

December 16 was the grand opening for the Walk-in Clinic at Edson Shoppers Drug Mart. (Left to right) Qadir Mawji Director Clinic Business Development Shoppers Drug Mart; MLA Martin Long; Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara; Callen Kenyon Edson Shoppers Drug Mart Clinical Pharmacist and Associate owner of the Edson Location; Samantha Davidson Clinical Pharmacist; Todd Small VP Operations at Shoppers Drug Mart; and Nitu Singh Senior Director Pharmacy Operations at Shoppers Drug Mart. photo Niki Luymes

Party...



Kinettes Christmas Hampers help over 311 local families

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preparations for this year's Christmas Hampers. Leis was the provincial winner of this year's Community Futures' Lemonade Day and runs her own small business at local Farmers' Markets.

During the Christmas season, Leis likes to give back to her community by donating the needed items, along with her time, to the Edson Kinettes. "I do lots of fundraisers with my small business,"

said Leis. "So this year I donated a bunch of toys to the Kinettes. I got over 150 toys I raised for them and then my family members have matched that in food donations." Leis began giving to the Kinettes Hampers in 2021 and decided to do so again this year.

The Christmas Hamper Program is the end-goal for most of the Kinettes' fundraisers and events. "We fundraise for it all year and this is our main event. This is what we shoot for all year," said Kinette member Danielle Cole. The Kinettes thank all the businesses, individuals, and volunteers whose donations and time make this program possible.

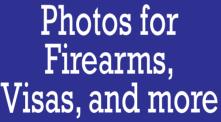


Young entrepreneur Kaylee Leis helped out with the Kinette Christmas Hampers this year. She donated both her time and over 150 toys to the cause. Leis is pictured here with the full hampers along with Kinette members Kristine Schalm, Danielle Cole, and Rhonda Dick. photo Niki Luymes

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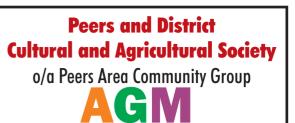




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There were lots of great tables with a variety of products available at the Merry and Bright Market recently. People could come out to 5118 4th Ave, between 10am and 4pm to purchase a selection of unique local items. Photo Niki Luymes



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County hosts Wildwood Community Christmas Party



There were lots of games, activities, and crafts to enjoy at Yellowhead County's Wildwood Community Christmas Party on December 19. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

This year Yellowhead County has brought many festive and enjoyable events to communities throughout the region. On December 19, they hosted a Community Christmas Party at the Wildwood Community Hall.

The event was hosted by Yellowhead County FCSS (Family & Community Support Services) and Yellowhead County Parks and Recreation. From noon to 2pm, people could come and enjoy the many free activities, which included crafts, games, and snacks.

The event was geared towards ages 0-5 and although there wasn't a large turnout, likely due to the cold weather, there were certainly enough people to have a good time.

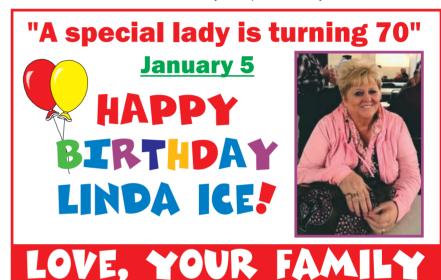
The small kids could enjoy the play area and activities while parents Yellowhead County. "Just building community connections and having fun."

The County has many events planned for the

coming year including, hopefully, a Valentine's Day dance in Evansburg and multiple skating parties at the local outdoor rinks across the county.



Gisele Simard, and Geneva and Lacie Gylander were some of the families that enjoyed the fun at Yellowhead County's free Wildwood Community Christmas Party on December 19 at the Wildwood Community Hall. photo Niki Luymes



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got a chance to socialize and meet new people. Some of the crafts available were sock snowmen, homemade wooden ornaments, ice cream cone tree decorating, and a play area for those who just wanted to have fun. All of this also included free food, hot drinks, and delightful Christmas music that filled the air with cheer.

"The goal of the event is to bring the community together," said Nicole Tarves, Parks & R e c P r o g r a m Coordinator with



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



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As this year draws to a close, let's all look forward to a 2023 filled with the promise of a brighter and better tomorrow.

As Albert Einstein said so beautifully, "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."

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





Edson RCMP Occurrences For the week of Dec 5 to Dec II, 2022

Traffic collisions were at the top of the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 9. Other investigations included: False Alarms 0; Animal Calls 4; Assault 1; Fail to comply with conditions 1; False/Abandoned 911 Calls 1; Family Relations 1; Fire Prevention Act 1; Fraud 1; Harassment 1; Information File 8; Lost/Found Property 0; Mental Health Act 1; Mischief 5; Traffic Violations 8; Suspicious Person 7; Traffic Complaints 9; Wellbeing Check 3; Recovered property 1, and Theft complaints 8.

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There will be no issue for Jan 2, 2023 due to our staff holiday break. We'll be back to our weekly schedule with our January 9 issue. Office will be closed Dec 23 reopening Jan 2 *We will be checking emails and me email: anchorwk@telusplanet.net 780-72

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Walk-in Clinic opens at Shoppers Drug Mart

by Niki Luymes

On Friday, December 16 the Town of Edson became home to one of the first ever Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmacist lead Walk-in Clinics. The clinic is only the forth of its kind in the province. The first three locations opened in Lethbridge, Fort Saskatchewan, and Brooks over the course of the last year.

"I'm just incredibly excited about it," said Callen James Kenyon, local Shoppers Drug Mart Clinical Pharmacist and Associate owner of the Edson location. Kenyon has been living in Edson for the past 7 months and it very excited for this opportunity. "Obviously it's a huge initiative, it's one of the first of its kind nationwide. So I'm incredibly grateful to have the opportunity in Edson, a community that I think could really benefit from it."

The official ribbon cutting for the Edson location happened on December 16, with the clinic fully opening to the public on Saturday the 17th. The new clinic features two top of the line examination rooms, within close proximity to the pharmacy. Both Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara, MLA for West Yellowhead Martin Long, and Todd Small, VP Operations at Shoppers Drug Mart, as well as others from Shoppers Drug Mart & Loblaws corporate offices were present for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"I think it's fantastic," said Mayor Zahara. "It's really going to enhance the health services in our community. I think one of the great things too is that you don't need to be a Shoppers customer to come down here and utilize the services. It's open to the community as a whole."

"It's a great way for this clinic, and pharmacists, to get the word out about just how broad their scope of practice is," said MLA Long. The Province of Alberta is the only province that allows for Pharmacists to fully utilize their training in this way. A Clinical Pharmacist is able to help with minor injuries and/or illness, prescription refills, travel health, vaccinations, lab testing, and chronic pain management.

The hope is that clinics like this will alleviate some of the pressure put on the Alberta healthcare system, and specifically local medical clinics. "We know that access to the primary heath care services have been an issue across the country for sometime, and over the past few years as we dealt with COVID it has gotten worse and worse," said Todd Small, VP Operations at Shoppers Drug Mart. "We're ready to do our part and really help close the gap that's there in the public healthcare system."

The Shoppers walk-in clinic will be operating 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday, 10am to 6 pm. The walk-in clinic will not affect the day to day workings of the current pharmacy or the store itself, both of which will still be open their usual hours.





The Edson Shoppers Drug Mart team in front of the new Walk-in Clinic that opened on Friday, December 16. photo Niki Luymes

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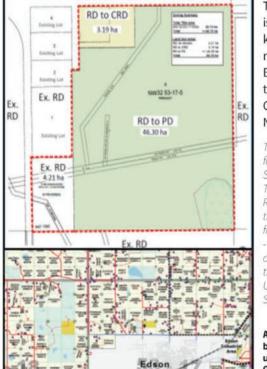
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Dadurday features Christmas decoration c

by Niki Luymes

Kids and their father figures could come out for a great time of crafts and community at the Town of Edson's monthly Dadurday event on December 10.

The event ran from 11am to 1pm at the Leisure Centre's hospitality room. This month's theme was Christmas Crafts, to fit with the holiday season.

There was no shortage of things for attendees to two different cookie shapes to decorate, two

create, as well as Christmas cards and colouring pages to enjoy. There were also free drinks and snacks on hand. Lots of dads took advantage of the free event, which led to lots of smiling faces.

The ultimate goal of the Dadurday events are to create a place where dads can spend quality time with their kids and helping create community. "It's a place for dads to interact and hangout with their kids and enjoy. In total there were making meaningful projects together," said Emma Fairbank, different ornaments to Community Event

Warding off illness amid flu and COVID-19 surges



Callen James Kenyon, Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmacist/Owner

Winter is just around the corner, and with the cold weather comes another tough flu season. According to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), Canada is entering an influenza epidemic as cases of the flu rise further beyond the seasonal threshold.

Pandemic health and safety measures and lack of exposure to flu over the last couple years have caused immunities to wane, meaning we're all at a greater risk of getting sick, especially our vulnerable community members. It's important that we take any precautions we can to prevent the spread of flu and COVID-19 in our community. As your Edson pharmacist, I've put together a few tips to ward off illness.

· Sleeves up!: Your annual flu shot is one of the best ways to protect from the flu this season. Flu shots help to boost immunity and can prevent worsening of symptoms and complications from the flu. In years where the flu shot has been well-matched, 70 - 90 per cent of flu cases have been averted through vaccination. Influenza immunity wanes from year to year, so even if you got the flu shot last year, it is important to get vaccinated again for continued protection. You can book your flu shot appointment at shoppersdrugmart.ca/flu or through the PC Health app, available to download for free at https://www.pchealth.ca/.

·Get boosted: Did you know you can get the flu shot and a COVID-19 vaccine or booster in the same sitting? As per current NACI guidelines, it is safe to get both vaccines during one appointment, making it easier than ever to protect yourself against both viruses. For best protection against COVID-19, it's important to stay up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, even if you've been previously infected with COVID-19. According to the Government of Canada, after nine months, you are no longer considered adequately vaccinated. For those 18 years and older, ask your pharmacist about the Bivalent booster dose, available at your local pharmacy via appointment or walk-in. · Keep your germs to yourself: Despite our best prevention efforts, sometimes we still get sick. If you find yourself with symptoms of the flu or COVID-19, it's important to take the necessary steps to protect those around you. Stay home and isolate while you are feeling under the weather to prevent the spread of illness. Protect our community – visit your local pharmacy to get your flu shot and your COVID-19 vaccine. Callen James Kenyon is a pharmacist and owner of your local Shoppers Drug Mart in Edson. Visit ShoppersDrugMart.ca to find your nearest store.

Coordinator with the Town of Edson, "It's also a chance for dads to interact with other dads

and maybe make some friends."

Since Dadurday is a monthly event there will

be many more coming in 2023. Each one is usually planned for the third Saturday of every

month. Details for future Dadurday events can be found on the Town of Edson website.



Anders and Danika Linde enjoy the free crafts available at this month's Dadurday Christmas Crafting event December 10th, in the Leisure Centre hospitality room, photo Niki Luymes

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Big crowd for Edson's Annual Skating With Santa Event

by Niki Luymes

St. Nick hit the ice on Sunday, December 18 to take part in the Town of Edson's Annual Skating With Santa Event.

From 3pm to 6pm families could come out to the Edson Leisure Centre to enjoy a variety of activities. The whole event was offered for free by the Town of Edson and Edson FCSS (Family & Community Support Services).

The skating rink was open for the duration of the event. While Santa was the star of the show, the ice was also visited by the Grinch, Santa's Elves, Mrs. Claus, and Eddie the Squirrel. There were also many activities offered off the ice as well, although the majority of the crowds stayed closer to the rink.

Alongside the free skating there was free hot chocolate, craft kits, and cookie decorating. The latter of which was being handed out by members of the Edson Youth Council. There was also a free photo booth with onsite printing for families to enjoy. Finally, for those willing to brave the cold weather, there were two members of the Edmonton Ice Sculptors Association working just outside the doors.

Despite the cold the event saw incredible attendance. Throughout the event people were enjoying all that was offered. "We're getting a really great turnout. This is probably the best crowd that I've seen in years," said Diana Inscho, Community Development Coordinator with the Town of Edson.

Skating with Santa has been an annual event with the town for the last few years. It is made to bring some family fun while also encouraging holiday cheer. "I think we just want to make sure that we put smiles on lots of faces," said Inscho. "The kids get to see Santa Claus, so it's great, we'll keep doing it as an annual thing and something to help bring the magic of Christmas."



The skating rink at the Edson Leisure Centre was filled with festive fun during this year's Annual Skate with Santa event December 18. photo Niki Luymes



Youth Town Council Members Maya Dalueg and Braden Oishi were handing out free cookie decorating kits at this year's annual Skate with Santa event at the Edson Leisure Centre. photo Niki Luymes

Yellowhead County Council highlights for December 13

(YC) **2023 Interim Budget & Tax Rate** – Council adopted the 2023 Interim Budget that included a 2% increase in the municipal mill rate. The \$173.5 million budget will be effective January 1, 2023 and includes Yellowhead County's operating and capital costs; the provincial seniors and school requisitions; contributions to local governments; and contributions to reserves.

YCE Multiplex Committee Appointment – Council appointed Mayor Williams to sit on the Yellowhead County and Edson Multiplex Steering Committee for the term ending October 31, 2023. **Community Care Foundation** – Council for Yellowhead County denied a financial support request from the Community Care Foundation of Edson & District for the Ophthalmology Program as it did not fall within policy parameters. **YCE Multiplex Design** – Council approved plans to renovate the current recreation facility, combined with new construction that would facilitate ice arenas, a curling rink, walking track, gym space, and a new aquatic facility. The County and Town will apply for federal and provincial grants to assist in financing the new multiplex.

Road Plan Closure – A resolution was passed by Council for a road closure on part of road plan 2748EU to address an alignment issue from when the road plan was registered in 1943. Referrals were sent to external agencies or adjacent landowners and no objections were received.

Bylaw 16.22 – Bylaw 16.22 was passed by Council and allows a lot within SW 08-54-16-W5M to be rezoned from Rural District (RD) to Country Residential District (CRD) allowing the property to be subdivided to accommodate a single lot subdivision. A public hearing was held on November 22, 2022.

Utility Bylaw 22.22 – Council passed Bylaw 22.22 to increase utility rates for Yellowhead County relating to water, wastewater, and solid waste services beginning in 2023. The rates will increase by 3% for water and 5% for wastewater and solid waste services but will still be below the 50% cost-recovery rate paid by the County. Infrastructure Review – Council acknowledged Don O'Quinn on his nineteen years of service for his time as the Director of Infrastructure Services in Yellowhead County and his upcoming retirement.

The next regular Council Meeting is January 10, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

Orcas compete at Ponoka Cookie Classic

by Coach Chrystal Johnston

On December 10-11 the Orcas headed to Ponoka with 18 swimmers to compete at the Ponoka Cookie Classic swim meet. With half of the swimmers from the beginner group and half from our senior group, we did pretty amazing overall as a team and had a great time bonding as a team as well.

There were both best times achieved, and personal goals achieved for the swimmers. In the 9 and under boys and girls age group we had four swimmers: Logan Bryldt (9), Madison Longman (9), Kade Palkun (8) and Avery Winder (9). Logan placed first in his 100 IM and 100 Back, second in his 25 Breast and 50 Breast and third in his 100 Free. Kade placed first in his 25 Butterfly and 50 Breast, second in his 50 Back and third in his 25 Back and 50 Free. Avery placed second in her 25 Back. In the 10 and 11 age group we had four swimmers from the beginner group and two from our senior group: Fahryn Dominaczuk (10), Lane Johnson (11), Gemma McLeod (10), Daniel Polsky (10) and Rhett Chernuka (10) and Tahlia Palkun (11). Lane placed third in his 25 Breast. Daniel placed first in 25 Breast and

third in 25 Back. Gemma placed third in 25 Back. Rhett and Thalia both placed in the top three in all their events at this meet.

In the 12 and 13 age group we had one swimmer from our beginner group and three from our senior group: Logan Stiles (12) and Calleigh Martin (13), Kaleb Johnston (12) and Cole Armstrong (13). Logan placed first in his 25 Free, second in his 25 Breast and third in his 100 Back. Calleigh Martin placed first in all her events! Kaleb placed third in his 50 Butterfly and Cole placed in the top three in all his events except for one. In the 14 and 15 age group we had four swimmers from our senior group: Tyson Bryldt (14), Kayden Code (14), Hailee Johnston (15) and Ebony Rupert (14). Tyson placed in the top three in all his events and managed to also knock off more time in all but one of his events. Kayden excelled in her Back and Free events placing second in her 200 Free and 50 Back and third in her 100 Back. Hailee placed first in all her events, coming close to achieving her Provincial Championship time in her 50 Butterfly and 50 Free. Ebony also did great placing third in her 100 Breast and 50



Breast.

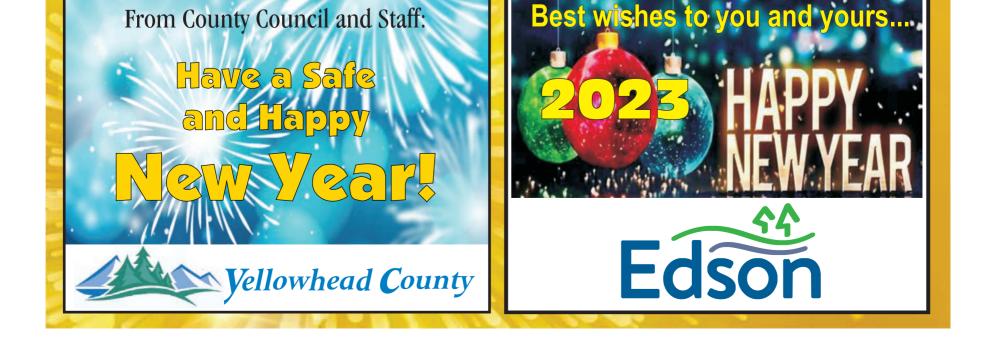
At this meet they also had an

Back row: (left to right) Tyson Bryldt, Rhett Chernuka, Kaleb Johnston, Calleigh Martin, Hailee Johnston, Ebony Rupert, Kayden Code, and Cole Armstrong. Front row: (left to right) Gemma McLeod, Lane Johnson, Madison Longman, Fahryn Dominaczuk, Avery Winder, Logan Stiles, Daniel Polsky, Kade Palkun, and Logan Bryldt (not pictured is Tahlia Palkun).

eliminator swim-off. They take the top 5 swimmers from the 50 Free events in each age group and have them swim off in an elimination round of swimming 25 Free. We had 8 swimmers qualify for this: Kade Palkun, Logan Bryldt, Tahlia Palkun, Rhett Chernuka, Calleigh Martin, Cole Armstrong, Tyson Bryldt and Hailee Johnston. We came away with three swimmers winning their rounds: Tahlia, Calleigh and Hailee. Overall, it was a fun meet and a great way to end the year right before the holidays! The next meets the Orcas will be competing at will be in January in Edmonton and Grande Prairie, where we hope to get more swimmers qualifying for Festivals and Provincials. Go Orcas! PAGE 12 MONDAY DECEMBER 26, 2022

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Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act passes

I would like to update you on some of our recent major accomplishments from the Legislature.

We introduced the Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, which received royal assent on December

15. The Act proposes to abolish adverse possession, otherwise known as "squatter's rights," in Alberta. This past summer, the MLA Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights, which was chaired by Highwood MLA R.J. Sigurdson, travelled the province, and consulted extensively with Albertans on property rights issues. The decision to abolish adverse possession stems from a recommendation in the Committee's final report.

We then introduced legislation to help finalize our government's new deal with Alberta doctors. The Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, which received Royal Assent on December 15, removes a section of the Health Care Insurance Act that allows the government to terminate compensation-related agreements. Alberta doctors say this legislation gives them confidence they need to focus on growing their businesses and delivering the worldclass care Albertans deserve. It also allows our government to focus on doctor recruitment and retention in communities across the province.

We also passed the Alberta Sovereignty within a United Canada Act. This legislation will affirm our jurisdictional and constitutional rights as a province and strengthen the bonds of Confederation by upholding our nation's history most foundational documents-the Constitution and the Charter.

Probably the highlight recently, however, was the introduction of the Inflation Relief Statutes Amendment Act, which received Royal Assent on December 15. It will make life more affordable for all Albertans. Our government knows that affordability is the primary challenge facing Albertans today, and that Albertans are counting on us to take decisive action to address the affordability crisis. The Inflation Relief Statutes Amendment Act provides important legislative changes necessary to deliver timely, effective support to help Albertans heat their homes, put food on their tables, and fuel their vehicles.

Our multi-billion-dollar inflation-relief package for Albertans is significant and includes expanding the electricity rebate to a total of up to \$500; reindexing benefits like AISH, PDD, and Income Support, as well as the Alberta Seniors Benefit and the Alberta Child and Family Benefit; and providing targeted payments for kids under 18, seniors 65 and over, and vulnerable Albertans with household incomes of \$180,000 or below.



Our United Conservative government can provide this timely and significant relief because our budget is balanced, and our fiscal house is back in order.

The Inflation Relief Statues Amendment Act will ensure that all Albertans either directly or indirectly benefit from the strength of our economy. Our government is committed to tackling this affordability crisis, fixing our healthcare system, maintaining Alberta's economic momentum, and making life better for all our citizens.

We will leave no one behind.

Supporting affordable housing projects

Alberta's government is investing \$55 million over three years so that Albertans have more access to affordable housing.

Alberta's government knows that each family and individual need for affordable housing is different, and the new Affordable Housing Partnership Program will help Albertans receive the type of housing they need. In 2021, Alberta's government introduced a 10year strategy to expand affordable housing called Stronger Foundations. This strategy puts Alberta on track to increase affordable housing units by 25,000. Launching the Affordable Housing Partnership Program is a key step to ensuring housing is accessible for Albertans across the province.

Growing Alberta's energy sector

Energy Minister Pete Guthrie issued a statement on Alberta's energy sector at the 2022 Energy Council conference.

This year, we've seen how geopolitical events and volatile energy markets can impact the lives of people throughout the world. It matters where the energy that powers our homes, our economies and our lives come from. In his statement, Guthrie said, "The world needs a solution for long-term energy security that is also responsible, reliable, and affordable. That solution is Alberta."

Growing 211's mental health and addiction support capacity

Alberta's government is investing more than \$15 million over three years to help connect Albertans to local addiction and mental health services.

As part of building a recovery-oriented system of care, Alberta's government is doubling 211 funding from \$7.5 million to more than \$15 million over three years to help people of all ages access critical addiction and mental health support services in their communities. 211 provides a single point of contact for information and seamless connections to health services and organizations that support a range of addiction and mental health challenges.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Peter Prylowski, who died on December 16, 2021.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by: February 16, 2023

with: Patrick Dolphin, Barrister and Solicitor, at: 833, 4445 Calgary Trail NW, Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5R7

If you do not file by the date set out above, the estate property may be lawfully distributed without regard to any claim you may have.



Town of Edson Council highlights for December 13

Reports from Administration: West Yellowhead Regional Waste **Management Authority**

Council approved the provision of \$471,102 to the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority for the Town's portion of the design and construction of MSW Cell #8 using a three-trench design. to be funded from the Revenue Sharing Reserve. Construction of an enhanced cell is a cost-effective way to ensure long-term sustainability of key infrastructure.

YCE Multiplex Centre Preferred Concept

Council went into closed session to discuss concept design options for the YCE Multi-Plex. The project architects, Dialog Architecture and Engineering, have developed two design concepts for Council to consider.

Council approved the Cost-

~ Obituary ~ Lorna Jane Butts (Whitney)

Lorna Jane Butts (Whitney) entered into rest on Thursday, December 15, 2022, in Mayerthorpe AB at the age of 84 years. She resided in Edson, AB.

She was born September 11, 1938, in



Strategic Plan Quarterly Report Council accepted the Strategic Plan Quarterly Report for information. This is the first quarterly report of the 2022-25 Strategic Plan and highlights current initiatives and the progress made as of December 2022. The Strategic Plan establishes Council's vision for this term of office (2021-25), based on five strategic pillars which are supported by goals, strategies, and performance measures. The Plan also includes five high-priority strategies for 2022-23.

Effective concept design option for the YCE Multi-Plex, for the purposes of the grant application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The design includes a new aquatics centre and one new ice surface, the conversion of Memorial Arena to a curling rink facility, upgrading the existing Centennial Arena, and allowing for the addition of a new gym space and walking track on the front of the existing structure.

Council also directed Administration to further investigate costing options for a second ice arena.

Next meeting: The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Macklin, Saskatchewan to Jesse & Emma Whitney.

As a child, she lived in the small hamlet of Evesham, Saskatchewan with her 4 brothers and 8 sisters.

She worked in Uranium City as a waitress when she met Donald. They were married September 1, 1962. They lived in Calgary, AB until 1964 when they moved to Edson to start a family.

Lorna is survived by her husband, Donald; two children Darren (Alison) and Shelley (Lee Ferriss), eight grandchildren and one sibling, Evelyn Kluck of Macklin, SK.

She enjoyed camping, fishing, travelling and spending time with family. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in 2023. She lived life to the fullest. She will be dearly missed.

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517-7558 Sunday: 10:00 am - Coffee and Donuts; 10:30 am - Morning

Pastors: Pastors John and Ingrid Huizing vfm@shaw.ca HOLY TRINITY

(An Anglican/Lutheran Faith Community) Rev. Johnny Pooten 780-723-4366 WORSHIP SCHEDULE (All services at 10 am Sunday mornings):

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<u>Community Events</u>

January 4: Family Winter Fun Days Three days and Locations. January 4 Skating party at Niton ice rink 1-3pm Bring your skates and helmet. Free events but please register your family in advance. Contact Nicole at 780-723-4800 or ntarves@yhcounty.ca

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2023.

Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.

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Surprise Lake Camp: Here and Now to There and Then

by Arthur White Owl

Surprise Lake Society Vision: To provide a fully viable facility where people can come and connect with nature, with others and with one's self.

This is an update on the camp to the end of this season, year 4 of our first 5 year plan. It's also a look into the future and the opportunities it holds. **Here and Now**

The dining hall/kitchen has a new roof, complete with new eavestroughs and downspouts. The foundation has been replaced and now the floor is solid. New decks, stairs, porches, and a wheelchair ramp have been added as well. There is a wonderful new heater in it. The whole building is now an awesome solid structure that is squirrel and mouse proof.

The much loved and well remembered former dining hall/kitchen that served as an office, craft and activity center was taken out of service and demolished. and the site reclaimed.

Brand new, self-contained biffies have been installed. These low maintenance units will extend the camping season and last for many years.

The playing field has been expanded back to its original size making room for field activities or RV camping. Many dangerous, over-mature trees have been removed and processed into lumber or firewood. The roads in the camp have been ditched and gravelled and a lot of landscaping done to redirect unwanted water flow.

This fall, the Parkland Composite High School construction class in Edson built 10 new benches for the beach and campfire area as a part of the Community Outreach Day. It sounds funny to say but, in hindsight, COVID has given us the gift of time to do these major upgrades.

The camp did see some group activities out there over the past few years: Some family reunions, a couple of weddings, some gold panning demonstrations and competitions, mushroom forays, Girl Guides, a medicinal plant workshop, a square dance, gatherings of musical friends, some Mors Kochanski bush craft, some saw milling, a SEMCAMS work day and numerous work weekends. Oh yeah, and a kids summer camp.

In 2021, we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Society and the Camp. So many lives have been touched with enduring memories of good times, good friends and their Surprise Lake experience. The 70th was a time to reflect and appreciate the people before us who understood the need for nature and who gave of their talents and time to make it all possible. It gave us the opportunity to see what our small band of volunteers had done and to reaffirm our commitment to make this semi-wilderness camp an active useful place for others to come and enjoy.

The Camp has been able to upgrade with a lot of help. The Yellowhead County believes in what we are doing and have helped with some grants that keep us moving forward. Annual membership fees, donations from alumni and various local businesses over the years, have really added to the momentum. Much has been given and for that we very very grateful.

Undoubtedly though, the biggest factor in where we are today is the determined commitment of a small but mighty group of volunteers who don't want Surprise Lake Camp to go away. They have worked long and hard, giving of their time, tools, and talent to bring the camp to what it is today.

Volunteering can be very rewarding. It's a great way to develop new skills, to explore new opportunities, and to meet new people with similar interests. Volunteers are the glue that hold so many societies and non profit charities together and add so much to a community.

However everything and everyone has a season. Volunteering is no exception.

With this reality before us, we will be shedding some volunteers on the Society's board of directors. They have played a big part in keeping things going in some rather trying times.

In their moving on, we have some vacancies to fill on the board. New people bring their own sphere of influence and new ideas and that is vital in moving forward.



Ken Kadutski with the Wild Sheep Foundation Alberta presented Arthur White Owl with the Surprise Lake Society with a cheque for \$5000 dollars. The WSF supports groups involved with environment and wildlife including outdoor programming and learning opportunities for young people. The funds were donated to help with cabin upgrades at the Surprise Lake Camp.

Ideally, we would like to have folks that are local to Edson and area but now technology lets us participate from anywhere.

As a non profit, the Surprise Lake Society needs people who understand the value of nature and who want to help create a unique facility for all ages to enjoy.

We are looking especially for: Someone with project management and maintenance skills with a background in the building trades; Someone with good computer skills to help manage our database and communications; Someone to look after rentals and someone familiar with Quickbooks who may be interested in the treasurer position.

If you are interested or know someone who might be or just curious about what Surprise Lake Society is all about, check out our website at surpriselake.ca or call Arthur at 780 974-9557 or Colleen at 780 243-3196 for further details.

