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Santa arrives at Galloway

by Niki Luymes

December 7.

The Galloway Station Museum, Travel Centre and Archives held their annual Santa event on December 7.

From 1pm to 4pm families could come and get free professional photos with jolly old Kris Kringle. There were also snacks, crafts, and games for

people to enjoy while they waited.

The Galloway has been holding this event for over 10 years. On the first Saturday of December each year the staff and

volunteers go out of their way to make this event fun for all who attend.

This year they organized multiple activities arranged

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The Galloway Station Museum staff and Jolly Old St Nick at the Annual Santa at the Galloway event on December 7. The event ran from 1pm to 4pm. photo Niki Luymes

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Santa arrives at Galloway

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along the waiting area. When guests first entered they received a free cookie and could use the photo booth. Then they arrived to the Candy Cane Pull game where kids got to blindly select a candy cane and then received a prize based on it's length. After that was the Spin to Win. Kids spun the wheel and received a Christmas themed challenge and were rewarded with a prize after completion.

After that it was picture time with St Nick. Every family received professional photos and then Santa gave a goodie bag to each child. "We want to thank Santa for coming out every year. He's a really great Santa and we love having him here," said Cassie Kushniruk, with the Galloway. "We also want to give a shout-out to Michelle Buchwald for coming to do

our pictures every year, she's really great."

After the photos were done families could choose to stay and enjoy some other free crafts or browse through the gift store. This year over 300 people made their way to the museum for the event. "It was good, people always love getting the free photos with Santa. It's nice that we can offer this to the community," added Kushniruk.

"We just want give people the opportunity to celebrate the Christmas spirit with their families. It's fun too because some people have been coming here for years and years so they have the same picture with Santa. It's cool to see the kids grow up; and Santa recognizes a lot of them. It's really cool to see that interaction between Santa and the kids," said Kushniruk.



After people had their photos taken with Santa at the Annual Santa at the Galloway event December 7, they could enjoy other crafts and activities. photo Niki Luymes

Clarification from Town on Automated Traffic Enforcement

Town of Edson release:

Further to Town of Edson's release regarding the suspension of the Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) program in Edson, there are a few points we'd like to clarify regarding the timeline and future enforcement plans.

At the end of the day Friday, November 29, the Town of Edson was notified by the Province that, effective December 2, 2024, there is an immediate expectation for municipalities to remove any sites that do not comply with new ATE guidelines.

Upon the Provincial announcement, the Town of Edson's ATE contractor notified the Town they are suspending operations to evaluate the regulations and how to move forward with a viable service.

Considering these factors, the use of ATE is not an available alternative, therefore, the Town of Edson made the decision to cease all ATE operations in the

community and proceed with other primary approaches to traffic enforcement.

Moving forward, residents can expect more regular patrols, in-person enforcement, and use of speed indicator signs for education and gathering statistical data.

We understand there are mixed feelings on photo enforcement, and we thank the public for their understanding through this transition period.

Newly recruited family physician now practising in Edson

A newly recruited family physician is now practising at the local healthcare centre and in the community, improving access to care for local and area residents.

Dr. Tochukwu Gideon Anizoba is a family medicine physician with a sub-speciality in low-risk obstetrics. He is now practising at the Edson Healthcare Centre and the Edson Medical Centre. Along with working at the community clinic, he is supporting the local emergency room, inpatient and outpatient services, and long-term care.

"It's a pleasure to welcome Dr. Anizoba to Edson," says Martin Long, MLA for West Yellowhead. "We know his arrival will have a positive impact to local healthcare services and to our community as a whole."

Dr. Anizoba received his medical training at the University of Benin, in Nigeria, and completed his residency in South Africa. He now lives in Edson and is joined here by his wife and their 13-year-old son.

"Dr. Anizoba is a great addition to the medical team in Edson," says Dr. Jane Ojedokun, Zone Medical Director in the North Zone of Alberta Health Services (AHS). "His family medicine and obstetrics skills bring a unique and invaluable combination of expertise to patient care."

Outside of work, Dr. Anizoba says he enjoys watching soccer, and going camping and on road trips with his family. He says he is looking forward to participating in activities in the community.

Call the Edson Medical Centre at 780-779-0079 to learn more about Dr. Anizoba's family medicine practice.


As part of an overall physician recruitment strategy, AHS has three physician resource planners in the North Zone who are dedicated to identifying and pursuing international and domestic physician recruitment opportunities. These planners work closely with partner organizations, such as the Rural Health Professionals Action Plan and local, independent community physician attraction and retention committees.



Parkland Lodge residents got to enjoy some wonderful dance performances recently from students of the Edson Dance Academy who visited the lodge. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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Parkland Lodge Auxiliary

Parkland Lodge Auxiliary held our Christmas tea, bake sale, silent auction on Dec 7th. Our bake table did a brisk business and so far our total is \$1659.50, which will go a long way to give back to the seniors.

Thanks to all who participated, donated or sponsored all our events throughout the year.

We couldn't have accomplished our goal without the good people of Edson and area joining us for all our events.

We hope to see you again next year.

Yellowhead County passes amended Elections Bylaw

Criminal record checks now required by county candidates

by Shaylyn Thornton

Yellowhead County Council's December 10 meeting included a lot of discussion on Elections Bylaw 15.24.

The bylaw was first brought forward for Council consideration in November, but Council wanted to give time for members of the public to share their thoughts and opinions on one particular aspect: whether or not candidates should be required to submit criminal record checks (CRC) when filing nomination papers.

Councillor Dawn Mitchell spoke in favour of adding the CRC requirement to the County's bylaw. "Since last week's meeting, I've spoken with many residents, and without exception, every one of them expressed strong support for enhancing [the] bylaw," she said. "This tells me that this is not just a personal belief, it reflects the values and expectations of our community."

"Criminal record checks are required for countless roles of trust," Mitchell continued, pointing out that several key positions within Yellowhead County require a CRC to be submitted by employees. "Elected officials and leaders are entrusted with shaping our community and they should be held to the same standard... it's our duty to lead by example."

"To ignore this tool is to ignore our responsibility to the people we serve. Requiring criminal record checks is not about casting suspicion, it's about prevention," Mitchell said. "It shows that our leadership holds itself to the same high standards we demand of others. It protects the reputation of this Council and, most importantly, the trust of our residents."

Councillor Penny Lowe said she had "many people" approach her regarding the possible requirement. "It basically boiled down to, if we're asking this of our employees and our GMs, we should be able to come forth with this ourselves," she said. "It's just the trust to the public that it would enhance."

Councillor Patrick Soroka spoke with some of the residents in his area as well. "They've said that we've had this for how many years with no criminal record checks, and we haven't had a problem," he said.

Councillor David Russell pointed out that a person having a criminal record doesn't actually stop them from running. "If you have an offense... within the last two years, you're prevented from running. If you have an offense that ended up with five plus years incarceration, you can not run," he said. "Beyond that, they can still run. We can do criminal record checks until

they stack up a mile high, but we can't stop anybody from running. So it's kind of a pointless effort in my opinion."

Russell also reiterated Soroka's point. "We've never had where an elected criminal has caused the problem. It hasn't happened yet," he said. "If it was going to prevent something I could maybe support it, but it's not going to."

Councillor Mitchell addressed Russell's thoughts, saying, "Our job is to be proactive and to say, hey, if there's an opportunity to do better or protect the public or be more transparent, then we need to jump on that opportunity and support those initiatives."

Mayor Wade Williams noted that he "switched his opinion" after speaking to the public. "I would support this bylaw with the addition of a standard criminal record check," he said.

Council directed Administration to bring back an amended bylaw with the inclusion of a criminal record check requirement. Due to legislation requiring an Elections Bylaw be passed before December 31, 2024, Administration worked quickly to bring back an updated bylaw within the same meeting.

When it came time to give third reading to the amended Elections Bylaw 15.24, the motion was passed with a 6-3 majority, with Councillors Russell, Giezen, and Soroka voting against.

Bottle drive raises funds for record-breaking 2025 PCHS grad class



Groups of parents and graduates traveled around Edson on November 30 to collect bottles for the 2025 PCHS graduation celebration. photo submitted

submitted: The Parkland Composite High School Graduation Class of 2025 held a bottle drive fundraiser in Edson on November 30. The fundraiser is the first of several anticipated campaigns to be held in order to earn enough funds to host a graduation celebration on June 26, 2025, which will include a dinner and dance to be held at the Edson Leisure Centre.

Groups of graduates and parents went door to door using several trucks and trailers, seeking donations, as well as a crew stationed at Beauvre Bus Service for drop offs. Despite the freezing temperatures that day, the fundraiser was a huge success.

Edson residents and businesses showed their generous support in donating over 37 large totes of bottles and recyclables. While the final total is not quite finalized, it is estimated that the graduates have earned almost \$6000.00 towards their ambitious fundraising goal, which is somewhere around \$50,000.00 total.

The Class of 2025, along with the

Parent Celebration Committee, are hosting a celebration event for the largest graduation class in Parkland Composite High School history with as many as 160 potential graduates. A large portion of the fundraising will go towards catering a meal for about 1000 people, including graduates and their family members.

The Parent Celebration Committee and the graduates would like to sincerely thank anyone who contributed to the fundraiser. Without volunteers and the support of the parents, community residents, and businesses, the day would not have been as successful as it was. They would also like to respectfully pass on an invitation to participate in their upcoming fundraisers including a large online auction planned for February 14-17, 2025.

The auction is a significant fundraiser for the group and is always an anticipated event. As well, anyone who would like to make a cash donation towards the

Class of 2025 evening celebration banquet is invited to contact Kim Brodersen (President) at 780-898-4841, Christina Gauchier (Vice-President) at 780-728-3424, Jennifer Kendall (Treasurer) 780-725-3994 or Sheena Kennedy (Secretary) 780-517-5459. A tax

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The Class has an ambitious task ahead of them to host a formal celebration of this size. Everyone is excited and is ready to make their mark as PCHS largest grad class to date!

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Town reviews pet bylaw and licensing

by Niki Luymes

At the Town of Edson's Committee of the Whole Meeting on December 10, Council was presented possible updates to the Animal Control Bylaw No. 2140.

Eric Christensen, Enforcement Services Manager, presented the options to council for feedback.

"The current Animal Control Bylaw was enacted July 15, 2014. Over the past decade several issues have emerged. The Bylaw as it exists does not adequately address the needs of responsible pet ownership, changing community expectations, and evolving animal welfare standards," said Christensen.

The goal of revitalizing the bylaw is to shift focus from controlling the animal to the responsibilities of pet owners. "With simpler and clearer regulations, pet owners are more likely to comply with local laws and reduce the burden on our enforcement personnel," said Christensen. Administration suggested renaming the bylaw to the 'Responsible Pet Ownership' bylaw to better outline this purpose.

There were multiple topics of discussion raised including animal licensing of both cats and dogs, maximum pets per household, backyard chickens, and transportation of animals in vehicles.

When discussing the licensing of dogs, Council was given the option of switching to a lifetime

registration verses the current status quo of yearly renewals or removing them altogether.

"I do like the idea of a lifetime license," said Mayor Kevin Zahara. "The reason for that is twofold. I think it makes it easier for the owner, as long as it's not overly expensive. But it also cuts down on the amount of administration we have to do. I think it will simplify things and it will encourage more people to do it."

Councillor Krystal Cacka asked, "If we move to a lifetime license fee does that mean we are eliminating the option of an annual fee? I just think there may be circumstances where you may not need it for a very long time."

Christensen responded, "I hadn't considered that," adding that Administration would bring the bylaw back to Council based on Council's feedback.

In regards to the licensing of cats, Mayor Zahara said, "I want to hear what the people have to say about this one. I do think we have a situation with cats in this community that is completely out of control. It is costing taxpayers a lot of money to deal with these cats. I do believe we need to have some sort of spay or neuter program in place and do something about this situation."

Councillor Trevor Bevan said, "I'd be interested in having a cat licensing program in town. If you say you are going to trap them and neuter them, the Town's going to have to pay and that can get very expensive. I don't think we even want to go

that way."

Councillor Greg Pasychny said, "We should be dropping the name cat or dog and it's a pet license. If you have a pet that can go on a leash that can leave your house, that may get trapped, or caught, you should have a license on it —and you should want to have a license on it. At the end of the day I think it should be a broader thing than just dogs or cats. In this day and age there are other animals; and we should have a pet license."

Regarding the maximum amount a pets allowed within a household, currently Edson allows three dogs over the age of 6 months per household. The proposed idea would be to change that to a maximum of three dogs, or cats, but only four animals total.

"There needs to be a cap," said Councillor Peter Taylor. "I'm looking more towards four pets maximum, but I am challenged if there are residents in town that already exceed those numbers. Enforcement is also an issue. How do you know by doing this we aren't creating a tattletale neighbour? The survey is going to be interesting as to what people think."

Administration plans to consult the community through the use of an online survey that began on December 11. The survey will be open for one month. The draft bylaw will then be reworked based on the gathered feedback for Council's review and the approval process.

HRH Drama Department masters over seven performances of Sleeping Beauty

by Niki Luymes

The Holy Redeemer High School debuted their fall stage performance *Sleeping Beauty* on November 27.

The Drama Department did five public performances throughout the week. Most shows started at 7pm with the exception of one matinee performance on November 30.

This version of *Sleeping Beauty* was adapted by Bob Fern and Leo Appleton. The show focuses on the antics of the fairies that were tasked with watching over sleeping beauty. Audiences enjoyed the whimsical,

tongue-in-cheek humour of the delightful cast of characters.

Over thirty students participated in this year's play, not including all the behinds the scenes work. Each show was two hours long with one 15 minute break. There was also a 50/50 raffle at each show, with half the proceeds going back into the school. Adding to the five public performances, the group also did shows for their fellow classmates and other schools around town.

This year's production involved some audience participation. The comic relief fairy, named Dame



Over 1200 people attended the production of *Sleeping Beauty* presented by the HRH Drama Department during the The play was extremely well received. Here, the evil fairy, Minerva (Christina B) explains her evil plot to take revenge on Princess Aurora to one of her sidekicks, Snot (Olivia B). submitted

Edna Fairy played by Landon Murphy, would often take a moment to instruct the audience on the proper reactions for certain characters. This included booing the main villain, the evil fairy Minerva, and cheering on the prince.

"I'm really liking doing the shows and seeing the audience's reaction every single night," said Christina Belcourt, who played Minerva. "Seeing their reactions and what they think of the play helps us improve."

The HRH drama class began preparations and practice back in September. Each student in the play goes about preparing in their own way. "I've never played a villain before, so preparing for that was really difficult," said Belcourt. "I practiced the laugh a lot with my mom at home."

For his unique role as Edna

Fairy, Murphy explained that he mostly just found the character. "I wore the high heels a while just to get used to walking. The voice kind of just came naturally though the auditions. The costume definitely helps."

HRH is known for their drama performances and making an effort to put on at least one fall show and one dessert theatre every year.

Typically, HRH's fall play is performed at the Red Brick School house. But this year they had to switch to the school gym due to flooding at the Red Brick. This, coupled with the task of remaking a well known story made for some unique challenges. Despite this, the play went smoothly and the drama department is already planning for the dessert theatre in 2025.



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Shopping local benefits the whole community

With many local businesses impacted by the Canada Post strike along with the consecutive years of impacts from Covid shutdowns, wildfires, and floods —it's time to contemplate what shopping local means to a community.



by Dana McArthur
publisher/Editor

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role, with local journalism that not only covers our municipal governments, but highlights the efforts, struggles, and successes of our local community groups, non-profits, and charities.

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Newspapers also play a defining

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Letter to the Editor

Name Canada's first lunar rover

Calling all residents who live, work and play in the communities along waters of the Athabasca River.

The Canadian Space Agency is holding a public vote to name our country's first lunar rover. "Athabasca" is one of 4 names in competition for the rover, which will explore the moon's south polar region.

According to the website, "Canada's first lunar rover will navigate the surface of the moon to test and demonstrate key systems like surface mobility, telecommunications, and dust mitigation. It will allow scientists to better understand the lunar geology and environment, and will help in the international search for water ice.

The Canadian Space Agency wants the rover's name to be representative of the mission or to allude to Canada's legacy or future in space. The rover will be the first in a series of anticipated lunar rovers, and its name should be inspiring!"

The nomination points out that the "...Athabasca is a river flowing from the Rockies through Alberta

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The other nominees are "Glacier", "Pol-R" and "Courage".

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Traffic Collisions 19; Traffic Complaints 18 and Suspicious Persons 14, topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 3; Alarms/False Alarms 3; Animal Calls 1; Assault 5; Assistance Calls 12; Cause Disturbance 3; Child Welfare 0; Fail to Comply with Conditions 1; False/Abandoned 911 Call 5; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 0; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 1; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 1; Information File 5; Lost or Found property 3; Mental Health Act 5; Mischief or Damage 3; Missing Person/Request to Locate 0; Municipal Bylaws 1; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 0; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 0; Theft Complaints 9; Traffic Violations 4; Trespassing 6; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 6.

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Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital projects which could include renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility, new outdoor amenity, etc.



Recreation Program & Event Grant
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding up to \$2000 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community



Recreation & Culture Initiatives Fund
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community

**Grant Deadlines: December 31,
March 31, June 15, September 30**
Grant Applications are reviewed quarterly.

Applications can be found at www.yhcounty.ca or picked up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. For more information contact Derek Starnes at 780-723-4800.

**Yellowhead County
Municipal Election 2025**

Thinking of running in the upcoming Municipal Election? Here are some things to consider:

Under the MGA, elected officials have the duty to:

- Participate in council meetings, committee meetings and meetings of other bodies you are appointed to by Council.
- Participate in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality.
- Consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole.
- Bring to Council's attention anything that would promote the welfare or interests of the municipality.
- Obtain information about the operation or administration of the municipality from the Chief Administrative Officer
- Keep in confidence matters discussed in private at Council meetings until discussed at a public meeting.

Qualifications to run for Council include:

- Must be at least 18 years of age on nomination day.
- Must be a Canadian citizen.
- For position of Mayor, you must have been a resident of Yellowhead County for the six months preceding nomination day.
- For position of Councillor, you must have been a resident of the electoral division of Yellowhead County for which you intend to run for the six months preceding nomination day.

Need more information?
A Candidate Nomination Package will be available at both Yellowhead County offices and online.

Nomination period to run as a candidate:
Jan. 1, 2025 to Sept 22, 2025.
Yellowhead County Municipal Election is
Oct. 20, 2025.



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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-152	SW-3-57-23-W5 North of Hinton	Natural Resource Extraction & Processing (Gravel Pit) - Discretionary	Dec 2/24	Dec 23/24
D24-154	NE-28-54-15-W5 Bear Lake Area	Manufactured Home	Dec 3/24	Permitted Use
D24-151	Plan 0225857 Blk 1, Lot 1 NE-1-51-26-W5 Entrance Area	Existing Single Detached Dwelling with Addition (Carport) & Lean-to, Existing Manufactured Home with Addition (Porch) - Variance to Age, Existing Accessory Building (Shed), Existing Accessory Building (Shed) - Variance to Side Yard Setback, Existing Accessory Building (Workshop)	Dec 5/24	Dec 26/24
D24-150	Plan 9020485 Blk 3, Lot 12 SE-25-50-26-W5 Seabolt Area	Rural Event Centre - Four (4) Additional Glamping/Dome Sites & Four (4) Additional Washroom Facilities - Discretionary	Dec 10/24	Dec 31/24
D24-153	SE-31-53-13-W5 Carrot Creek Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Additions (Covered Patios)	Dec 10/24	Permitted Use
D24-155	SE-28-55-9-W5 Alpha Lake Area	Rural Event Centre - Two (2) Additional Cabins - Discretionary	Dec 10/24	Dec 31/24
D24-156	NE-9-56-14-W5 South of Shiningbank	Accessory Building (Shop) with Lean-to and Addition (Covered Deck)	Dec 10/24	Permitted Use
D24-157	NW-30-55-7-W5 Rangeton Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Dec 10/24	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 02.24 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal** dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$500.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision. Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Yellowhead County offices in Edson and Wildwood will be closed Dec. 25, 26, 27 & Jan. 1



TAX PENALTY REMINDER

Yellowhead County would like to remind landowners that any taxes outstanding after December 31, 2024 will be subject to a 6% penalty.

Payment Options:

- In person at a Yellowhead County office, Edson / Wildwood
- Secure drop box is available 24 hours at the Edson office only.
- Chartered Bank or Credit Union
- Telephone Banking
- Internet banking - Payee is Yellowhead County Taxes (Your Tax Roll Number is your Account number)
- Courier (Canada Post is on strike, if they are operational prior to December 31, 2024, the envelope must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2024)

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Peace Officer
LOCATION: Edson, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-042

Reporting to the Peace Officer Sergeant, the Community Peace Officer is part of the overall Protective Services Department team working to promote public safety and community standards through education and enforcement of Yellowhead County bylaws and appointed provincial acts.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive salary and benefit plan.

To apply please submit resumes online at <https://yhcounty.ca/jobs/>

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

The competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Health and Safety Technician
LOCATION: Edson, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-044

Reporting to the Health, Safety and Wellness Supervisor, the Health and Safety Technician works collaboratively with organizational leadership and field staff to ensure the effective delivery of the health and safety program to all levels of the organization. This position regularly attends field operations and safety meetings to provide safety program information and updates. Primary duties of this position include assisting with the incident investigation process, coordinating and conducting Worksite Inspections and providing coaching to field operations to ensure a safe work environment. This position will create, review and update safety-related documentation, including safe work practices, hazard assessments and employee communication. This position also provides support with identifying and coordinating safety training and assists with safety and departmental initiatives.

The salary range is currently \$63,506 to \$78,747 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Equipment Operator
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Health, Safety and Wellness Supervisor
LOCATION: Edson, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-045

Reporting to the General Manager of Corporate Services, the Health, Safety and Wellness Supervisor provides subject matter expertise, technical leadership, and guidance to support the organizational health and safety culture. Responsible for promoting, coordinating, implementing, and maintaining a comprehensive health and safety management system. Responsibilities include educating and coaching all levels of the organization, program evaluation and enhancement to ensure the achievement of results, employee engagement and compliance with legislation. This position provides supervision and leadership to the Health and Safety Technician, and oversight to contracted support required for safety-related projects and initiatives.

The salary range is currently \$98,858 to \$122,584 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

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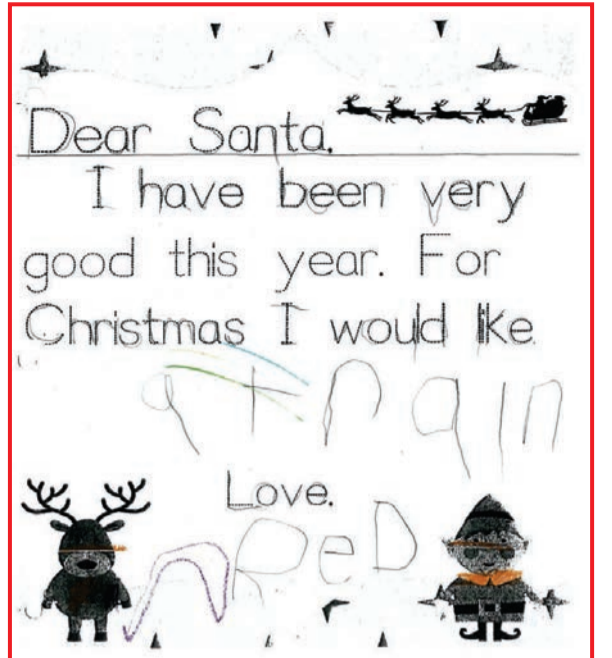
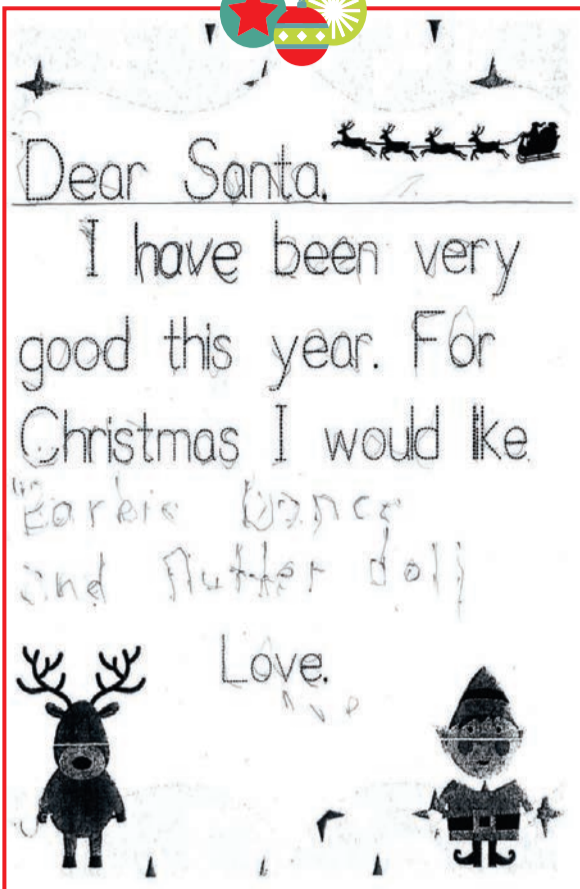
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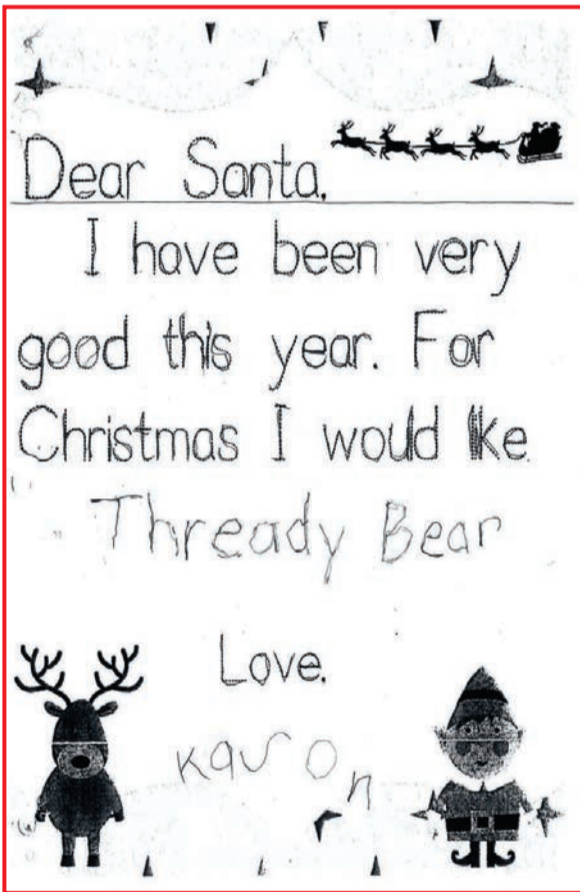
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Edson

Obituaries & In memories

~ Obituary ~

Colleen Sharon Lamoureux

At the age of seventy-five, Colleen Sharon Lamoureux ("Grammy") died in the presence of her husband on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, at the Edson Healthcare Centre.



Colleen was born in Edson Alberta on February 17th, 1949, as the seventh child of George and Evelyn Tomkinson and grew up in Evansburg Alberta. She married Stephen Lamoureux in 1967 and they moved to Edson in 1971 with their toddler son, Troy. In the next few years, they had two more children, Tracey and Christian. Colleen and Stephen raised their family in Edson and were very involved in the parish life of St. Catherine's Anglican Church and their community in general.

After seeing her children through school, Colleen volunteered to work in long term care and then worked part time in the same setting. She concluded her career in healthcare working in the surgery sterilization unit at the hospital.

Colleen lived her various vocations as fully as one could: first a child, sister, and auntie in a large family; then a wife, a mother, and parishioner; then as a team member of healthcare providers; as well as a volunteer in an innumerable number of community and social organizations (especially the Pioneer Senior's Cabin). In particular, Grammy was proud to be the supportive wife of a firefighter for forty-six years. Wherever the Lord placed her, she was a friend to all.

Colleen is survived by her husband, Stephen, and her children and their spouses and all of Grammy's grandchildren: Troy (Daena): Damien, Austin, and Lily; Tracey (Bill): Liam and Grayson; Christian (Teri): Anna, Abigail, Gabriel, Josiah, and Ruth; as well as her brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

~ Obituary ~

Merose Joseph Zamorsky

December 27, 1929 – December 1st, 2024



Merose was born in 1929 in Prestville, Alberta. He grew up on a farm east of Rycroft near the banks of the Burnt River. Merose worked the farm alongside his siblings until his early 20's when he decided to leave for the oil patch. Shortly after he married Lucille Pranskat. The couple lived many years in High Prairie and then later moved to Rocky Mountain House.

Merose's marriage ended with Lucille and he found himself alone until he met an AGT phone operator from Grimshaw named Sandra MaQuarrie. The two fell in love and were married.

Sandra and Merose made a great team. Merose brought home the pay cheques and Sandra invested the money wisely. Although life was very much work for Merose; he enjoyed taking many RV trips to Blue Grass festivals, annual trips to the Wanham plowing match, and cheering for his favorite hockey team, the Edmonton Oilers. Merose was an "oil patch" guy working 50 years in the drilling industry. His physical strength, determination, stubbornness, and authoritative style served him well. His accomplishments were rewarded with many industry awards and he garnered the top jobs in the drilling field.

A few years after Sandra passed; Merose met a "Special Lady", Noella Eggen. Together Noella and Merose enjoyed dancing at seniors' events, taking trips abroad, and camping. Merose took joy in being the fatherly figure for Noella's 5 sons and daughter. Never having children of his own, Merose often said that Noella's kids were the "bonus" in their relationship.

Left to mourn Merose is his companion Noella Eggen and her sons: Claude (Lorraine) Bouchard, Paul Bouchard, Gilbert (Jacqueline) Bouchard, Lucien (Claudette) Bouchard, Dan Bouchard and her daughter Diane (Glen) Bouchard.

Merose will also be missed and mourned by his nieces and nephews: Cliff Hucul, Darlene (Bryan) Spooner, Gale (Debbie) Hucul, Heather Ralston, Tara (Ted) Sallis, Heather (Garry) Tansem, Doug (Karen) Zamorsky, David (Tammy) Zamorsky, Terry (Debbie) Zamorsky, as well as numerous grand nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by Sandy's sons: Terry McQuarrie and Rob McQuarrie.

Merose was predeceased by his parents, Stanley and Sophia Zamorsky; his first wife Lucille, and his second wife Sandra. Also by his siblings: Jean (Emil) Hucul, Sonia (Don) Ralston, Taras (Sharon) Zamorsky, and Ruth Zamorsky. He was also predeceased by his brothers in law; Don Ralston, Emil Hucul; and sister-in-law Sharon Zamorsky Laughy; and his nephew Laurie Ralston.

A Celebration of Life for the late Merose Zamorsky will be held at the Wanham/Birch Hills Seniors Center (Wanham, AB) at 1:30 p.m. on January 4th, 2025. Inurnment to be held at the Spirit River Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or to the Alberta Lung Association, Edmonton. To sign a book of condolences, please visit: Trinityfuneralhome.ca

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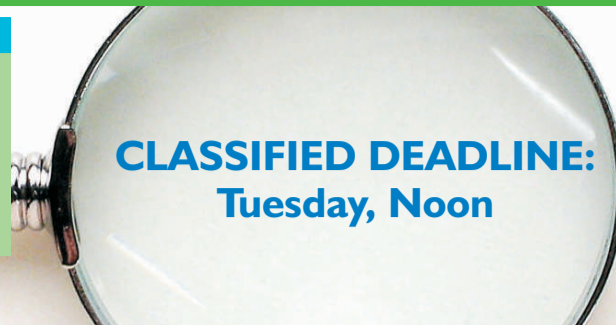
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performance of the timeless Nutcracker story. Galloway
Station Museum, Travel Centre & Archives.

January 4: HRH Grad Bottle Drive. Time: All Day,
Location: Holy Redeemer drop off and mobile pick up.

January 11: Community Resource Fair. 11am-2pm at
The Royal Canadian Legion. Discover new programs and
support in Edson.

January 18: Edson Sabres Excel U13 Tourney. Time: All
Day, Location: Edson & District Leisure Centre. Please

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