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**EDRS hosts Seniors and Community Christmas Party**

by Niki Luymes and Community Appreciation Christmas Party on December 13. From 10 am to 1pm, people could stop by the depot and enjoy a free meal, deserts, and other goodies. "We host this every year on the second Wednesday in December. Its started quite a long time ago —I'm sure 15 years ago or so," said Anne Auriat, Manager at the Recycle Depot. Anyone who attended could enjoy a full course Christmas meal. This included, turkey, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, corn, and stuffing.

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This group of friends was enjoying a chance to sit and chat at the Edson and District Recycling Society's Seniors and Community Appreciation Christmas Party on December 13. The event ran from 10am to 1pm at the depot (see page 2). photo Niki Luymes

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# EDRS hosts Seniors and Community Appreciation Christmas Party

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After the meal there was an entire table of festive desserts made by local bakers to choose from. Volunteers were also giving out free flowers to the older visitors and goodie bags for the younger kids.

"It's just a way to provide a nice little meal and get together for seniors and volunteers," added Auriat. "We have about 100 to 150 people coming though here, so it's very popular." This year saw a steady stream of people in attendance. While guests could choose a takeaway box to enjoy the food later, most decided to stay and converse with friends.

The depot staff went the extra mile decorating the depot in the festive holiday season. "It's a team effort. The depot staff help out a huge amount. Everyone chips in. Some of the board members come out to help serve as well," said Auriat. The Christmas lights created the perfect atmosphere for conversation and community.

The Edson and District Recycle Society also puts on a similar event once a month with their Seniors' Day. On the first Wednesday of every month they welcome seniors down for a free soup lunch, while depot staff unload their recycling for them.



EDRS hosted a free Christmas dinner for seniors and the surrounding community on December 13 for their annual Seniors and Community Appreciation Christmas Party held at the depot. photo Niki Luymes



EDRS board members and staff served up a free Christmas dinner on December 13 at their annual Seniors and Community Appreciation Christmas Party at the depot. A turkey dinner was served alongside desserts making for a festive event. photo Niki Luymes



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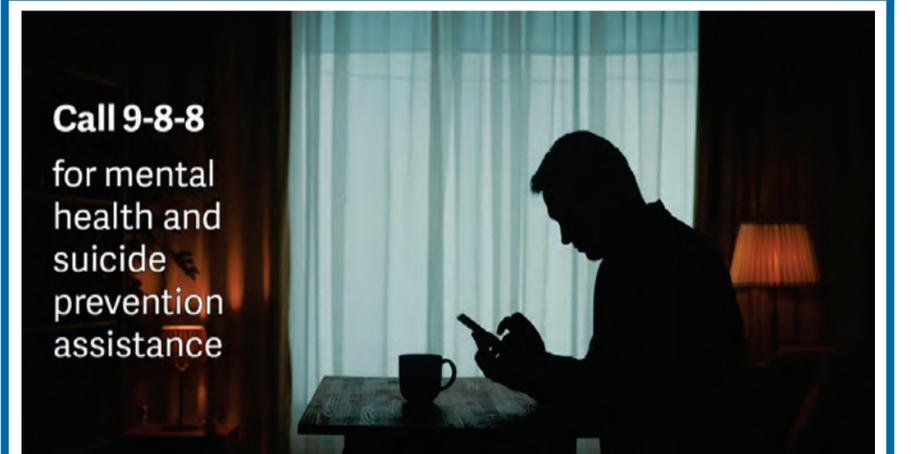


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The number went into service on November 30th, 2023.

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# Town and Leisure Centre host 'Skate with Santa'

by Niki Luymes

Santa visited the Edson Leisure Centre on December 17 to enjoy a few hours of skating fun with the community during the Town's 'Skate with Santa' event.

From 3pm to 6pm everyone could enjoy a free skate on the Centennial ice rink. There was no limit to how long families could enjoy the ice. All ages and skill levels were welcome, but this year helmets were required for everyone. Even Mrs. Claus came out to enjoy the ice.

Alongside skating, there was much more to enjoy. Outside the Leisure Centre members of the Ice Sculptors Association of Alberta from Edmonton were carving unique ice sculptures. Inside, members of Edson's Youth Council were handing out free stickers, candy canes, hot chocolate, and cookie

decorating kits. The kits could either be taken home or enjoyed onsite. After finishing the treats, kids could sit for free photos with Santa that were printed onsite for families to take home.

The annual event has been going on for about five years. "The goal is to bring the community together," said Sarah McDonald Community Events Supervisor with the Town of Edson. "It been super busy which is great. Santa's been a busy guy, taking pictures and skating around." Families and people of all ages came out to enjoy the fun while taking time to visit with others.

This event is planned and put together by the Town of Edson in partnership with the Edson Youth Council and Leisure Centre staff. All of the festive activities were offered alongside the usual Leisure Centre events such as evening swimming, Edson Sabers hockey, and a full concession.



All ages and skill levels of people were welcome to enjoy a free skate at the annual 'Skate with Santa' event that took place on December 17 at the Edson Leisure Centre. photo Niki Luymes



Santa was kept busy with visits and photos at the 'Skate with Santa' event on December 17 at the Edson Leisure Centre. photo Niki Luymes

## AGM

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# TOWN OF EDSON

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### Arena Holiday Schedule December 27th-31st

\*Facility Closed December 24/25/26\*

DEC 27	DEC 28	DEC 29	DEC 30	DEC 31
<b>Shinny:</b> U7/U9 10:30am-11:30am U11/U13 11:45am-12:45pm U15/U18 1:00pm-2:00pm Adult 3:00pm-4:00pm <b>Public Skates:</b> Public Skate 11:00am-4:00pm Family Skate 4:30pm-6:30pm	<b>Shinny:</b> U7/U9 10:30am-11:30am U11/U13 11:45am-12:45pm U15/U18 1:00pm-2:00pm Adult 3:00pm-4:00pm <b>Public Skates:</b> Family Skate 4:30pm-6:30pm	<b>Shinny:</b> U7/U9 10:30am-11:30am U11/U13 11:45am-12:45pm U15/U18 1:00pm-2:00pm Adult 3:00pm-4:00pm <b>Public Skates:</b> Family Skate 4:30pm-6:30pm <i>*Helmets Are Mandatory*</i>	<b>Shinny:</b> U7/U9 10:30am-11:30am U11/U13 11:45am-12:45pm U15/U18 1:00pm-2:00pm Adult 2:30pm-3:30pm	<b>Shinny:</b> U7/U9 10:30am-11:30am U11/U13 11:45am-12:45pm U15/U18 1:00pm-2:00pm Adult 3:00pm-4:00pm <b>FREE</b> Public Skate 3:15pm-4:15pm <b>FREE</b> Family Skate 4:30pm-5:45pm

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### Arena Holiday Schedule January 1st Closed January 2nd-7th Below

*\*Helmets Are Mandatory\**

JAN 2	JAN 3	JAN 4	JAN 7
<b>Shinny:</b> U7/U9 9:30am-10:30am U11/U13 10:45am-11:45pm U15/U18 12:00pm-1:00pm Adult 1:15pm-2:15pm <b>Public Skates:</b> Public Skate 9:00am-3:00pm	<b>Shinny:</b> U7/U9 9:30am-10:30am U11/U13 10:45am-11:45pm U15/U18 12:00pm-1:00pm Adult 1:15pm-2:15pm <b>Public Skates:</b> Public Skate 9:00am-3:00pm	<b>Shinny:</b> U7/U9 9:30am-10:30am U11/U13 10:45am-11:45pm U15/U18 12:00pm-1:00pm Adult 1:15pm-2:15pm <b>Public Skates:</b> Public Skate 9:00am-3:00pm	<b>U11/U18 Tournament January 5-7th</b>  <b>No community programming</b>  <b>FREE</b> Public Skate 3:15pm-4:15pm  <b>FREE</b> Family Skate 4:30pm-5:45pm  Sponsored by <b>PEYTO</b>

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### 2024 Waste Collection Pickup Schedule

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

January	February	March
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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Note - The December 25th organics pickup will be done on December 26th.

### Edson Property Tax Deadline Reminder

**NOTICE**

To avoid penalties, outstanding payments must be received by **December 31, 2023** or be postmarked by **December 31, 2023**. A late penalty of 6% will be apply to any property tax balance still outstanding on **January 1, 2024**.

Visit: [www.edson.ca/pay](http://www.edson.ca/pay) for online payment options.

For more information on the tax process, visit [www.edson.ca/taxes](http://www.edson.ca/taxes)

### Edson Waste Collection Routes/Schedule

- Organics - Monday
- Household Waste A - Friday
- Organics - Tuesday
- Household Waste A - Friday
- Organics - Wednesday
- Household Waste B - Friday
- Organics - Thursday
- Household Waste B - Friday

Organics pickup is every week during the summer months and every 2 weeks during the winter, based on the routes above. Household waste collection is every 2 weeks. See the schedule for your pickup dates. For more information, please call Public Works at 780-723-6461 or go to [www.edson.ca/curbside](http://www.edson.ca/curbside).



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## Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar

Alberta Transportation

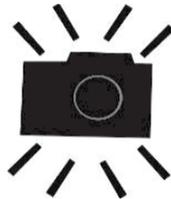


**January:** Winter driving, Alcohol and drug impairment, Fatigue  
**February:** Winter driving, Fatigue  
**March:** Aggressive drivers, Fatigue  
**April:** Aggressive drivers, Motorcycles

The Town of Edson aligns its Traffic Safety Priorities with the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, with an aim to reduce road traffic fatalities. Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for Information and Enforcement activities. January's focus is Intersection Safety, Winter driving, Alcohol and drug impairment, and Fatigue. For more details on the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx>



## PHOTO ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS FOR JANUARY 2024



For more information on photo enforcement, including a list of frequently asked questions and stats, visit [www.edson.ca/photo-enforcement](http://www.edson.ca/photo-enforcement).

Jan 1st -	12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
Jan 2nd -	46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
Jan 3rd -	2 AVENUE NEAR 58 STREET
Jan 4th -	4 AVENUE NEAR 54 STREET
Jan 5th -	48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL
Jan 6th -	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
Jan 7th -	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
Jan 8th -	12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
Jan 9th -	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
Jan 10th -	2 AVENUE NEAR 53 STREET
Jan 11th -	46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
Jan 12th -	2 AVENUE NEAR 58 STREET
Jan 13th -	49 STREET NEAR 12 AVENUE
Jan 14th -	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
Jan 15th -	56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
Jan 16th -	46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
Jan 17th -	12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
Jan 18th -	13 AVENUE NEAR POPLAR PLACE
Jan 19th -	HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
Jan 20th -	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
Jan 21st -	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
Jan 22nd -	4 AVENUE NEAR 43 STREET
Jan 23rd -	56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
Jan 24th -	2 AVENUE AT 58 STREET
Jan 25th -	49 STREET NEAR 12 AVENUE
Jan 26th -	46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
Jan 27th -	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
Jan 28th -	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
Jan 29th -	48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL
Jan 30th -	2 AVENUE NEAR 48 STREET
Jan 31st -	2 AVENUE NEAR 58 STREET

- Additional locations may be photo enforced on the above dates.  
- Photo enforcement may not operate on all dates above.



## Holiday Pool Schedule

Closed December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday December 23	Wednesday December 27	Thursday December 28	Friday December 29	Sat. & Sun. December 30 & 31
Lane & Lagoon Swim 9:30 – 11:15am		Aqua Fit 10:45 – 11:45am		Lane & Lagoon Swim 9:30 – 11:15am
Private Rental 11:30 – 12:30pm		Lane & Lagoon Swim 12:00 – 1:00pm		Private Rental 11:30 – 12:30pm
Public Swim 12:30 – 2:30pm 3:15 – 5:15pm		Public Swim 1:15 – 3:15pm 4:30 – 6:15pm		Public Swim 12:30 – 2:30pm 3:15 – 5:15pm
Lane & Lagoon Swim Membership Required 5:30 – 6:30pm		Lane & Lagoon Swim Membership Required 6:30 – 7:30pm		Lane & Lagoon Swim Membership Required 5:30 – 6:30pm

Tuesday January 2	Wednesday January 3	Thursday January 4	Friday January 5	Sat. & Sun January 6 & 7
	Lane Swim Membership Required 6 – 8:30am Public Swim 9 – 10:30am		Lane Swim Membership Required 6 – 8:30am Public Swim 9 – 10:30am	Lane & Lagoon Swim 9:30 – 11:15am Swim Club 1 lane 9:45 – 11:15am
		Aqua Fit 10:45 – 11:45am Lane & Lagoon Swim 12:00 – 1:00pm Public Swim 1:15 – 3:15pm Private Lessons 3:15 – 4:30pm Public Swim 4:45 – 6:30pm		Private Rental 11:30 – 12:30pm
				Public Swim 12:30 – 2:30pm 3:15 – 5:15pm
Lane & Lagoon Swim 6:45 – 7:45pm	Aqua Fit 6:45 – 7:45pm	Lane & Lagoon Swim 6:45 – 7:45pm	Aqua Fit 6:45 – 7:45pm	Lane & Lagoon Swim Membership Required 5:30 – 6:30pm

\*The sauna is open during Lane & Public Swim times\*

Sponsored swims: December 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup>. Check our website or Facebook page for details.

Pool Schedule is subject to change. For the most up to date information check our Facebook page "Edson & District Leisure Centre", website [www.edson/lc.ca](http://www.edson/lc.ca) or call 780-723-7665



## Holiday Pool Schedule

We accept cash & Debit only	Single Admission	10 Admission Membership	20 Admission Membership	3 month Membership	6 month Membership	1 year Membership
<b>Infants (Under 2)</b>	Free					
<b>Preschool (2 - 7)</b>	\$1.50	\$13.50	\$27.00	\$22.50	\$42.00	\$67.50
<b>Child (8-10)</b>	\$2.75	\$24.75	\$49.75	\$37.00	\$74.00	\$133.00
<b>Student (11-17)</b>	\$4.25	\$38.25	\$72.25	\$63.75	\$119.00	\$191.25
<b>Adult (18-59)</b>	\$6.00	\$54.00	\$108.00	\$99.00	\$198.00	\$357.00
<b>Senior (60+)</b>	\$4.25	\$38.25	\$72.25	\$63.75	\$119.00	\$191.25
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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 [www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications](http://www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications). Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or [engineeringandplanning@edson.ca](mailto:engineeringandplanning@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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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# Happy New Year...

There are years when you wish had a reset button where you could go back and relive all the great times again. Well, once again, 2023 wasn't one of them.



**From the Publisher's Desk**

Dana McArthur  
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

As glasses are raised, it's important to recognize the special opportunities

the New Year brings. 2024 offers us a fresh start and renewed hope — and hopefully a lot better weather!

Whether your New Year's resolution consists of finding new ways to exercise, putting your hand in the cookie jar less often, or giving your heartfelt best in your relationships with loved ones —it's about doing the little things with great love that defines the year we will have.

As this year draws to a close, let's all look forward to a 2024 filled with the promise of a brighter and better tomorrow. "Learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow."

Happy New Year from the staff and management at The Weekly Anchor.

The consensus from most of us is that we can't wait to put 2023 in our rear view mirrors. With the wildfires, evacuations, floods, and resulting personal tragedies, it was a year dominated by hardships that we hope never to see again.

As we look forward to ringing in the New Year we should, however, take time to reflect on the amazing resilience of the people and businesses in our region. Edson and Yellowhead County residents pulled together as a community, like they have done countless times before, and made the best of a terrible fire and flood season.



"MY MOM AND DAD WANTED ME TO ASK YOU TO BRING US A BETTER 2024."

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**Merry Christmas and a HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE WEEKLY ANCHOR**

**Please note, there will be no issue for Jan 1, 2024 due to our staff holiday break. We'll be back to our weekly schedule with our January 8 issue.**

**Office will be closed Dec 23 reopening Jan 2. \*We will be checking emails and messages email: anchorwk@telusplanet.net 780-723-5787**

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**Edson RCMP Occurrences**  
For the week of: Dec 11-17, 2023

Assistance calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 11 calls. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 0 ; Alarms/False Alarms 1; Animal Calls 0 ; Assault 4; Cause Disturbance 2; Fail to Comply with Conditions 1; False/Abandoned 911 Call 4; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 1, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 3; Lost or found property; 5, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 4; Information File 3; Mental Health Act 2; Municipal Bylaws 0; Mischief 6; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 1; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 0; Suspicious persons 7; Theft 5 ; Traffic violations 8; Traffic Complaints 8 ; Trespassing 8; Unlawfully in Dwelling 2; and Wellbeing Checks 6.

**KID'S CORNER**

Meet 8 year old Nora, a student at Westhaven Elementary School.

**What is your favourite story?** The Bad Guys.

**What is your Funniest school memory?** Running through the field and falling.

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Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

# WORLD SNOW DAY! 2024

Join us at Bear Lake Park for an afternoon of winter outdoor fun!  
Setzers Sleigh Rides! Campfires!  
Cross-country skis and snowshoes!

**January 21** FREE DROP-IN STYLE EVENT!  
1 PM - 3 PM

## Yellowhead County FAMILY TIME

Join us on Wednesdays for some indoor fun!  
Program runs from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

This is a free program for caregivers with children ages 0-5.

There will be new activities and unstructured free play each week.

**MARLBORO COMMUNITY HALL**  
JANUARY 10 & 24  
FEBRUARY 7  
MARCH 13

**PEERS MULTIPLEX**  
JANUARY 17 & 31  
FEBRUARY 14  
MARCH 20

Light snacks and refreshments provided.  
Registration is required.  
Please register by visiting [www.yhcounty.ca/registration](http://www.yhcounty.ca/registration)

## YOGA in MARLBORO SUNDAYS

January 7 - 28  
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Come join Renae for a rejuvenating practice where we will work with the mind - body connection while practicing balance, strength, stretching, and breath connection.

Class will end with a short guided meditation to calm and balance the nervous system, then you will finish with a quiet savasana.

Meet yourself where you are at: Chairs and blocks will be available for support tools if needed.

Join us at the Marlboro Community Hall for some yoga!  
Bring a blanket, pillow and water.  
All levels welcome!

Cost is \$40 for the session (4 classes) or \$12/class drop in.

Register online at [yhcounty.ca/registration](http://yhcounty.ca/registration)

## Canadian Firearms Safety Course

(non-restricted)

AGES 12+  
TIME: 9 AM - 6 PM

February 10:  
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February 11:  
PEERS MULTIPLEX

INSTRUCTOR:  
Dan Johnston

**COST: \$140.00 per class**

Register at [yhcounty.ca/registration](http://yhcounty.ca/registration)

Please Bring:  
- Two Pieces of ID  
- Address Verification  
- Lunch / Snacks

## Wildfire Risk in Yellowhead County

Our area is experiencing a long-term forecast of warm, dry, and windy conditions with no significant precipitation. Exposed dry or dead grass and vegetation pose a serious risk.

**A wildfire can ignite easily and spread quickly under these conditions.**

The lack of precipitation this season and warm temperatures have kept the snow cover at a minimum, which makes dry grass and other fuels easier to ignite and continue to burn.

**Residents and industry are responsible for any burns.**

Fire permits are not required outside of wildfire season, however, **residents and industry are responsible for all fires they ignite and will be held liable for any costs for that may come from an out-of-control burn.**

Everyone needs to practice safe burning practices by following Alberta Wildfire's guidelines. These guidelines include the following:

- Carefully select your burn site and do not burn until you have good snow cover in the area.
- Check weather conditions and refrain from burning when an inversion is in place or is forecasted.
- Actively manage burn projects to reduce total burning time.
- Burn debris in stages so that you can adapt to changing weather conditions and reduce smoke.
- Ensure you have the right tools, water, and equipment on hand to keep the burn under control.
- Consult your local municipality on how to safely undertake larger winter burning projects near communities or roads.
- Municipalities, parks, and protected areas may have additional fire safety requirements.

To learn more and see the current fire levels for all areas in Yellowhead County and other areas of the province, visit [albertafirebans.ca](http://albertafirebans.ca)

**Thank you for your care and cooperation in keeping Yellowhead County safe.**



Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

## 2024 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

### Dates of Employment:

Approximately May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 to August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Pool Manager - Competition No. 24-001** - Responsible for the maintenance and operation of Green Grove Pool and the supervision of seasonal pool staff. Also responsible for duties including but not limited to providing lesson instruction, lifeguarding, pool and facility maintenance and other administrative tasks as required.

**Pool Coordinator - Competition No. 24-002** - Responsible for assisting in the operation and maintenance of the Green Grove Pool, acting as the supervisor on duty, providing swimming instruction, lifeguarding, and other administrative duties. Also oversees the operations and safety aspects of the pool, assists with pool activities and dedicated events, and ensures safety requirements are met through inspection of practices and equipment.

**Senior Lifeguard - Competition No. 24-003** - Acts as the supervisor on duty when scheduled with a Junior Guard, providing swimming instruction, lifeguarding, completing pool maintenance and performing other administrative duties as required.

**Junior Lifeguard - Competition No. 24-004** - Responsible for providing swimming instruction and completing lifeguarding duties, pool maintenance and administrative duties as required.

**Parks Labourer - Competition No. 24-005** - Responsible for assisting in the maintenance of Yellowhead County owned and operated parks spaces, properties, and campgrounds.

**Agricultural Labourer - Competition No. 24-006** - Responsible for assisting in the application of pesticides on private and public lands in accordance with legislation and County policies.

**Weed Inspector - Competition No. 24-007** - Responsible for performing weed and pest inspections on private and public lands in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act and County policies.

**Senior Weed Inspector - Competition No. 24-008** - Responsible for performing weed and pest inspections on private and public lands in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act and County policies.

**Vegetation Management Technician - Competition No. 24-009** - Responsible for the application of pesticide on private and public lands in accordance with the Legislation and County policies.

**Horticultural Technician - Competition No. 24-010** - Responsible for coordinating, implementing, and supporting further development of Yellowhead County's horticultural management program. Other responsibilities may include but are not limited to performing weed and pest inspections on private and public lands in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act and County policies.

**Youth Services Assistant - Competition No. 24-011** - Responsible for assisting in the planning and delivery of Family and Community Support Services programming to children of Yellowhead County.

To apply and find detailed job descriptions for these positions, please visit our website: [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

These competitions will remain open until **4:30 PM on Friday, February 9, 2024**. We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Human Resources  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### HR Generalist (Term Position)

LOCATION: Edson, AB  
COMPETITION NO. 23-050

Reporting to the General Manager of Corporate Services, the HR Generalist is involved in several aspects relating to hiring, training and general HR function support. Their duties include but are not limited to overseeing the onboarding process of new employees, providing support within the HR team, and assisting employees with training, career and performance development.

The salary range is currently \$61,656- \$76,454 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefits plan.

To apply, please submit resumes and cover letters on our web page at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until **December 29, 2023 at 4:30 PM**.

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

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Home Support Worker - Casual

LOCATION: Yellowhead County - west of Edson  
COMPETITION NO. 23-052

Reporting to the FCSS Outreach Coordinator, the Home Support Worker is a casual position responsible for providing a range of homemaking tasks and practical services that support clients to live in their own home with as much independence as possible.

The hourly rate for this position is \$19.65 - \$21.40. The hours of work are casual and will vary.

To apply, please submit resumes and cover letters on our web page at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until filled.

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Yellowhead County  
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**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

### BIRD CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

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



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Mix & match the types you'd like!

**Limited kits available.**

- Step One:** Decide what type of nesting box you'd like to build.
- Step Two:** Register at [www.yhcounty.ca/registration](http://www.yhcounty.ca/registration). Registration opens on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration Deadline: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Step Three:** Pick up your Nesting Box Kit starting the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 in a webinar on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM - 6:30 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](http://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)

# Yellowhead County

Apply for disaster recovery financial assistance if your home or business experienced flooding damage from June 16-22, 2023.

If you live in Yellowhead County, and your home, business or property was damaged by flooding from June 16-22, 2023, you may be eligible to receive Disaster Recovery financial assistance from the Government of Alberta. The Disaster Recovery Program provides funding for uninsurable property damage, loss and other expenses incurred as the result of a natural disaster.

Go to [www.alberta.ca/DRP](http://www.alberta.ca/DRP) to download and submit your application form, and to find the most up-to-date program eligibility and guidelines.

**Deadline to apply is February 26, 2024.**

**Note:** Hail, sewer backup and insurance deductibles do not qualify under the program as insurance coverage is considered readily and reasonably available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
 Call 1-888-671-1111 or  
 email [drp@alberta.ca](mailto:drp@alberta.ca) or [www.alberta.ca/DRP](http://www.alberta.ca/DRP)



**Note:** This program is a Government of Alberta program. This ad is for information purposes only. Please use the contact above for more info.



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D23-155	Plan 9525039 Blk 1, Lot 2 NW-30-50-25-W5 Maskuta Estates	Secondary Suite-Internal (Basement)	Dec 13/23	Permitted Use
D23-154	Plan 9925331 Blk 1, Lot 2 SE-28-53-17-W5 Edson Area	Single Detached Dwelling (Additional) with Attached Garage	Dec 13/23	Permitted Use
D23-158	Plan 1020479 Blk 2, Lot 7 NE-6-53-17-W5 Tollerton Estates	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage and Covered Porches	Dec 13/23	Permitted Use
D23-157	Plan 0620386 Blk 4, Lot 21 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick Resort	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage & Covered Entry & Wrap Around Deck	Dec 14/23	Permitted Use
D23-153	Plan 7622234 Blk 4, Lot 7 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick Resort	Existing Single Detached Dwelling with Existing Accessory Building (Shed)	Dec 14/23	Permitted Use
D23-150	Plan 7622234 Blk 2, Lot 5 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick Resort	Single Detached Dwelling with Accessory Building (Shed)	Dec 14/23	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca). The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board 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 \$300.00 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.

### TAX PENALTY REMINDER

Yellowhead County would like to remind landowners that any taxes outstanding after December 31, 2023 will be subject to a 6% penalty.

Payment Options:

- Secure drop box is available 24 hours at the Edson office only.
- Chartered Bank or Credit Union
- Telephone Banking
- Internet banking (Your Tax Roll Number is your Account number)
- Courier or Canada Post (postmarked on/or before December 31, 2023)

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 27, as the office will be closed.



Corporate Services

# Book Tasting Restaurant at MBE



Grade five students at Mary Bergeron School recently had the opportunity to indulge themselves at a book tasting restaurant. submitted by Deanna Mitchener

by Deanna Mitchener

Most people have had the opportunity to go out to a restaurant and enjoy an elegant dining experience, or maybe some takeout or a pizza. But have you ever tried a Book Tasting Restaurant?

Recently the Mary Bergeron School had just that for their grade five students.

The grade five classrooms were magically transformed into book tasting restaurants. The menus featured a variety of titles from the classroom collections for the

students to sample, along with some yummy treats.

This idea of a book tasting allowed students to be exposed to many different book genres, authors, and writing styles in a short period of time.

Students quickly explored each book and recorded their impressions before moving on to another book. The book tasting experience was a fun, easy way to get students excited to read (without any added calories) and an experience that can stick to them for life.

## Feature: Travel-Log

# Softball Sunday in San Felipe Baja, Mexico



The first annual San Felipe Softball Series by the Sea.

This travelling reporter attended her first softball game in San Felipe Baja, Mexico. It was amazing to see everyone out for a fun time and the new friendships being made.

But what really amazed me was how everyone came together to help get this softball tournament started, it was their first one, but it won't be their last one.

All proceeds raised were going towards the youth for uniforms and upkeep of the ball diamond. They made it so welcoming for everyone who attended. Next to the Mexican flag a small nine year old boy recited their National Anthem.

A few more teams played, then someone from the USA recited their National Anthem. By chance I was chatting with the lady who organized the event. She asked if I



## Views & News

by Deanna Mitchener

was from Canada and if I would mind going out in the middle of the ball

diamond to recite Canada's National Anthem. I was shy and nervous, but she managed to talk me into it. Well I must say, it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. In fact I really felt proud to have been able to represent Canada while down in Mexico. Everyone cheered me on and clapped, it was a good feeling.

They had a team go up against Rotary International and it was great seeing the Lions Club volunteering their time along with other local charities —just like we do back home in Edson. It was their first annual Series by the Sea, and for them to include Canada felt pretty sweet.

## ~ Obituary ~

# Ann Steffes

February 20, 1937 to December 14, 2023



Ann was born in Idaho Falls in 1937. Her father was a beekeeper, but passed away before Ann was in her teenage years. Her mother was strongly independent, and made her living as a professional photographer, raising Ann and her sister Sabina on her own. Ann completed her high school in Idaho Falls, and moved to Missoula, where she studied journalism at the University of Missoula. In the first part of 1962, she met Paul Steffes. They were married in the fall of that year, and settled in Plains, Montana, where Paul was working for the US Forest Service.

Their son Nick was born in 1966 in Missoula, Montana, and not too long after, Paul moved the family to Grande Prairie to work for the Alberta Forest Service. After a few years, they moved to Edson, into the house they have been in for the last 54 years. Patrick was born in 1969 at, what was at the time, the new Edson Hospital.

Ann worked for Alberta Recreation and Parks in Edson for many years at the original Provincial Building on Main Street, and later at the new complex on Second Avenue. She served as a union steward with the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees during this time. She was downsized during the Klein-years, turning her energy towards an incredible range of volunteer activities in Edson.

Books were a big part of Ann's world. She was involved with the design and planning of the new Edson Library in 1979-1980 and served on the board for many years. Regular library visits (and to Bill's Book Exchange in Edson) were frequent family outings. Ann's literature interests stretched far and wide, from the great classics to science fiction, and thrillers to obscure world history. There was no topic that remained unread, and the most wonderfully diverse and obscure titles fill every square inch of the house.

Ann loved music, and she had an enormous record collection that is as comprehensive as her collection of books. Whether it was Elvis, Pavarotti, Trooper or Pete Seeger, she enjoyed it all. As the digital world started to erode her ability to play a record, she discovered the "internets." This gave her a newfound delight to listen to and watch the great opera classics being performed.

There were few that could challenge Ann in her knowledge of all things. A game of Trivial Pursuit needed to have special rules for her, or the game was over too fast for everyone else. She enjoyed the annual Seniors Transportation Society trivia night, and she and her teammates were always at the top of the leader board.

From her early days, Ann was a prolific volunteer in the community. She volunteered with the library, the refurbishment of the Red Brick School, the Edson Cultural Heritage Organization, the Edson 100-year reunion, the Parkland Lodge Auxiliary, Family and Community Support Services and probably many more we will never know about. Her love of writing has always remained, and writing stories of the incredible lives of people in the Edson community has been consistent through all of her volunteer projects.

Ann always had a warm smile for those around her and an incredibly clever sense of wit. She dealt with her burdens and challenges with an unbelievable positive attitude: "Everyone has maladies, some are just better at hiding them than others." Ann leaves behind Paul, her husband of 62 years, her two sons Nick and Pat (Joanne), and three grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 4803 6th Avenue, Edson on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Edson Parkland Lodge Auxiliary Society, sponsoring an hour of music at CKUA, or sending any of your scrap copper over to Paul.

- "So long, and thanks for all of the fish." -Douglas Adams

## FOOTHILLS MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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# 2024! Happy New Year!

As we welcome the new year, let us take a moment to reflect on the challenges we faced in the past year. The wildfires and floods that ravaged our communities have left us with scars that will take time to heal. Let us make this new year a year of healing, growth, and renewal.  
Happy New Year to you all. May it be filled with hope, love, and peace. -DM



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# Happy New Year! 2024!

Best wishes to you and yours...



**2024** HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Town of Edson Council and Administration



Have a Safe and Happy



**New Year!**

From the Council and Staff at Yellowhead County



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**2024!**

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*Happy New Year*



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December 21, 2023



### Ho Ho Ho! Division Elves Checking Their Lists - Twice!



2023 Division Toy Drive



Board Priority 3: Community Engagement

[gypsd.ca](http://gypsd.ca) [communications@gypsd.ca](mailto:communications@gypsd.ca)

### GNS: Good News Story

The Division's Christmas Elves were once again busy filling bags of toy donations after checking their lists -twice!

Each year, central office staff personally donate toys for children in need so that everyone has a little something to enjoy during the holiday season.

Nikki Gilks, Manager of Special Projects, has coordinated the Division office annual toy drive for the last 15 years, collecting and distributing over 2,000 toys for students in GYPSD schools from K to Grade 9. Katie Brook, Executive Assistant to the Office of the Superintendent, is also a proud elf helping to sort toys over the last few years.

"When I first started, we collected toys for an average of 50 children; but over the last few years, we have been collecting for up to 200 children," Gilks noted. "I am so blessed to work with the great people at GYPSD's central office who generously give when I make the call for toy donations. I regularly get toys dropped off on my desk throughout the year in anticipation of the annual drive and have retired staff who still participate - it is truly wonderful!"

One Vision One Team One Goal

# Bethel Pentecostal Church vandalized by rocks

by Deanna Mitchener

The Bethel Pentecostal Church in Edson was the target of a recent vandalism incident.

Pastor John stated, "Over the past 30 years I've been at Bethel Pentecostal Church we've often had people burn donuts [tires] in our parking lot. We even had a sign made stating 'Thank you for not burning donuts on the streets'. I've even managed to catch a few of them and give them the same message."

"Last Friday or Saturday, however, someone made some very aggressive donuts in our parking lot and shattered both our entry doors, broke 10 windows, and put about 15 holes in our siding. I am thankful that this was off the public streets, but I ask drivers to not only be safe, but also consider the expense for damage to nearby property," said Pastor John.

Anyone knowing of vandalism in the communities, please speak up or let the authorities know. Thanks for helping to keep our community safe.



Bethel Pentecostal Church in Edson was the target of a recent vandalism incident as rocks from a vehicle's tires pelted the church's doors, siding, and windows causing extensive damage. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

## Carrot Creek Hall hosts annual Christmas Market



Local vendors Deddie Nodeland and Gayle Caldwell, were helping man the market at the annual The Carrot Creek Christmas Market, at the Carrot Creek Hall. The market ran from December 5th to 9th, hosted a variety of items brought in by local sellers. photo Niki Luymes

by Deanna Mitchener

Carrot Creek Hall organized a market over the weekend which had 31 vendors on December 5 to 9th.

Leanne DeLeeuw said, "This was our second annual Christmas market. In the past we have held other events with vendors, but this is our second Christmas market."

"The best thing about the market is that it is not set up like a regular vendor market. The hall is set up more like a store. There is one check out, no vendors sitting at tables, and it just makes for a

relaxed shopping experience," said DeLeeuw.

"There are a few vendors who work to help at checkout, wrap up purchases, or help carry items to the front or to vehicles. Many people that came through commented on how much they love having one check-out and how it is a great atmosphere for the shoppers and the vendors," DeLeeuw added.

The event which ran from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, and 10a.m. to 8p.m. on Friday, was very well attended.



On December 12, Mrs. Marcotte accompanied by the MBE Choir Club visited the residents at the Parkland Lodge to help spread some holiday cheer. They were thrilled to perform some of the Christmas songs they have been practising recently. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener



Erika Wang, a Grade 11 student at Parkland High School recently received a gold medal. Erika competed at the Star Series #2 competition in St. Albert and was in the STAR 5 -13 and over category. She has been working very hard these past few months on top of coaching, as she just received certification this summer to become a CanSkate coach. Congratulations Erika! photo submitted Deanna Mitchener

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Quebec (Bill C-33) Hypocrisy Could Affect West Yellowhead Jobs

Dear Editor:

Recently the Bloc Québécois put forth an amendment to Bill C-33, the innocuous-sounding "Strengthening the Port System and Railway Safety in Canada Act" that could strike another blow against Western Canada and our energy sector, including in Hinton [and hundreds of jobs in the Yellowhead County region]. The amendment would accelerate the phasing out of thermal coal mining, including allowing the Federal Minister of Transportation Authority to establish a new schedule to implement a ban on the loading of thermal coal onto ships in port. At risk are hundreds of local jobs at the coal plant near Hinton which has been shipping thermal coal since 2019, dock workers in Vancouver, and railroad jobs.

The Bloc approach runs contrary to the Federal Government's current direction to phase out thermal coal by 2030. By utilizing the Federal Marine Act, the Bloc's original plan could have the transfer of coal stopped as early as the summer of 2024 – a full six years earlier than previously planned. By accelerating even the current Federal Government's 2030 plans, it will leave too little time for local communities and governments to prepare for the impacts of these job losses.

The Bloc's position also seems odd considering that Quebec is one of the largest recipients of Federal equalization payments in Canada and that Alberta is one of the largest contributors. And one

wonders if these Quebec nationalists aren't being hypocritical in their approach to the environment.

A few years ago environmental reviews were bypassed, and their own Provincial Government handed out hundreds of millions of dollars, to allow the construction of a cement plant in Port-Daniels-Gascons that became the largest emitter of "greenhouse gases" in the entire province. And we hardly need to be reminded of the massive quantities of raw sewage that Montreal has been allowed to dump into the St. Lawrence Seaway.

It is true that in 2021 the Federal Minister of Environment announced that "The Government of Canada considers that any new thermal coal mining projects, or expansion of existing thermal coal mines in Canada, are likely to cause unacceptable environmental effects". The Minister also ruled at this time that the coal expansion project near Hinton should face a federal environmental review. So the Province of Alberta and Alberta Municipalities must continue to speak out against

external opposition to coal and fossil fuels until some key issues can be addressed: the steep and probably unnecessary costs of hasty implementation of such policies, and the need for practical implementation plans that are in sync with our international competitors.

Clearly the Federal Government and Bloc think the environment in Quebec isn't worth sacrificing any jobs for. But out West, well, no price is too high for us to pay to satisfy their patchy green credentials.

Stuart Taylor, Member of Hinton Town Council

*Editor's note: Thermal coal in this region has a very low sulphur content and is some of the cleanest burning thermal coal in the world. With a continued demand for coal worldwide, cleaner burning coal alternatives are critical to helping reduce global emissions.*

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