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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023** 

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## **Town hosts Country Dance**

by Niki Luymes

November 25.

The event, which ran from different versions of a country 7pm to 10pm, was hosted at the swing dance. The Town of Edson Galloway Museum and Travel welcomed dancers of all ages to Centre. For the low cost of \$20 Amy Wesolowsky from the so some couples chose to dance the Country Dance Night on a person, people could come Edson Dance Academy was on together all evening while more

and learn how to perform hand the entire night helping

people learn while also having lots of fun. "We had an uneven Professional dance instructor number of 'leads' and 'followers'

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There was a great variety of goods at this year's annual Galloway Museum Artisan Market. The market ran from 12pm to 4:30pm on November 25. photo Niki Luymes













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## **Town hosts Country Dance Night**

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than half chose to switch partners throughout the evening. From my standpoint, this was quite advantageous because where one person may not have picked up on a step, another partner did. It was also fun to get to know other people in the group," said Diana Inscho, Community Development Coordinator with the Town of Edson.

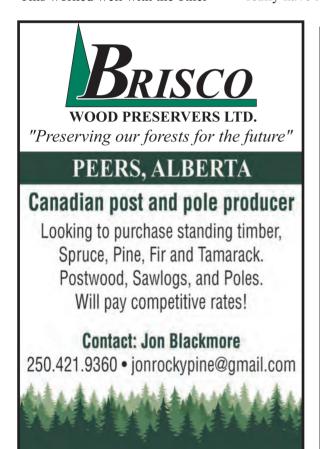
Alongside the dancing was also a small meal break and a cash bar. This created a great atmosphere for connection and conversation. "The goal of all our programs and events is to build community and I believe this event did just that. We had plenty of time to meet others and make connections," added Inscho. This worked well with the other

goals of the night which were to learn a new skill, while perhaps experiencing something new in the community.

This is not the first dance-style event that the Town has put on. Previously they held a Two Step workshop last spring and a Salsa Dance class the spring before. If this is something that interests you, keep an eye on the Edson Community calendar for future events like this. "I would love to hear feedback on holding future events like this," said Inscho. "Many of the people in attendance expressed an interest in seeing more of these workshops in the future, or a series of workshops. It takes a few lessons in one type of dance style to really have it sink in."



On November 25 the Town of Edson invited people to the Country Dance Night. The event was held at the Galloway Museum. Guests received instruction in the different versions of a Country Swing dance from Edson Dance Academy's Amy Wesolowsky. photo submitted.



## EVENT REMINDER

Dec. 7: Christmas Cookies & Cards. Join in for an afternoon creating handmade Christmas cards and gift tags for loved ones. 1:00pm-2:30pm Peers Multiplex open to all ages must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program. Register at www.yhcounty.ca/ registration



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# Galloway hosts annual Artisan Market

by Niki Luymes

The Galloway welcomed the people of Edson to their annual Artisan Market on November 25. The market was set up in the museum from 12 to 4:40pm. This year featured 14 different artist vendors set up over 16 tables. "In our gift shop we sell local artists' works on a commission basis. Every Christmas season we allow our artists to sell their works without that commission, and we give them a space to do that," said Cassie Kushniruk, Galloway staff member and event organizer.

The event proved to be quite popular. While never overcrowded, there was a consistent stream of people coming through to peruse the tables. It also had the bonus effect of allowing people to connect and network through the wide variety of products offered. "We had everything from water colour paintings, macramé, sublimation work, candles, to body products, engraving, and cross stitch. We had a lot of different genres on display," said Kushniruk. "Thank you to all the artists and everyone who came out to support them."

"We're really lucky in the gift shop that we have such a great variety. We actually have a lot of talented people in Edson, which is really great," added Kushniruk. Any local artist can sell their wares at the Galloway Station Museum and Gift Shop. All they have to do is come into the Galloway and talk it over with the staff. If the commission and quality are agreeable, then their work will be added to the shelves.



Local artists had a chance to sell their creations at the Galloway Museum Artisan Market on November 25. The sale featured a wide range of art from a variety of artists. photo Niki Luymes

## The Adult Day Program offers care and respite

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Adult Day Program is geared towards people who may have physical or memory challenges or are living with a chronic illness, who still live independently, and are looking for more socialization and healthy living opportunities.

Glenn Skimming, the Recreation Therapist Program Coordinator for both Hinton and Edson programs, said, "The program plays a key role in allowing adults to remain living in the community as long as possible by optimizing their level of physical, spiritual, social, and emotional functioning. The program also provides important respite care for caregivers who may be struggling to provide care for their loved ones."

The Edson Adult Day Program operates on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Edson Continuing Care Centre.

The program is closed on statutory holidays if the holiday falls on scheduled program days. Some of the regular activities include light exercises such as walking and stretching, fall prevention exercises, group discussions, creative arts, and special events. Coffee breaks, morning snacks, and lunches are provided as part of the Adult Day Program

"The group may also go on different outings and staff are always open to trying new things that the participants express an interest in," said Skimming. The program is a part of Alberta Health Services (AHS) work to help seniors and other adults to stay living at home longer and live more independently.

Interested participants or their families can call the North Zone Continuing Care Access Line at 1-855-371-4122 ext. 2. AHS Edson Homecare will then do an intake assessment to determine if they are a fit for the program. If the person is already a

Homecare client, the person's Case Manager can make the referral to the Edson Adult Day Program on the client's behalf. The cost is only \$10 a day and programming is flexible to meet the needs of the people participating.

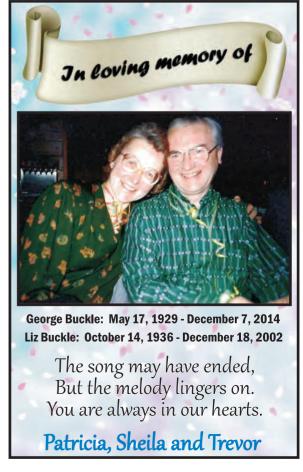
Transportation within Edson can be arranged with the Edson Seniors Bus. If living out of town, it would be the family's responsibility to get the client to the Adult Day program," said Skimming.

It's importance to remember family and caregivers also need to look after their own health. The day program allows time to rest, spend time with other family and friends, and attend their own schedule. The Adult Day Program provides a safe, stimulating environment with social interaction.

For further information the call 780-725-6060.



On November 25 the Edson Animal Rescue Society (EARS) hosted their final fundraiser, 'Brunch and Photos with Santa' at banister GM. The annual event started at 10am with brunch ending around 12pm and photos ending at 3pm. Being a fundraiser, the brunch cost \$10 per person, with professional pet photos with Santa costing \$15. submitted Niki Luymes



## County directs removal of soil added on floodplain

by Dana McArthur

During late summer of 2022 there was approximately 11,000 tonnes of material deposited on the a property (Lot 20, Block 1, Plan 9021558) during the widening of Highway 40 northwest of Hinton, done at the request of the landowner.

The location of this deposited material is on a Country Residential lot in Seabolt Estates and is within the Special Risk Area of the Maskuta Creek floodplain.

"The landowner elected to have a fairly significant portion of earth and material deposited on his property for reasons that he thought suitable at the time. The reality of that is, the earth and material were placed within the floodplain within a creek in that area. And it is not compliant with the municipal land use bylaw," said County Planning & Development Manager, Cory Armfelt during County Council's November 28 meeting.

The concern is that the new dirt placed in the middle of the floodplain may affect where water will go to in the next flood event and could cause damage to other nearby properties.

County Administration stated their preference was for the landowner to deal with the issue he created, but added that the landowner has not been cooperative. "Through our Administration we dealt with the landowner the best that we could right from the start of this, and they were just not cooperating whatsoever. This is really unfortunate," said County CAO Luc Mercier.

Administration sought compliance on the parcel by way of a Stop Order,

the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, and a Court Order via the Court of Kings Bench.

Administration sought three quotes for the removal of this material. JRF Oilfield Services Ltd. was the lowest fixed fee bid provided at \$232,270.00 and demonstrated a clear understanding of how to effectively mitigate the site challenges and address safety concerns. Yellowhead County's expenditure will be recoverable through a transfer to the subject property's tax roll. The assessed value of the property is in excess of \$232,000.

"We're concerned that if something were to happen in the spring and we hadn't dealt with this, that we could cause further damage to other properties," said Mercier.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux asked, "Let's say we pass this motion today, but the property owner decides tomorrow that he or she will undertake this work. Will that property owner have that opportunity?"

Armfelt responded, "Yes, I believe we would give that property owner the opportunity. They've had the opportunity for almost a year and a half to undertake this work. We have worked with our legal council. That individual has been represented by their legal council, so they have known that this process is coming."

CAO Mercier added, "Most definitely we would prefer that the landowner deal with this. We don't want to get into to this cleanup. If we sign the contract with this company, it's too late. We will have a legally binding contract with this company to remove that dirt."

County Mayor Wade Williams added, "I'd just like to say this is a very unfortunate incident. I know that the stop work order was placed on that property. When this was going on here a few months back and I know that Administration had done everything to work with the landowner. Unfortunate we got to this point, but that seems to be where we're at. So, this is the next step."

Council agreed to direct Administration to transfer \$232,270.00 excluding GST from the General Emergent Operating Reserve for the purposes of funding the removal of the earthen material from Lot 20, Block 1, Plan 9021558 which will be recoverable on the property's tax roll as

per the Court Order. This will allow Administration to proceed with the removal as per the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Order.

- New Edson Revenue Sharing Agreement — A revised Revenue Sharing Agreement with the Town of Edson was adopted by Council. The agreement is for a 5-year term ending December 31, 2027, with the option to extend the agreement until December 31, 2032. The revenue sharing is a voluntary amount given to the Town of Edson from the County and is based on a formula that is calculated from current non-residential tax revenues collected by the County from the industrial and commercial sectors in the County.



Edson Public Information & Notices 2023

Town of Edson Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm Closed Stat Holidays)



## **REQUEST FOR TENDER**

#### **TR-2024-001 Petroleum Products**

Interested parties should view the bid documents at <a href="www.edson.ca/tenders">www.edson.ca/tenders</a> and/or <a href="www.purchasingconnection.ca">www.purchasingconnection.ca</a>.

Closing Date/Time – Thursday December 14,2023 at 2:00pm (Alberta Time) Email Submissions attention to: Ryan O'Sullivan

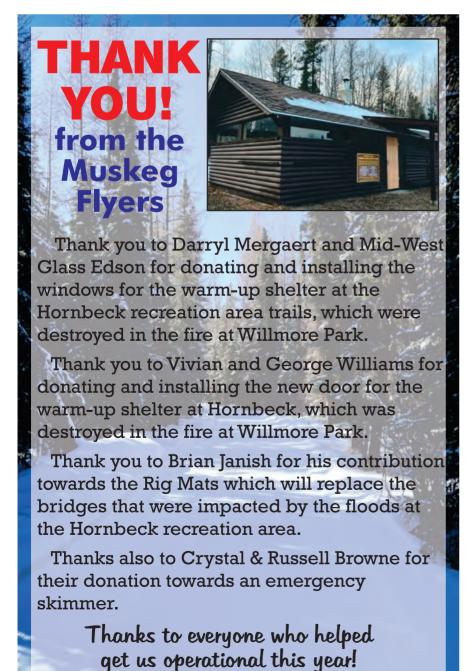
Email: ryano@edson.ca

#### TR-2024-002 Material Supplier

Interested parties should view the bid documents at <a href="www.edson.ca/tenders">www.edson.ca/tenders</a> and/or <a href="www.purchasingconnection.ca">www.purchasingconnection.ca</a>

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## TOWN OF EDSON

**Public Information & Notices 2023** 

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## Edson Snow Clearing Process and Priorities





www.edson.ca/snow

## **Triggers**

Snow removal is generally triggered when there has been a snow event of 10cm or more, or if snow and ice pack has been determined to be excessive.

\*\*No Snow Control or Ice Control will occur in school zones between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to reduce the risk of pedestrian or vehicle accidents.

NEW FOR 2023/2024 SEASON - The Town of Edson will be contracting out snow removal for sidewalks along 2nd and 4th Avenue this snow season. For more details on the Sidewalk, Facility, and Trail Snow and Ice Control Policy, visit our website.



www.edson.ca/snow

## **Priorities**

Priority 1: Emergency Access Routes – completed within 3 days of the end of a snow event.

Priority 2: Essential Services Routes – completed within 5 days of the end of a snow event.

Priority 3: Collector Routes – completed within 6 days of the end of a snow event.

Priority 4: Residential Routes - completed within 21 days after all other priority routes (1-3) have been completed, unless service times and priorities are reset.

Priority 5: Town owned or operated parking lots – completed when time permits.

Detailed priority maps can be found on our website.



www.edson.ca/snow

### Procedure

Once a Snow Event has ended, Snow Control will begin.

A grader will work approximately one (1) hour ahead of other Snow Control personnel and either:

a) push snow into a Windrow along the centre line of the road or boulevard: or

b) push snow into the ditch along the roadways with rural profile; or

c) push snow onto a boulevard where it will not cause issues with motor or pedestrian traffic and not cause any issues with flooding.

The snow blower will then load windrows into tandem trucks and snow will be hauled to an authorized snow storage site.



www.edson.ca/snow

Communication: Our website and electronic signs will be used to notify the public of Snow Control for Priorities 1-3. As snow removal begins in residential neighbourhoods (Priority 4), signboards will be placed ahead of time and regular notices will be placed on the Town's website, on the Town of Edson Facebook page, and on our mobile app.

Concerns: Issues can also be submitted through our report-a-problem feature of our mobile app, or directly on our website at <a href="https://www.edson.ca/report">www.edson.ca/report</a>.

Need more details? Visit <u>www.edson.ca/snow</u> for priority maps, snow control policies, regular updates, and more!

## 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 <a href="https://www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications">www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications</a>. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or <a href="mailto:engineeringandplanning@edson.ca">engineeringandplanning@edson.ca</a>.

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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## **Support Local this Holiday Season**

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where strangers become friends, local businesses build each other up, and important topics are

Communities help us through tough times and allow us to celebrate as a collective when things go well. By investing in our communities, everyone reaps the benefits.

The holidays are a perfect time to honour the power of community by supporting local. Here are three ways you can support local this holiday season and beyond:

#### 1. Shop Local

Small businesses are the heart of communities across the country. When you shop locally, you support more than your town's economy; you support your friends' and neighbours' livelihoods. And in turn, this support can help businesses thrive to support the community.

Research finds that for every dollar spent at a local small business, \$0.66 stays local. So, take your gift shopping to local businesses.

#### 2. Support Your Local Newspaper

Local news unites communities. Local newspapers are an essential part of communities across Canada that keep them informed and connected. You may not know that they are small businesses, too, and one of the

last-standing sources of local credible news that cannot be found anywhere else.

Newspapers – and the people behind them – champion and challenge communities to spark meaningful dialogue about what matters to them.

Supporting your local newspaper is essential and rewarding, and there are many ways to do so. For example, you can subscribe to your local newspaper, gift a subscription to a loved one, or buy a print ad if you're a local business owner.

#### 3. Give Back to Your **Community**

Supporting local charities is a great way to strengthen your community while helping those who most need it. Giving back doesn't always come with a price tag. You can contribute to your community by volunteering your time to give back in any way that works best for you.

Another way to give back and support Canadian news media this holiday season is by purchasing a copy of News Media Canada's limitededition book, Champions, featuring inspirational stories of notable Canadians from the news media industry. All book proceeds are being donated to First Book Canada to transform the lives of children in need by making new, quality books and resources available to those who need them most.

Learn more about Champions and show your support for the industry this holiday season by purchasing a copy of the Champions book at www.ChampionsoftheTruth.ca.

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## **Edson RCMP Occurrences** For the week of Nov 13 to Nov 19, 2023

Assistance calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 11. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 2; Alarms/False Alarms 4; Animal Calls 3; Assault 2; Cause Disturbance 5; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; False/Abandoned 911 Call 2; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 1, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 0; Lost or found property; 2, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 0; Information File 2; Mental Health Act 4; Mischief or Damage 4; Municipal Bylaws 3; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 3; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 1; Suspicious persons 10; Theft Complaints 5;Traffic violations 9;Traffic Complaints 5 ;Trespassing 1; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 4.

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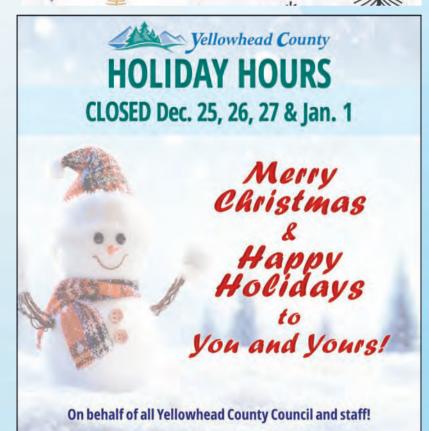
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Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM







**DECEMBER 25, DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 1** 

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

WYR Landfill in Hinton Regular Winter Hours:

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

Saturday

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

Closed on Sundays & Holidays.
\*Please ensure all loads are secure.\*

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

## Things to Consider When Choosing a Live Christmas Tree in Canada

adapted from information provided by Certified Arborist Toso Bozic

#### **Types of Christmas Trees in Canada**

Each type has unique characteristics that can influence the overall look, scent, and longevity of the tree.

- Balsam Fir: Known for its pleasant fragrance, this tree is a favourite among Canadians. Its dark green needles and symmetrical shape are great for ornamentation, and its needles are smooth and not prickly.
- Spruces: Prickly short needles have an incredible ability to keep ornaments hanging well, and pets may be deterred from interacting with the tree due to the prickliness. Spruces are resilient and adaptable.
- Pines: A great choice due to its aroma and long needles.
   The stiffness of its branches are excellent for ornaments.

TIP: Choose locally grown trees! If harvesting a tree from Crown land, ensure you get a permit from alberta.ca/tree-cutting-permits.

Choose the right size tree: measure your room height, and take into consideration your tree stand height. Consider the width of the tree, as well as the size and weight of your ornaments.

Test freshness: check for needle flexibility, colour, fragrance, moisture content, and needle retention.

Fire safety: keep the tree watered so that it doesn't dry out and become a fire hazard. Top up the water twice daily so the base of the tree never dries out. Your tree will drink several liters of water daily for the first 1-2 weeks. Avoid putting Christmas trees near direct heating sources such as fireplaces, furnace vents, or sunny windows.

Find the full Christmas Trees in Canada fact sheet (with key Christmas Tree tips!) at yhcounty.ca/yardwhispers



## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

## **CULVERT REPAIRS**

Starting November 22 and into 2024, work will be taking place throughout Yellowhead County at various locations.

#### Range Road 155A

53312 Range Rd 155A Paved Road North of Highway 16

Township Road 534

100m west of Range Road 163

100m west of Range Road 163

Range Road 162

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Range Road 140
Detours will be in effect.
500m south of Township 534

Range Road 155A

imately 5.7 km south of Hwy 16 at NE-31-52-15-5

Range Road 140

Further information for extended delays or closures will be provided as projects start.

Be aware of construction equipment, trucks, and workers.

Please obey all signage and warnings.

## Vellowhead County

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

## **NOTICE**

2024 Yellowhead County Interim Budget Meetings

## SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Friday, December 1, 2023 Monday, December 11, 2023 Wednesday, December 13, 2023

All meetings are scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m.

THE MEETING AGENDA WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD PRIOR TO THE MEETING.



#### 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



#### Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D23-147	Plan 118HW Blk 14, Lot 13-14 NE-27-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Existing Accessory Building (Shed) with Addition (Greenhouse)	Nov 21/23	Permitted Use
D23-129	Plan 8920202 Blk 2, Lot 1 SW-1-54-17-W5 Edson Area	Recreation Intensive- Rodeo Grounds (Discretionary)	Nov 23/23	Dec 14/23
D23-149	6-33-46-14-W5 Brazeau Reservoir Area	Accessory Building (Office Trailer)	Nov 28/23	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 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.



WILDFIRE SURVEY FOR RESIDENTS OF YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

## Public Feedback

We need your input on the response to the Spring 2023 Wildfires.

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and experiences in this brief anonymous survey and express the challenges and opportunities from this past fire season.

### Thank you for taking the time to do our survey.

We are **9Zero**, an independent company conducting this anonymous survey for Yellowhead County residents.

We created the survey and will compile the information collected. We will analyze and compile the data and then share the overall results with the municipality of Yellowhead County to get the feedback from Yellowhead County residents.

## Take the survey.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/YellowheadPublic







Children dressed as Catrinas.

# Edson Food Bank accepts YES donations

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Food Bank is always very grateful for donations, its volunteers, and support they receive from the community.

Amy Pillage, Program Coordinator for the Edson Food Bank Society said, "We had our friends from McMan in recently to help us repack our bulk eggs and build over 100 snack bags for our kids who visit us. We're seeing a handful of new clients every week, including some larger sized families."

Help and support is always welcomed. More and more individuals and families are turning to local food banks in order to make ends meet. A lot of people need that little extra help and that is just what the Food Bank does. They are there to help where they can.

"The Edson Food Bank is also a donation depot for the Yellowhead Emergency Shelter (YES)," said Pillage. A variety of items can be donated including personal care items and clothes.

The Yellowhead Emergency Shelter for Women is there to help any woman, with or without children, who identifies herself as having been psychologically, physically, financially, sexually, and or spiritually abused. They are there to help any woman who is in crisis and requires temporary accommodations.

The Edson Food Bank is located at 4511 5th Ave. If you are looking to make a donation or to help you can call 780-723-1350 or 780-725-3185 to find out more information.

#### **A Travel Log by Deanna Mitchener**

## Mexico's Day of the Dead

Views & News

by Deanna Mitchener

Many of you know this reporter headed south for winter. So I thought I might share a few historical events and traditions of the Mexican

people while I'm visiting their beautiful country.

If you're like me, you can't truly understand different cultures, unless you take the time and interest to learn about them.

That is exactly what I am doing with the Day of the Dead. Until this year I never gave it much thought. I even thought it must have something related to Halloween. Nope, not at all. I was so far off.

The Day of the Dead in Mexico is no small event. It has been celebrated for centuries and has recently gained popularity outside of Mexico. The holiday is their way to honour and remember their loved ones who have passed on.

The preparations leading up to the event are important and deeply rooted in Mexican culture. It is a deeply spiritual and family-bonding experience. Once a year on November 1 and 2 they eat and drink with the ones that are no longer with them. It is their way to commemorate the people they love and miss.

Day of the Dead is a celebration where it is believed that the passageway between the real world and the spirit world is open and their deceased loved ones can come back to visit. Traditionally, it is a time to make favourite meals, sing, dance, and rejoice with the ones that have gone on before them.

It is sometimes confused with Halloween because of the symbolic skulls, but is not related at all.

Family members prepare for several weeks creating altars, decorating burial sites, and cooking specific Day of the Dead food. It is truly a celebration of life.

Families will gather during the night at the cemeteries (panteons), light candles, and place flowers on the burial sites of their lost loved ones. There is festive music and definitely no crying or grieving. This is a reflective and lively time. Families also set up beautifully decorated altars in their homes and place photos of lost loved ones, along with other items.

Skulls (calaveras) are a huge part of the holiday. Skulls were used during rituals in the Aztec era and passed on as trophies of battle.

Today, during Dia de Los Muertos, small decorated sugar skulls are placed on the altars. There is nothing grim about these skulls. They

are decorated with colourful edible paint, glitter, beads, and sport huge smiles.

The skulls (calaveras) and skeletons (calacas) that are so prominent in today's festivities came about at the beginning of the 19th century. A cartoonist, social activist, and engraver, José Guadalupe Posada, drew a particularly garish skeleton with a wide, toothy grin and an oversized feathered hat (later known as La Catrinato) as a satirical look at the Mexican people's desire to look more European. La Catrina has become one of the biggest symbols of Day of the Dead with people painting their faces with skulls and flowers.

There is no celebrating without food in Mexico. Customary foods are prepared during the Dia de Los Muertos and are shared with family, neighbours, strangers, and the visiting spirits.

Pan de Muertos, or Day of the Dead bread, is an essential part of the festivities and is also placed on the altars. Sugar skulls are enjoyed by the young and old during this time too. Mole, tamales, pozole, and sopa azteca are prepared by families with the recipes being passed on from generation to generation.

Mexico is not the only country that celebrates Day of the Dead. Many other Latin countries like Columbia, Ecuador, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru, and Venezuela all have their distinct ways of welcoming back their passed loved ones. Some are not as colourful and festive as the Mexican version, but still a spiritual time for families to get together and reflect.

Traditions and customs vary by country, but these base beliefs remain the same. Even in Mexico, the customs vary depending on the region. Day of the Dead tends to be celebrated more elaborately in Central and Southern Mexico.

You can celebrate Day of the Dead respectfully by understanding the customs and honouring the tradition for what it is. There is absolutely nothing wrong with wanting to celebrate Day of the Dead in other countries. Most Mexicans enjoy the fact that you are interested in their culture and want to get to know their traditions.

Edson and Yellowhead County is a diverse area with many different nationalities. We can all learn from others, as we all have different traditions and beliefs. And most importantly, we are all humans with a need to be accepted. So, take some time to learn about a different culture—you will be glad you did.



Sam and Tash repacking eggs for the Edson Food Bank recently.





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Ken Biron presenting a cheque from the Elks to the members of the Community Care Foundation (CCF). Pictured are Diane Richardson member of CCF, Ken Biron -Elks. Marsha Jensen Secretary of CCF, and Eva Drysdale Treasurer of CCF. The money will be used by the Opthalmology Dept to try to enable the pre-operative work for cataracts can be done in Edson. Cataract removal is performed right here in the local hospital. submitted



Members of the Order of The Eastern Star Paul Febrey, Brian Drysdale, and Sheila Stewart from the casino committee presenting to Marsha Jensen Secretary of CCF, and Eva Drysdale Treasurer of CCF. The cheque was for \$5000 dollars and they hope to donate \$2000 more next year. This also goes to help with the Opthalmology Dept.



The Peers 4H Club was selling the hot lunch at the Fulham Hall Christmas Bazaar on November 25. They served up hot dogs, and chilli on a bun alongside a selection of candy and beverages. photo Niki Luymes



The Fulham Hall hosted their annual Christmas Bazaar on November 25. The event ran from 11am to 3pm and featured a variety of items from local vendors. photo Niki Luymes

# 2024 Canada Summer Jobs Application for Employers

Gerald Soroka

MP Yellowhead

OTTAWA, ON – Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Canada Summer Jobs 2024: Application period for employers was launched today. Employers from not-for-profit organizations, the public sector, and private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees in Canada can apply for funding until January 10, 2024, to hire young Canadians next summer. Full-time job placements will become available starting in April 2024. CSJ 2024 will aim to create 70,000 summer jobs for young Canadians, with an emphasis on creating jobs for youth facing barriers to employment. The priorities for CSJ 2024 are:

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- Youth that are underrepresented in the labour market, including:

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- Youth in rural areas, remote communities, or official language minority communities;
- Jobs that provide exposure or experience related to the skilled trades, which may include opportunities in the residential construction sector; and
- Sustainable jobs that support the protection of the environment or delivering positive environmental outcomes.

Employers interested in applying for CSJ 2024 funding are encouraged to submit their applications electronically on the Grants and Contributions Online Services (GCOS) portal. Creating a GCOS account is a one-time process that allows organizations to apply for various Employment and Social Development Canada funding opportunities in a secure web environment.

For more information, please go to the following links:

https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/gcos.html and https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html

## Holy Trinity Anglican Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar

by Niki Luymes

Holy Trinity Anglican Lutheran Church, rang in the Christmas season with their annual Christmas Bazaar at the Galloway Station Museum.

This event ran on Saturday, November 18th, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. It featured a variety of items, both consumable and usable, with all the proceeds going back to the community through the church's outreach work.

The event featured a silent auction that ran both in person and online. Bids were submitted on both platforms with volunteers updating the highest ones as they came in. There was also a white elephant sale with knickknacks from small to larger. Items even included some handmade crafts, festive plants, along with gently used items. Alongside that was the bake sale, which also offered a variety of goodies including cookies, loaves, and squares.

Finally, running throughout the

event was the light lunch. For \$5 people could enjoy freshly made sandwiches with a warm or cold beverage on the side. While all this was going on there was also a 50/50 draw and a door prize to be won.

The event serves as both a fundraiser and an excuse for people t gather together. "It fun to work together and we support a lot of community projects," said Sheryl Dubois, co-organizer for the event. These supported programs include local organizations like the Edson Food Bank, LEAP, and the Edson Run for Hope, and larger organizations as well, added Dubois.

This is the first year since COVID that the event has offered the lunch. There was a good turn out from supporters and people browsing and buying items. "We had some marvelously generous donors making crafts and donating things to the silent auction, so we're grateful for all those people," added Dubois.



Holy Trinity Anglican Lutheran Church's annual Christmas Bazaar was held at the Galloway Station Museum, November 18. The event features a silent auction, bake sale, white elephant sale, and small lunch. photo Niki Luymes



Vendors of all ages came out to the Pinedale Hall Christmas market. The sale ran on Nov. 25 from 10 am till 2pm, and also featured a hot lunch. photo Niki Luymes



Pinedale Hall held their annual Christmas market with crafts, baking, and more. The sale ran on Nov. 25 from 10 am to 2pm. photo Niki Luymes

# As daylight gets shorter RCMP encourage seasonal caution

As our days are getting shorter so are our hours of visibility. RCMP reminds all road users that traffic safety is a shared responsibility between motorists and pedestrians.

It is important to know who has the right of way and understand traffic safety whether you're a motorist or a pedestrian trying to cross safely. Some tips to follow:

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- · Only cross at marked or unmarked crosswalks. Avoid stepping out into the street from between two parked vehicles and do not jaywalk.
- Make sure drivers can see you. Making eye contact with drivers ensures they see you and know your intent to cross the street. You may also signal your intent by extending your arm and pointing in the direction you wish to proceed.

• Limit distractions. Wearing headphones or texting while walking makes you less alert to your surroundings. Keep your ears and eyes open.

#### **Drivers:**

- · Know who has the right of way. You must yield to pedestrians, at both marked and unmarked crosswalks
- Turn on your lights. Working headlights are required of all drivers in order to see pedestrians, cyclists, and wildlife on the road. ensure your lights are on, clean, and properly operating.
- **Proceed Safely.** If you are approaching flashing crosswalk lights, or see a pedestrian signalling to cross, come to a complete stop. Look both ways to ensure pedestrians have cleared the crosswalk before proceeding.
- Stay alert. Do not drive distracted. It causes you to become less aware of others on the road, and approaching vehicles or pedestrians.

For more traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and Twitter @RCMPAlberta.

# RCMP advice for business owners to keep commercial properties safe

RCMP remind business owners to be mindful of crime prevention practices.

In order to avoid becoming part of the statistics, Alberta RCMP has some advice for business owners:

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- · Invest in good quality video cameras
- · Install an alarm system
- · Keep windows clear of stickers and posters
- · Keep valuables away from windows and install roll shutters or bars on your windows
- · Make sure that preventative measures are well maintained, such as fences.

Trying to incorporate all of these crime preventatives at once can be costly. Make sure to budget for safety and crime prevention if you're just starting out in your business venture, or implement them over time, based on priority. Investing in quality preventative measures, such as sturdy locks and quality cameras, can make a difference in preventing theft and identifying criminals.

For more tips and information, Business Security brochures are available for free at all RCMP Detachments across the province. To keep learning about business safety follow #Business101 and our social media accounts on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and Twitter (@RCMPAlberta).

Alberta RCMP encourages the public and business owners to report any suspicious activity to police. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at <a href="https://www.P3Tips.com">www.P3Tips.com</a>

## **UPCOMING EVENT**

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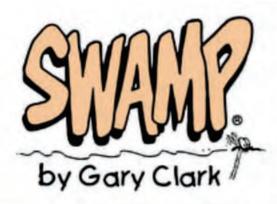
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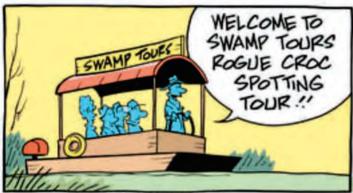
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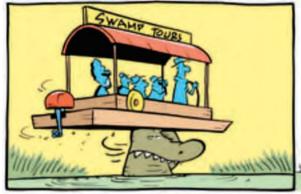


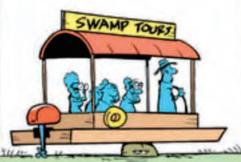






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Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, March 8, April 12: Join Trail Hall for potluck suppers for more information call 780-728-5641 **December 3:** Join for a Free Seniors Christmas dinner for Peer, Pinedale, Fulham, Wolf Creek and Roservear area 55+ Doors open at 12:30 dinner at 1:00pm at Peers Multiplex. Contact Sue-Ann for more info 780-280-0213

December 7: Christmas Cookies & Cards. Join in for an afternoon creating handmade Christmas cards and gift tags for loved ones. 1:00pm-2:30pm Peers Multiplex open to all ages must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program. Register at www.yhcounty.ca/registration

December 8: Ladies' Night Out Upcycled Christmas Art Workshop. Meet at the Kinsmen Shack on Friday, December 8th from 7pm-9pm to create your own Upcycled Framed Christmas Art. There will be Christmassy snacks and refreshments too! Call/Text or e-mail Diana for more information at 780-723-8107 or DianaI@Edson.ca

**December 8:** Adult Card Night- Niton Community Hall 7:00 pm Everyone Welcome.

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December 10: Join us for an evening of Christmas music at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Church 4407-7ave Refreshments to follow. Silver collections at the door. For more info contact Sheryl at 780-723-4026

**December 14:** Nite Owl Sale in Edson

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

First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 1 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge.



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## Farm & Field

## News and Views

## Enhancing mental health supports for farmers and ranchers

(AB) Farm families have improved access to mental health services and resources thanks to more support for the AgKnow Alberta Farm Mental Health Network.

Farm life can be extremely demanding, with unpredictable challenges that affect the mental health and well-being of everyone in the family. The Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta is receiving \$388,500 to generate awareness and expand mental health research and supports available to farmers through AgKnow.

"It's essential for AgKnow to continue bringing awareness on mental health and help farm families get the supports they need to manage life's stressors. This funding will help advance farm mental health research and education while providing more resources for farmers and farm families." - RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

This funding is provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) which is helping Alberta build a stronger and more resilient agricultural sector for generations to come.

This funding will build on the work AgKnow is doing to raise awareness and support mental health. This includes developing, promoting and delivering:

- More evidence-based mental health programs, tools and learning resources to help farm families and farming communities thrive.
- Education and learning resources to help therapists, health care providers and community service organizations understand farm culture, the issues farmers face and the supports available to address mental health concerns.

"Our government is grateful for partners that are supporting mental wellness through initiatives like AgKnow. As one of Alberta's most prominent industries, we are committed to providing farmers, ranchers, and their families the support they need." - Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Sustainable CAP is a five-year (2023-28), \$3.5-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen

competitiveness, innovation and resiliency in the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

"Alberta farmers can feel immense pressures to support their families and to continue extensive family farm legacies. Through AgKnow, we're destigmatizing farm mental health and making it easier for farmers to access therapy and counselling designed with their lifestyles in mind. With this grant, we'll be able to expand our programming and develop more educational resources so therapists and counsellors across Alberta can better understand and serve farmers."

-Linda Hunt Pag, program director, AgKnow

"As a non-profit organization that delivers agricultural programs across the province, we work with a lot of farmers. So we were honoured to be chosen to create the AgKnow initiative. We're already making a difference in the lives of farm families and we're grateful to the federal and provincial governments for their continued support." -Alan Hall, executive director, Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta

In alignment with the resiliency and public trust priority area, Alberta is supporting this project to ensure producers and agri-food workers have access to the tools and services to take care of their mental health and build resiliency against the challenges facing the agriculture industry.

## Mobile mammography service to visit Evansburg

EVANSBURG — Women ages 45-74 — the group most at risk of developing breast cancer — will have local access to mammography services when Alberta Health Services' Screen Test program arrives in the community.

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed in Evansburg at the Pembina Rec-Plex / Evansburg Arena, 4712 52 Avenue on December 11 and 12, 2023. Appointments are required. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for thousands of women in Alberta communities where mammography is not readily available.

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast and has proven to be the most effective way to detect

breast cancer. Early detection allows for a greater number of options for treatment and a better chance of survival.

Visit https://screeningforlife.ca/breast/screentest-mobile-clinics/ for more information and a complete listing of Screen Test mobile sites.

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