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Recycling Depot hosts Christmas Dinner

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson & District Recycling Depot held their annual Seniors and Community

Appreciation Christmas Dinner on December 11. Meals were served from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Seating was limited inside, so they also offered

take-out for those interested. 220 guests came out to enjoy the meal within the three-hour period. They were served a delicious meal of ham, turkey,

mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, gravy, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, and buns. Refreshments and goodies for

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220 guests enjoyed a delicious meal at the Edson & District Recycling Depot annual Seniors and Community Appreciation Christmas Dinner on December 11. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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dessert were also served and people could get also their photos taken with Santa.

"The meal was an overwhelming success!" said Recycling Depot Manager Anne Auriat, who noted that in addition to the food, "Each

senior got to take home a Christmas cactus and a candy bag."

As their event poster promised, everyone had a "Ho-Ho-Whole lot of fun." Merry Christmas to all and have a wonderful New Year.



Local seniors and residents were enjoying a very festive meal on December 1, during the annual Edson & District Recycling Depot Seniors and Community Appreciation Christmas Dinner. photos submitted Deanna Mitchener

Wellness Wednesday features line dancing

by Niki Luymes

The Town of Edson Community Development team hosted a Line Dancing Night on December 4, as part of their Wellness Wednesdays.

From 6pm to 8pm, people ages 18 and up were welcome to come and learn some dance moves. The event was held at the Griffiths Parks Centre.

Over the course of the event, participants got to learn eight different line dances. "Amy Wesolowsky from Edson Dance Academy was our instructor. She is a wonderful partner on many of our events and inter-agencies. We are lucky to have her in our community," said Diana Inscho, with the Community Development team.

This event proved to be very popular. The class topped out at 15 people, but there was a full waiting list as well. The class cost only \$7 per person for a full night of active entertainment. "The event was a lot of fun. We laughed at ourselves when we missed a step and burned quite a few calories," added Inscho. There was also snack and refreshment to enjoy between the music.

Wellness Wednesdays are a relatively new program for the Town of Edson. They began in September of this year and have been happening once a week since. "We offer a variety of activities to enhance personal wellness from arts to nature walks to physical activity to mindfulness. We are gearing them toward adults at this time, as

they are a demographic we feel needs more opportunities for programming and to meet others," said Inscho.

"We have a whole season of new

Wellness Wednesdays planned for the new year," said Inscho. Stay tuned for upcoming programming at edson.ca/cdprograms.



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County Council talks public engagement policies

Coffee with a Councillor program and annual open houses discussed

by Shaylyn Thornton

At their December 17 GPC meeting, Yellowhead County Council addressed their public engagement policies, specifically policies 1100.24 Coffee with a Councillor and 1100.15 Public Engagement & Communication.

After Council discussion on public engagement at their last GPC meeting, Administration reviewed policy 1100.15 with the intention of incorporating holding public open houses annually, in addition to providing Councillors the opportunity to schedule local meetings to engage their electoral division residents.

Council was presented with revised policy 1100.15, which included the addition of section 1.6 to “Hold public open houses annually, with both Council and Administration in attendance, to provide public review and input opportunities.”

The principle also notes that the open houses will be held three times yearly, in a three-year cycle to cover the West, East, and Central portions of Yellowhead County. Open houses will not be held in a general election year, to avoid unfair access to voters between candidates that aren’t on Council and candidates that are.

Section 1.7 was also added, which states, “Provide each Councillor a chance to informally discuss ideas or concerns regarding municipal programs and services with residents in their electoral division through a ‘Coffee with a Councillor’ program.”

The incorporation of these sections “allows all of Council to engage with residents throughout the County annually, well ensuring that every area has the opportunity to engage with all of Council numerous times a year in a four-year Council term,” said CAO Luc Mercier. “The open houses would provide residents additional opportunities to become informed of various projects and meet and interact with all members of Council and administration while allowing them to ask questions and raise any concerns they have to the whole of Council.”

To further detail the addition of section 1.7 in policy 1100.15, policy 1100.24 Coffee with a Councillor was also presented to Council. “The intent of this policy is to create another avenue for residents to meet with their local Councillor,” said CAO Mercier. “It allows individual Councillors to schedule local meetings to engage local residents in a more relaxed, informal setting.”

At their discretion, Councillors will be able to expense a maximum of \$300 twice per year to pay for a portion of Hall rentals and incidentals, to allow

the Coffee with a Councillor meetings to occur.

Because these meetings are at the discretion of individual Councillors, the proposed policy also restricts municipal Administration from being involved, and does not allow meetings to take place within eight months of a general election.

Mercier recommended to Council that they bring both policies to a future Council meeting for consideration.

Councillor Dawn Mitchell expressed concerns over “Councillors meeting by themselves with residents”. “There’s quite a bit of danger for misinformation to be spread out there,” she said. “I would appreciate [the draft bylaw] to read something like, ‘Councillors holding a meeting need to notify the rest of Council so that we have the opportunity to attend and support our team mates.’”

“When we run, we run individually in divisions, but once we are elected we stand together and these are perfect opportunities for perhaps myself on the West end to understand firsthand what’s going on in the East end,” Mitchell continued. “I would hate to be excluded from that.”

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux agreed with the possibility of a Councillor “inadvertently providing misinformation,” and said that she would only support the policy if it included a section about inviting other members of Council to attend.

Councillor Anthony Giezen spoke as an “advocate” of the Coffee with a Councillor policy, stating that members of Council often want to speak to their residents before “finalizing their decision-making process.”

Giezen pointed out that this practice may unintentionally exclude residents that are not “on [a Councillor’s] radar.” “I think Coffee with a Councillor is an easy way for somebody who may not be in the immediate circle to come out and express something quite simple in an informal basis,” he said.

Mitchell requested that the policy specify that a Councillor give other members of Council 30 days notice before an event. She also requested that advertising of the Coffee with a Councillor events be shared on the County’s social media and website, so that residents can be made aware.

The robust discussion brought forth a few amendments to the policy: that the allowance of Coffee with a Councillor meetings be changed from the eight month time frame to “during the election year,” that Councillors inform other members of Council two weeks ahead of a

meeting, and that the meetings be advertised on social media and the website at least two weeks prior.

With the changes, Council voted unanimously to bring the policies to a future Council meeting for consideration.

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Monday, January 6, 2025

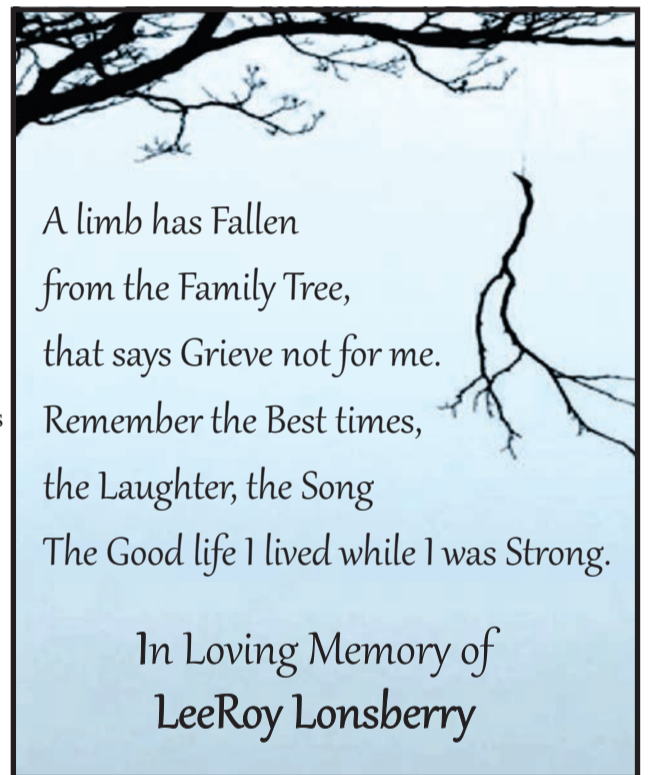
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PGMS students have you on radar!

École Pine Grove (PGMS) students in Mrs. K-T's Language Arts and Health class finished their advertising unit with a "Create a Product & Ad Campaign" project.

The project aimed for students to show their understanding of false or misleading marketing practices.

During the unit, students learned about persuasive techniques that advertisers use in different types of ads such as TV, print, and online. This included use of colour, logos, slogans, and techniques such as humor, transference, and bribery.

Students must learn to recognize how companies may

try to manipulate consumers into buying their goods or services: a valuable lesson so that they can make positive and informed choices for themselves.

To demonstrate their understanding of the unit outcomes, students created a product and then designed a print ad and built a mockup/model of it.

Finally, they did a "Gallery Walk" to analyze each other's ads to see their persuasiveness. Other PGMS students and staff were also invited to check out their projects and share their feedback on how persuasive, or not, their projects were using an analysis handout.



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Yellowhead County requests proposals from parties interested in performing the work identified below.

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For further information, please contact **Crystal McNernie, General Manager Community Services at cmcnernie@yhcounty.ca.**

Peers Community Youth Group performs 'The Christmas Visitor'

by Niki Luymes

The Peers Community Youth Group held an event before Christmas for the whole community at the Carrot Creek Christian Fellowship Church in Peers.

The event was a dramatic performance called 'The Christmas Visitor'. The play started at 6:30pm and was a fundraiser for the two community groups and other local organizations.

The group has been putting on a performance like this for the past six years. This year's play was an adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's 'Where love is, there God is also.' The plot centered around a shoemaker turned cell-phone repairman, Martin, and his experiences helping others during the Christmas season. The play was approximately an hour long with one intermission.

The production came together successfully in a very short time. "We like to start in October, but with all the extracurricular school activities, getting teenagers to commit the time is tough. It usually isn't until November that we get scripts in hand and start casting. This year casting happened the first

week of November," said Sean Gurnsey, youth pastor and play director, "All said, tonight was awesome. We have quite a few thespians in our midst. It's so much fun. They're a good crew to do it with."

The group has four different plays that they rotate every year. "All of the stories we pick are stuff that we've kind of adapted from our own experience," said Gurnsey.

The event also included a silent auction as part of the fundraising. "Its free to come, there's no entry price, and people don't have to donate. But a lot of people still put something in the donation box," explained Gurnsey. All proceed were shared between the Peers Youth Group, the Yellowhead Pregnancy Care Centre, and meals for the homeless through Shekinah Coffee. During the intermission attendees could bid on various items, or enjoy free snacks and coffee.

"Yes we want to raise funds for our youth group, but we didn't want that to be the sole purpose. We also wanted to reach the community. It was six years ago that we did the first one, and this year has been our

biggest crowd to date. We didn't expect this many," said Gurnsey.

The Peers Community Youth Group meets every week. They do games, activities, mission trips, and

lots more. When they do the drama performances, they are also known as the Livewires Drama Troupe.

Plans for next year's production have already begun.



The Peers Community Youth Group performed their play "The Christmas Visitor" on December 15, at Carrot Creek Christian Fellowship. The play is an adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's 'Where love is, there God is also.' photo Niki Luymes



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For more information or to register, visit Edson.ca/cdprograms

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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2070 as amended, can be found at <https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications>. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or planning@edson.ca.

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





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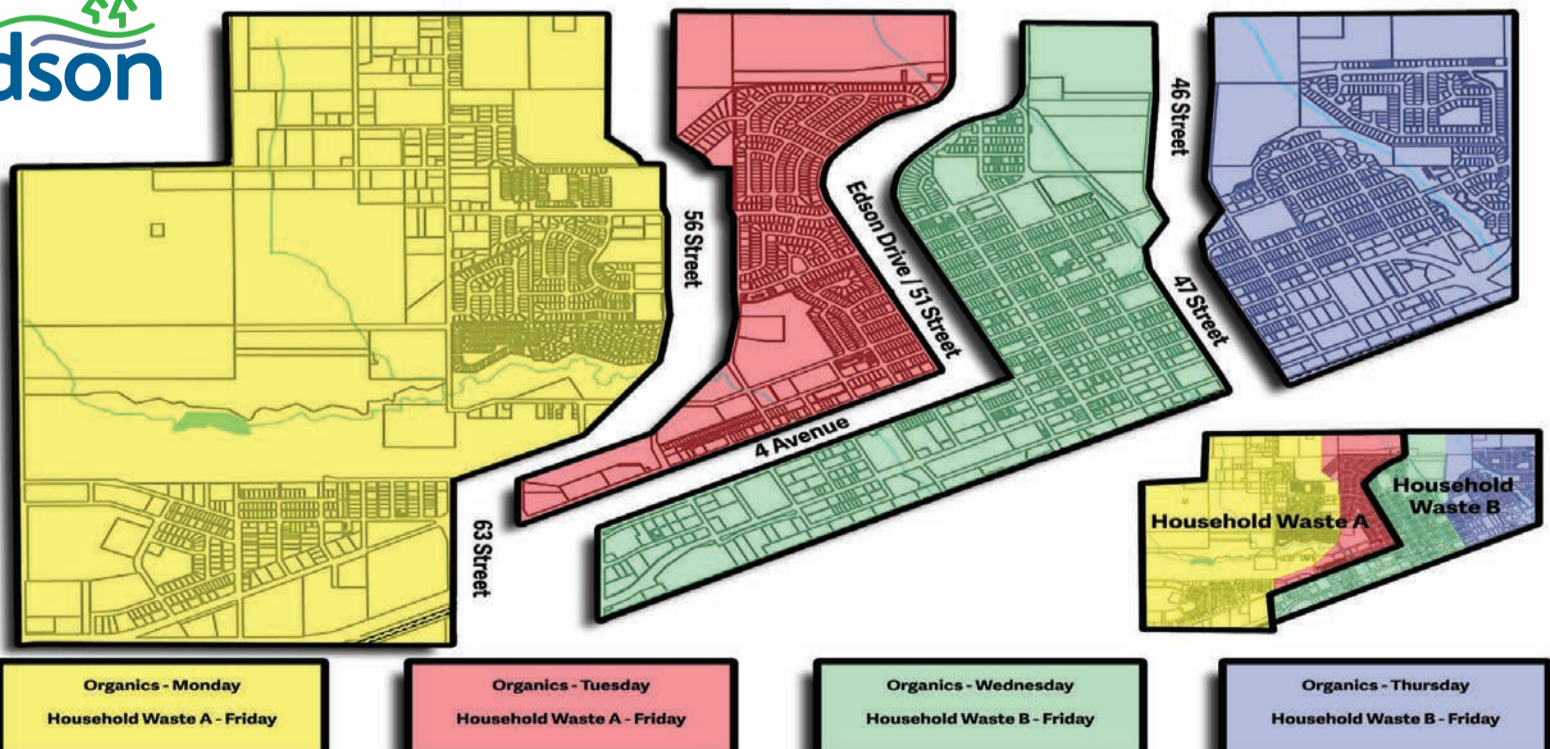
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- Wednesday Organics
- Thursday Organics
- Household Waste A
- Household Waste B



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increasing online shopping, these companies continue to donate and support our vital non-profit community groups.

New Year's brings the anticipation of better to come. So, let's hope the inflationary downturn over the last few years, that has afflicted so many households, improves in the coming year.

It is this caring and compassion that defines Edson and Yellowhead County.

And let's always be thankful for the wonderful support this community has shown to one another during difficult times. This includes groups like the Edson Food Bank, WEE Community Food Bank, and the Kinettes' Christmas Hamper campaign.

New Years brings with it celebration and being with family and friends. As we look back on 2024 let us continue to build on the community spirit and the blessings that are so visibly expressed in the region.

Even though many of our resource-based companies and local

May the joy we share at this time of the year continue to flow into 2025.

Have a safe and happy New Year, from the staff and management at The Weekly Anchor.

Letter to the Editor

Reader concerned by clinic's cancellation policy

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this to you, as I became aware of what was happening at the Edson Medical Centre [clinic] today [Dec. 10].

When you have an appointment on a Monday, but need to cancel it on a 24 hour notice, there is no answering machine to leave a message at the clinic.

You are then charged a \$20 fee on Monday!

This happened to a family member and I think it is totally unfair and unreasonable for the clinic to do this!

I have no problem with cancellation fees, but why is there

no answering machine so you can leave a message on a Sunday?

Apparently, this has been happening for sometime now.

Debbie Falardeau

Editor's note: The Edson Medical Clinic is closed Friday evenings and reopens Monday mornings. The Weekly Anchor verified that the clinic's voice message on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday does not have, or offers, a method to cancel a Monday appointment. We could not source any public website, email address, or online cancellation policy for the Edson Medical Clinic. AHS states many clinics have a 24hr cancellation policy and some have late cancellation fees. Our attempt to call the clinic directly to inquire, resulted in a wait time longer than our staff had available.

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Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like

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Dear Santa,

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a doll Elsa top

Love. SCAM/PHO

Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like

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 - 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.
- Must be at least 18 years of age on nomination day.
 - Must be a Canadian citizen.
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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
D24-147	Plan 7921188 Lot 17 SW-14-49-21-W5 Lower Robb	Accessory Building (Shed) - Variance to Rear Yard Setback	Dec 11/24	Jan 1/25
D24-158	Plan 9921805 Blk 1, Lot 2 SE-13-53-18-W5 Edson West	Vehicle Repair & Sales (Tire Shop)/ Tire Sales/Mechanic	Dec 12/24	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.

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

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Yellowhead County HOLIDAY HOURS

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

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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)

For more information please call 780-723-4800 Monday to Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm with the exception of December 25, 26, and 27th as the office will be closed.



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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Yellowhead County 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.

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 January 5th, 2025, at 4:30 pm.

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

Human Resources
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Email: jobs@yhcounty.ca

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

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

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Yellowhead Agriculture Society host Gymkhana in new facility

by Deanna Mitchener

The Yellowhead Agriculture Society (YAS) held their first Gymkhana in their brand new, indoor riding facility at the Edson Rodeo Grounds on December 8.

The Gymkhana event was organized by Schafawn Sabourin and hosted by the Yellowhead Agricultural Society, following a very successful outdoor summer series.

The excellent turnout from the community this summer encouraged Schafawn to do a winter series as well. Her goal is to encourage equestrians of all ages and abilities to come out and enjoy a day with their horse doing friendly competition in an open and inviting atmosphere.

The event on December 8th had a great turnout despite the very icy roads and conditions that day.

"20 riders of all ages braved the elements and enjoyed a day on horseback in the sparkling new facility. With over 50% of the riders being youth, it was exciting to see them enjoying the day with their horses, especially the big smiles from the lead line riders as young as three years old," said Sabourin.

"The Gymkhana organizers and YAS would like to thank the current sponsors of the event, Country Cow Belle Designs, The Tack Trove, and EliteCom Solutions for making this event successful. I am looking forward to the comeback and growth of more events at the Edson Rodeo grounds, as the new building opens to the public," added Sabourin.

For those interested in attending, sponsoring, or volunteering for upcoming events please visit the Yellowhead Ag Society at www.yellowheadagsociety.ca



20 riders of all ages enjoyed a day on horseback in the YAS's sparkling new indoor riding facility. photos submitted by Deanna Mitchener



Madilynn, Rhykor, Gaetan, Grace-Mae, Kayne, Luke, Levi, Charlise, Brandy, Brian, Mya, Brianna, Aylee, Brynn, Kelsey, Adalyn, Devon, Addison, and Courtney were all thrilled to be taking part in the first Gymkhana in YAS's new indoor riding facility.



Three lead lines Adalyn, Brynn, and Rhykor holding their prizes at the Yellowhead Agriculture Society's first Gymkhana in their new facility.

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Christina Gauchier, a dedicated community member and volunteer helped to foster inclusion and education in the community by applying to the Orange Jersey Project to secure orange jerseys for Edson Minor Hockey's Indigenous athletes. The Orange Jersey Project is more than just a uniform; it's a movement designed to encourage action for Truth and Reconciliation. Through this initiative, young athletes are educated about the true history of the Indian Residential School system in Canada, creating awareness of its intergenerational impacts and fostering understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

2025! Happy New Year!

As we welcome the new year, let us make this a year of community, renewed prosperity, and healing. Happy New Year to you all. May it be filled with hope, love, and peace. -DM

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Students from Mary Bergeron School had the opportunity to go skating before Christmas. Mrs. Semotiuk's Grade one students and their buddies from Mrs. Hyatt's Grade three class enjoyed a fun skating session at the Edson and District Leisure Centre. photo submitted Deanna Mitchener

The SWAT Health and Happiness Team at Mary Bergeron School took over the playground before Christmas, spreading joy and putting smiles on faces. They shared jokes and handed out festive holiday stickers. photo submitted Deanna Mitchener



The Edson Orca Swim Club had a great day at the Olympian Swim Club Under 12 Swim. Hudson Hodgins, Connor Browne, Micah Armstrong, Priya Stiles and Lux Martin competed at the Kinsmen Sports Center in Edmonton. They all swam the 50 Free, 50 Back and 50 Breast except Lux opted out of the 50 Breast and swam 100 Fly instead! The majority of the swims were best times. It was a great experience for the swimmers and they represented Edson well. submitted

Edson Orcas bring home wins at Reindeer Swim Meet in Spruce Grove

submitted

The Edson Orca Swim Club was merry and bright at the Parkland Pirates Aquatic Club's Reindeer Swim Meet recently in Spruce Grove.

26 swimmers represented Edson. Between all 26 swimmers, they participated in 152 events!

From the Novice Group we had: Isaac Whitehead, Sanya Camillus, and Colby Glasser.

From the Beginners Group we had: Aryanna Acorn, Connor Browne, Emma Cunningham, Bentley Hussey, Aryanna L, Madison Longman, Kaylee Leach, Hanna Shaw, Katie Sydor, Joshua Whitehead, and Sam Whitehead.

From the Intermediate and Senior groups we had: Emery Cardinal, Kylenea Chipiuk, Fahryn

Domianczuk, Erin Frias, Kaleb Johnston, Ebony Rupert and Lilyan Shaw

There were some highlights! Connor, Bentley, Colby, Sam, Lilyan, Abbigail, Kaleb, Erin, Fahryn, Kylenea, and Aryanna qualified for the Eliminator 50 Breast event.

This is where they take the top eight swimmers from each age group who swam in the 100 Breast and race them (elimination style) in a 25 Breast. Winners that came out on top were Lilyan Shaw and Erin Frias!

And exciting news; Erin qualified for Alberta Winter Festivals in her 50 breast and 100 breast. Lilyan also qualified for Festivals in her 50, 100 and 200 breast, as well as Alberta Provincials!

Way to go Swimmers!



The Edson Orca Swim Club participated in the Parkland Pirates Aquatic Club's Reindeer Swim Meet recently in Spruce Grove. submitted

Carrot Creek 4H Club starts a new year

by Karlee Burns, Club reporter

Carrot Creek 4H Club has been operating for 52 years. Our club this year has 17 members with 3 cleavers, the projects we have are market steers and one heifer. We have had 2 meetings, beef weigh-in and club Awards night. These are our recipients for the 2023-2024 4H year and sponsors for the event that we like to thank.

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Junior: London Huggins - Sponsored by DT Fossheim

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Intermediate: Taylor Keyes - Sponsored by Karlzen Farms

Senior: Rose Elzinga - Sponsored by Peers Farm and Feed

Market Steer Record Book

Junior: Karlee Burns - Sponsored by McLeod Trading Post

Intermediate: Shaelyn Coady - Sponsored by Lazy RS Ranch

Senior- Award Cameron Coady - Sponsored by Bowman Resource Service

Heifer Record Book

Junior: Torri DeLeeuw - Sponsored by Birkenhagen Farms

Intermediate: Kohen DeLeeuw - Sponsored by Cherid Farms

Our club's community service this year is to help Niton Hall with the Senior Christmas Supper by setting up tables/chairs and decorating the hall on November 30. And we will be serving tea and coffee and doing dishes after the meal on December 1. We are looking forward for our next club meeting, where we will talk about our Christmas party and public speaking event.

Travel Log: Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation



Volunteer Wendy Weineburg and veterinarian Diana Barreto with CRRIFS are dedicated to helping save wildlife animals here in San Carlos Mexico. photo Deanna Mitchener

It has been a very interesting experience to see firsthand in San Carlos Mexico

how the volunteers are making such a difference helping wildlife.

Rescue, Rehabilitation, Investigation of the Fauna Silvestre (CRRIFS) is a non-profit organization that does whatever they can to rescue wild animals from risky, sick, or injured situations. They treat the animal until it's well enough to be released back into the wild. In some cases rescued animals can not be released as they wouldn't survive So, CRRIFS looks after them until the day they are adopted or die.

Recently, the centre helped a ringtail, part of the raccoon family. Given the name Coco, the ringtail's left eye was infected and no longer viable. After a local vet surgically removed his eye, he went to CRRIFS to recuperate. Coco was recently released from the centre and the hope is that he is doing fine.

They also have two red-tailed hawks which are legally protected in Mexico, Canada, and the United States by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

CRRIFS has helped many injured animals and continues to do so. It is amazing seeing some of these animals and hearing their stories. They've treated tortoises, pelicans,

Views & News

by Deanna Mitchener

dove chicks, horned owls, and even a bobcat.

Diana Barreto, the local

veterinarian for CRRIFS, says, "We have three adult male tortoises and one female that will be with us at the centre for the rest of their lives. One was attacked by some dogs. I had to amputate his leg. It would be hard for him to survive without help so he will remain here with us. Another tortoise we have, his owner died and there's no other family members to take him. Tobias is 50 years old and will remain with us now in his retirement."

I asked Diana how old she was when she knew she wanted to become a vet, she responded, "I was just five years old. I wanted a dog, but my parents didn't want any animals in the house. So I started to grab animals from the street, cats and dogs, and would hide them in our porch. One of them had a weeping eye, and I asked if there were doctors for animals. That's when my mom explained to me about veterinarians. I told my mom then that I wanted to be one."

"The most fulfilling part of being a wildlife veterinarian is when we get to release an animal and say goodbye. I hope to never see them again and they can live out their natural lives," says Diana.

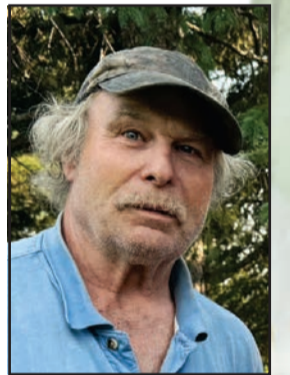


Students visit Parkland Lodge

Kindergarten students from Mary Bergeron Elementary School visited their neighbours at Parkland Lodge and proudly showcased their wagons in a Teddy Bear Parade recently. Afterward, they performed a few adorable bear songs for the residents. photo submitted Deanna Mitchener

~ Obituary ~

David Wayne Tindill



It is with a heavy heart that the family of David (Dave) Wayne Tindill, announce his passing on December 9, 2024, in Carrot Creek, Alberta at the age of 68.

Dave was born in Vancouver, BC on April 27, 1956. He was the oldest son of John and Eileen Tindill. Dave grew up in Blue River, BC and Kamloops, BC; also lived with his grandfather, Thomas William Tindill, for a period. Dave later moved to Alberta for work, where he married Rosemary "Rose" Margaret James on August 25, 1978. They lived in Edson, then Hinton, prior to settling onto their acreage at Carrot Creek in 1980 where he lived until his death. Dave started working for Cardinal River Coals near Cadomin, AB in November 1979; first as a truck driver and then as a Heavy-Duty Mechanic. He had not retired and was still employed there 45 years later. He commuted 90 minutes each way, on top of a 12-hour shift; strong evidence that he loved where he lived and worked.

Dave enjoyed camping and being outdoors. His love of camping started with his grandfather, Thomas Tindill, in the mountains near Blue River. He loved being a mechanic and was both a licensed automotive and heavy-duty mechanic. With all his boys, he was involved in Boy Scouts, Cub Car Rallies, camp outs and other events they had. He was never strong with technology but give him anything mechanical and he would figure it out. He enjoyed taking pictures, most of them of the scenic mountains where he worked, the wildlife on the mine, or projects he built. If you were working on a project, home reno, car broken down, he would be first to roll up his sleeves and help. If you asked for help, he was certain to be there. He had a great sense of humor and loved playing pranks.

Dave and Rose had 2 sons, Donovan and Tyler. Dave and Rose also raised their nephew, Shannon James, during his school years, and Dave treated him like a son to this day. Dave enjoyed spending his days off with his boys, his grandchildren, his brother Mike, co-workers, and friends.

Left to mourn Dave are his wife Rosemary, with whom he shared a deep bond though they were recently separated; mother Eileen; son Donovan (Amanda) Tindill; son Tyler (spouse) Tindill; nephew Shannon (Natacha) James; 6 grandchildren: Emily Tindill, Dawson Tindill, Jesse James, and Autumn James; 3 brothers Mike Tindill, Alan Tindill, and Darcy (Charlotte) Tindill; brother-in-law, Terry (Colby) Coray and a half-brother Richard (Charlotte) Collins. He attended all the family reunions and leaves behind many more including aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends to mourn his passing.

Dave is predeceased by his father John, sister Martti Coray, and sister-in-law Marianne Tindill.

A Celebration of Life will be held January 4, 2025, at 1:00pm at the Royal Canadian Legion in Edson, Alberta.

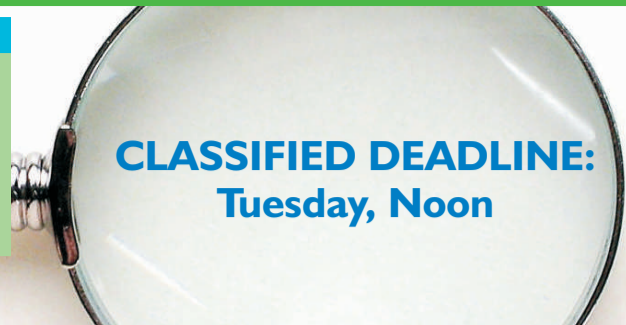
In lieu of flowers, donations in Dave's memory can be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Alberta.

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Canola's contribution to the Canadian economy reaches \$43.7 billion

The value of canola to the Canadian economy has more than doubled in the past decade, and now generates an average of \$43.7 billion annually, according to a new independent analysis released today by the Canola Council of Canada (CCC). The canola sector supports an average of 206,000 jobs and \$16.3 billion in wages for Canadians from coast to coast.

"There has been a significant increase in the economic benefits from canola, impacting the Canadian economy on a large scale," says Chris Davison, CCC president and CEO. "From 2012/13 to 2022/23, the total annual impact of canola has more than doubled, increasing by \$30.5 billion."

The report was developed by GlobalData Plc, a leading agri-business research firm. GlobalData used best practices for economic analysis to calculate total impact, jobs and wages that are generated as Canadian canola is developed, grown, processed and utilized. The report includes the latest data for 2022/23 and previous years (which are officially revised and updated over time), and presents averages of the three years, 2020/21-2022/23. This is the fifth time GlobalData (formerly LMC International) has done this analysis on the canola value chain.

The study also shows how significantly canola's impact has grown over the last decade, along with the impact of domestic processing expansion and the burgeoning biofuels market. Since 2012/13:

The total wage impact of the sector has increased more than 80 per cent to its 2022/23 peak, adding over \$8 billion in wages to the Canadian economy.

Domestic canola processing and refining have expanded significantly and in 2022/23, now generates more than six times the economic impact.

The economic contribution of canola-based biofuel production rose from \$70 million to \$1.1 billion in 2022/23.

The growth of the industry's impact is driven by several factors. The economic benefits from canola are higher when prices and volumes produced are higher. Over the years covered in the report there was impressive economic value-add in the canola sector, peaking in the most recent year

included in the analysis, 2022/23.

As the crop is researched, grown, handled, processed and then distributed to customers around the world, jobs are created within the canola value chain and in sectors that provide goods and services to the industry. Canola oil use in biofuels also rose significantly and accounts for over 400,000 tonnes of oil per year today.

"This has been a period of major investment by the industry," says Davison. "With expansion underway in canola processing here in Canada, we are seeing a sizeable investment of capital and an important opportunity to support growth in value-added production in the years ahead."

GlobalData analyzed 11 individual segments of the canola value chain, with the majority of economic benefits stemming from the business of growing canola. Beyond contributing significantly to farm family incomes, canola production drives investments in research, seed development, equipment, fertilizers, crop protection and a broad

array of business management services.

Together, these activities contribute approximately \$25 billion to Canada's economy each year.

"The canola value chain is committed to canola's continued success by improving production, nurturing opportunities for growth and diversification, and leveraging the unique qualities of our outstanding products," says Davison. "Canola's impact is felt across Canada and around the world, and it remains a source of immense pride for our industry."

GlobalData found that these effects are felt across the country, including by Canadians living far from where canola is grown and processed. While the greatest economic benefit is in the Prairies, canola also has a significant impact on the economies of Ontario (\$3 billion), Quebec (\$1.4 billion), British Columbia (\$627 million) and the Maritime provinces (\$205 million). -Canola Council of Canada



Parkland Lodge residents were busy making some beautiful Christmas cards recently with the aid of Eva and her helpers. Residents then had some very special cards to give out this holiday season. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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