controlled manner to include proper operation in County ditches.

On November 22nd, Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw 18.22 received all three readings from Yellowhead County Council and is now in effect.

Major changes include:

- OHVs are no longer restricted on which highway routes are used within hamlets (for example: using the most direct route to a residence when either entering or exiting the hamlet).
- Rules for OHV operation on municipal highways have been made clearer: In hamlets, OHVs must be operated in the parking lane or far right-hand side of the roadway.
- Outside of a hamlet, OHVs may be operated on the right-hand side of the roadway or they may be used in the municipal highway ditch if: It

is safe to do so.

- The ditch isn't in a condition where damage to the highway is likely to occur
 - It isn't prohibited by signage.
 - Operators travel single file and in the direction of travel required for that side of the highway.
 - The OHV stops before crossing intersecting roads, which includes driveways and approaches.
- Other rules remain the same as the previous bylaw. This includes:
- Compliance with the Traffic Safety Act, its regulations, and other applicable provincial legislation.
 - Use of OHVs in hamlets during the hours of 11 PM to 8 AM is prohibited.
 - OHV speed limits remain 30 km/hr in a hamlet and 50 km/hr outside of a hamlet.
 - OHV usage in parks, playgrounds, and school yards is prohibited.
 - OHV users must operate in single file in the direction of travel required for all vehicle users.
- You can view the full OHV Bylaw at <https://yhcounty.ca/bylaws/off-highway-vehicle-bylaw/>.

County Council Highlights

Nov. 22, 2022: **WCFA Grant Support** – Council will send a Letter of Support to the West Central Forage Association (WCFA) in support for their application for the Alberta Environment and Park Rangeland Sustainability Grant. The grant would be used for WCFA's Evaluation of

Ecosystem Health of Grazed Rangelands in West-Central Alberta project.

Lease Agreement – Council approved a five-year lease to Eugene and Wanda Miluch for the purpose of crop production for the 38 acres (15.4 Ha) of land legally described as PT NW 20-54-14 W5M at a rate of

\$950 yearly.

Municipal Emergency Plan – The Yellowhead County Emergency Plan was adopted by Council. The Emergency Plan guides Yellowhead County's response to any emergency and provides contingencies for a number of specific risk-related hazards for the agency.

FCSS Board Member Appointment – Council appointed Lynette Nienaber to the Yellowhead County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). This board provides advice to council and administration regarding the provision of preventive social services under the FCSS Act.

The next regular Council Meeting is December 13, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

The next Governance and Priorities meeting is December 20, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

~ Obituary ~

CULFORD, Joan Ann

August 24, 1945 ~ December 2, 2022



Joan Ann Culford passed away on December 2, 2022, at the age of 77 years.

She is survived by her sister Diana Kerner and husband Brian Kerner and their 2 sons Wade Kerner and Ryan Kerner.

She is also survived by her brother Douglas Schaffer and his wife Carol and their children, her son Thayne Schaffer and his wife Jacquie and their 3 children, daughter Vicki Maher and husband Steve Maher and their 6 children, her son Logan Schaffer and his wife Tanya and their 2 children, and her son Jordan Schaffer and his wife Teresa and their daughter.

She was predeceased by her husband Bill Culford in 2015, and by her parents Henry Schaffer in 1991, Francis Schaffer in 2002. Joan was born in Bassano, AB and worked at the Royal Bank in Bassano until 1982 and there she married Bill Culford. Joan and Bill relocated to Edson, AB where she did bookkeeping and managed some rental properties.

Special thanks to her friends Connie, Randy and Nikko for all they did for Joan over the years!

As per Joan's request, there will not be a service.

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from George and Marie

~ Obituary ~

Dianne Sharon Polak

Dianne Sharon Polak passed away peacefully at the Edson Health Care Centre on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at the age of 73 Years.

Dianne was born in Cadomin, AB on November 12, 1949. She loved to quilt, work in her flower garden and vegetable garden and she liked to collect antiques.

Dianne will be loved and missed by her husband Bill Polak; brother Calvin Zaverucka and his family Norma, Les, Twila and Zachary; cousins Ivy, Joan, Wayne and Jill and their families; John, Linda, Ivan, Rosie, Bertha, Shelly and James with their families; Jim, Johnathan, Jamie, Gary, Judy and families; Donna, Rob, Cory, Britny and their families; Barb and Jerry, aunt Robin and Bridget; Mike and Pat.

Dianne was pre-deceased by her parents, Harry and Agnes Zaverucka.



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~ Obituary ~

Frances Shirley Okrainetz

September 30, 1944- November 27, 2022

With great sadness, we announce the passing of our loving mother, grandmother, and sister Fran Okrainetz at the age of 78 years.

Fran will be forever loved and remembered by her husband Art of 56 years, children Darrin, Dale (Janice), and Devon, grandchildren Brooklyn, Jamie, and Karlie, and sisters Viola Whitlock and Ivis Long (Reid Currie).

Fran was predeceased by her parents Steve and Sadie Holhauser, sister Marge Okrainetz, and brother Walter Holhauser.

No service will be held at this time. If friends and family so desire, memorial contributions may be directed to the Pleasant View Lodge in Mayerthorpe, Alberta. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.affinityfuneralservice.ca



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What's happening, when and where in the community

Community Events

November 14-December 12: Yoga in Peers Community Centre. Mondays 7-8pm. 78-723-4800 ntraves@yhcounty.ca

December 11: Pine Grove Hall is having a Christmas Social from 11am-3pm Santa from 1-2 pm

December 15: Christmas Cookies and Cards. Create handmade Christmas cards and gift tags Peers Multi Plex 1-2:30 cost \$10.00 must be accompanied by an adult call 780-723-4800 or email ntraves@yhcounty.ca

December 18: Christmas Bazar and Bingo Marlboro Hall 11am-3pm Bazar and sale. 3-4pm Santa photos and from 4-6 Bingo.

December 18: Skate with Santa at the Edson Leisure Centre. Free 3-6pm (FCSS).

December 18: Blue Christmas Service. Bethel Pentecostal Church is hosting a service for those to whom Christmas is difficult this year for whatever reason. 10:30 am @ 6350 13 Ave, Edson.

December 19: Wildwood Community Christmas Party. Free to attend 12pm-2pm. Registration is required

contact 780-325-3782 or email jtrumner@yhcounty.ca or ntarves@yhcounty.ca

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Yellowhead District 4-H holds Awards Night

by Tayla Plunkie, Knight Riders 4-H Multi Club Reporter

On November 25, 2022 all the clubs got together for the Yellowhead District 4-H Awards Night.

The clubs went to the bowling alley and bowled, then we had pizza and awards got handed out for the 2021-2022 year.

The awards are as follows: District level Secretary record book was sponsored by Terry Dickson. This year's winner was Alexis Deleeuw.

District level Treasurer record book was sponsored by Beaver Meadow Ag Society. This year's winner was Tianna Deleeuw.

District Presentation Awards. Our junior award was sponsored by Northern Metallic. This year's winner was Micah Fossheim.

Our Intermediate award was sponsored by Gering Gravel. This

year's winner was Brendan Fossheim.

Public Speaking awards. Our junior was sponsored by Becker Contracting. The winner was Brooklyn Klut.

Intermediate was sponsored by Dave's Cat Services. The winner was Jillian Fossheim.

Our Senior was sponsored by Gelmici Jewellers. The winner is Colson Davis.

3-year-old cow/calf record book is sponsored by The Birkenhagen Family. The winner is Tianna Deleeuw.

Market Steer Record Books. Junior Record book is sponsored by Kala Ranch. The winner was Brooklyn Klut.

Intermediate Record book is sponsored by Rumballing Acres. The winner was Shaelyn Coady.

Senior Record Book is sponsored by Drostan Livestock. The winner was Tianna Deleeuw.



On November 25, 2022 all the clubs got together for the Yellowhead District 4-H Awards Night.

Life Skills Record book awards. Intermediate sponsored by Dark River Farms. The winner was Hayden Plunkie.

Senior sponsored by Antler Ranch. The winner was Tayden Dickson.

Leadership awards were sponsored by 4-H Foundation of Alberta. Jamie

Little for 3 years completed as a leader. Joyce Golding for 5 years as a leader.

For 10 years completed we have two leaders to recognize Connie Eaton-Werzun and Linda Hokanson. All our members work very hard all year to receive these awards.

Amendments to Bill C-21 Would Ban Millions of Hunting Rifles in Canada

OP/ED by Gerald Soroka, MP

This Liberal government says it has no intention to go after long guns and hunting rifles. I beg to differ. Amendments to Bill C-21 would effectively expand the Liberals ban to virtually every semi-automatic rifle and shotgun except for small caliber 22s.

What this Bill and amendments will do is make life easier for violent criminals by repealing mandatory minimum sentences for gun crimes with Bill C-5, have made it easier to get bail with C-75, and have failed to stop the flow of illegal crime guns across the US border. Then why are the Liberals targeting the tools of law-abiding hunters and farmers instead of going after the illegal guns used by criminals and street gangs?

We Conservatives are against these Liberal proposed amendments to ban almost all semi-

automatic rifles and shotguns and we will fight to repeal Bill C-21 and the recent amendments that would wrongly ban hundreds of thousands of firearms in Canada that are used for hunting. They say they are only going after "military-style assault weapons." What they are going after are hunting rifles and hunting shotguns!

What Bill C-21 and current amendments to the bill does is not respect hunters, farmers, and Indigenous Canadians.

Instead, a committee of law enforcement officials, First Nations, hunters, and sport shooters should be created to decide how firearms are classified. We Conservatives support common-sense firearms policies that keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals.

Join us to push back against this unjust attack on Canadian hunters:

<https://www.kildonanstpaulcpc.com/bill-c21>

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