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ATCO holds open house for proposed Yellowhead Mainline natural gas pipeline

by Niki Luymes

ATCO hosted an open house at the Niton Community Hall on November 28, regarding their new pipeline project. The open

house ran from 5pm to 8pm and was the first of several planned information nights focused on getting feedback on the Yellowhead Mainline natural gas pipeline project.

The proposed pipeline will extend from just outside Peers to the Fort Saskatchewan area. It was at the September 17, Yellowhead Council meeting that ATCO first introduced the

project in the area.

The pipeline will help fill growing industrial, commercial and residential demand for natural gas in Alberta. The

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'Light Up the Trail Hall' event celebrates the season...

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Parade participants, some dressed up as fun characters, handed out candy to kids during the 2024 Santa Parade in Edson (see page 4). photo Shaylyn Thornton

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Town hosts free annual Skate with Santa event



Abbigail Morin, Sarah McDonald, and Emy Falardeau, were handing out free gingerbread cookies for people to decorate at the Skate with Santa Event at the Edson Leisure Centre on November 30. photo Niki Luymes



The Edson Community Development Elves were handing out treats and prizes at the annual Skate with Santa Event at the Edson Leisure Centre. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

Santa made a trip to Edson to take part in the annual Skate with Santa event at the Edson and District Leisure Centre on November 30. The event was hosted by the Town of Edson's Community Development team.

From 2pm to 5pm people of all ages and skill levels were welcome to join Santa on the ice. Even Mrs. Claus came out to enjoy the fun. Everyone enjoyed the free skate with the jolly old elf while also getting free snacks and prizes from Santa's helpers.

The event has been a part of Edson's Christmas

celebrations for over three years. "It is our yearly opportunity to bring the big guy in red out to celebrate and kick off the holidays," said Sarah McDonald, Community Development Supervisor. "It's just really time to connect with the community and get in the spirit of the holidays." This year the event was held in the Memorial Arena and community use room.

Upon entering the arena, attendees could go over to the prize table and spin to win. The elves running the booth were giving out stickers, candy canes, and cookie decorating kits. Guests could take the kits home or go to the community room to decorate their cookies. Other activities like

colouring were also available.

There was also a photo booth set up that would quickly print guest's festive snapshots. "Right from the beginning it's been steady. We're estimating that we've had over 200 to 300 people turnout. A lot of people were coming to skate as a family, so it's been a really fun day," said McDonald.

ATCO holds open house for proposed Yellowhead Mainline natural gas pipeline

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project will be a significant driver of lower-carbon economic growth in the province and expand the capacity while enhancing the efficiency of Alberta's natural gas network.

"This project is proposed ultimately to increase the capacity of the overall Alberta-wide natural gas transmission network," said Patrick Bain, Director of Yellowhead Mainline for ATCO Energy Systems. "The Yellowhead Mainline is the best alternative to deliver that energy to our customers and expand the overall network to the benefit of all Albertans." The finalized pipeline will consist of over 200kms of 36" diameter pipeline and is expected to have the capability to deliver over 1,200 terajoules (or 1.1 billion cubic feet) of natural gas per day.

The projected investment by ATCO represents the largest single investment in company history and will have significant direct and downstream economic benefits within the province. It is expected to create roughly 2,000 jobs during construction and provide the energy for projects and operations that will result in more than \$20 billion in investments and associated employment within Alberta.

Currently the project is still in the proposal and approval phases. While the pipeline does have a set start and end location, they have yet to fully decide on the path it will take to get there. That is the main goal of the open houses. ATCO is presenting potential routes to local residents to gain feedback on the project.

"Right now we are in the route concept stage. We are in the area collecting feedback from landowners, Indigenous groups, municipalities and the general public as well as collecting

our geotechnical, environmental and survey information," said Bain. Within the Yellowhead County area, the choice is between a route north of Highway 16, or one that generally parallels the highway and the Trans Mountain pipeline.

ATCO has already submitted the first of two applications to the Alberta Utilities Commission. "The application that we have in right now is to establish that there is a need for this pipeline. The second and more technical application will occur later in 2025. That's when we submit all of our stakeholder engagement, designs and technical details," Bain said. If the first application is fully approved, the project will continue with engineering and further consultations in 2025. The current timeline has official construction starting in fall of 2026. The target in-use date for the pipeline is November 2027.

As the project progresses, ATCO plans to have more open house events, consultations, and stakeholder meetings. "There are six open houses planned right now for this preliminary stage; three before Christmas and three after. We probably will complete another six by the summer of 2025, once we have the route chosen," said Bain.

It is estimated that the project and all downstream investments, once operational, will support roughly 23,700 jobs in 2028 and contribute \$3.9 billion gross value-added per year to Alberta's GDP.

For more information on the project go to ATCO.com/Yellowhead. There you can find all the relevant information and ways to reach out with any questions you may have.



PUBLIC NOTICE
REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES DECLARATION
 SERVICE ALBERTA AND RED TAPE REDUCTION

Due to the Canada Post mail strike, expiry dates for the interim driver's licence issued from November 1, 2024 to January 14, 2025 are extended to expire on February 15, 2025. Albertans with interim driver's licences can continue to operate a motor vehicle while awaiting the final driver's licence card once mail service is reinstated. Motor Vehicle Services continue to be delivered through Alberta's Registry Agents and online.

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Edson Friendship Centre steps up to plan Santa Claus Parade

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Santa Claus Parade has long been a holiday staple for the Edson and area community, and this year's event brought tons of fun and joy to parade participants and viewers alike. With a theme of "favourite Christmas movie," many local groups and businesses rose to the occasion and put on a great parade with their colourful and creative floats.

For the first time, the Edson Friendship Centre stepped in to plan and organize the event, with Culture Coordinator Sydney Davenport taking the reigns. "We heard that it might not happen if the Edson Friendship Centre didn't do it, and we couldn't let that happen," she said.

Organizing the parade was a huge undertaking, but one that Davenport felt was a "great opportunity." "I didn't really know what I was doing at first, I really had to figure it out," she laughed. "It was a lot of fun. I gained a lot of understanding of what goes on behind the scenes with big community events like this. I already have new ideas for next year!"

The parade itself had 30 floats, and each float had several volunteers that helped with things like design, driving, handing out candy, riding the float, etc. Participants and viewers provided "excellent feedback," specifically regarding the number of floats, the new route, and the number of kiddos involved.

Davenport decided to try a new parade route this year, which would allow the parade to both begin and end in the PCHS parking lot so that parade participants wouldn't have to worry about making extra arrangements to get back to their vehicles, and would be able to do so safely.

As with any event, people come together to make it happen. Davenport noted that the Town of Edson was a great support with the event, and she thanked the HRH football team who provided security at the parking lot where parade participants parked their vehicles.

Another group of youth that took part was the U18 Edson Sabres hockey team, who had a large float with many

members of their team aboard. The float also had two players "skiing" off the back of the truck, which was very fun to watch.

"It was silly and goofy, and it was awesome to see such a large group," laughed Davenport. "These teenagers spent a Saturday night doing something for the community instead of doing something else. It was great."

Davenport was also proud of youngsters from the Edson Friendship Centre's Weaving Wicahitowin program which fosters the building of relationships and community for Indigenous children. "It all starts with our young ones," she said, adding that the Santa Parade was really about doing something for the kids in the community.

In years past, awards would be handed out for floats based on the decisions of a committee in the parking area ahead of the parade, but this year Davenport wanted to open it up and "allow the community to vote on what brought them the most joy."

To accomplish this, she will be posting photos of the parade floats on the "Edson Friendship Centre - Culture" Facebook page, where the community can vote on awards such as Best Float Design, Best Theme, Best in Community Spirit, and Best Child Involvement. Community members are encouraged to join the



The Edson LEAP Society had a great Charlie Brown-themed float during the 2024 Santa Parade in Edson. photo Shaylyn Thornton



Apex Distribution participated in the 2024 Santa Parade in Edson on November 30 with a very fun Grinch-themed float. photo Shaylyn Thornton

page and vote for your favourites.

With her first parade in the books, Davenport looks forward to next year and making 2025's parade even better. She was sure to thank the community for the "grace and patience" shown to her throughout the process. "I really appreciate the opportunity to try to do something new," she said.

"Sometimes a community goes through difficult times, whether it

be economically or otherwise, and we can kind of forget about each other," Davenport said.

"But this event showed how much we can pull together. Everyone highlighted what it really


means to be a community. It really filled my heart with joy and pride."



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NEW YCE MULTIPLEX PROJECT WEBSITE

A new website at www.ycemultiplex.ca will be a focal point for all information about the new YCE Multiplex. It will also have regular updates on construction progress as the project takes shape.

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Join us in celebrating the development of our state-of-the-art recreation complex, designed to enhance community life and foster a healthy lifestyle. The YCE Multiplex Project is scheduled for construction to start in 2025, with an anticipated completion in 2027.

Go to www.ycemultiplex.ca to visit the new site and keep up-to-date on the project.



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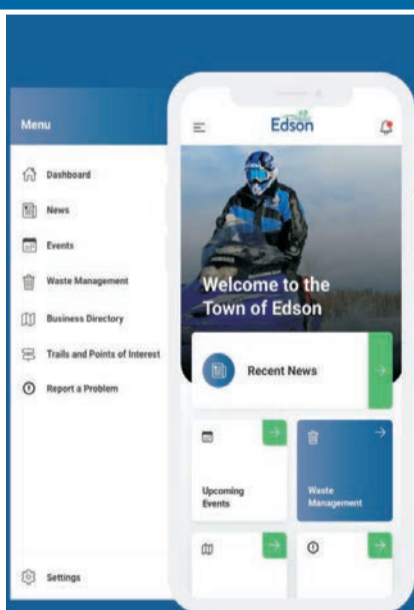
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Residents are advised against sending payments for taxes, utilities or other invoices through the mail.

Here's how the Town will support residents during this disruption:

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- Late penalties will still be in effect.
- Sign up for e-billing! Have invoices sent via email. Simply send an email to our Utilities Clerk at utclerk@edson.ca.
- Mail directed to the Town can be dropped off at the Civic Centre (605 – 50 Street) during office hours, or via the drop box at the front doors.
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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

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

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

SCAN ME



Town of Edson suspends use of ATE photo radars

The Town of Edson has suspended the Automated Traffic Enforcement Program (ATE), effective on December 4, 2024.

Following the recent announcement of upcoming new ATE regulations by the Provincial Government, The Town of Edson has moved forward with the cancellation of the ATE program in the community.

On December 2, Alberta's government announced they are ending the photo radar program and eliminating areas where photo radar is used to generate revenue with no traffic safety benefit.

The government stated that "many Albertans have expressed growing frustration with photo radar, questioning its focus on revenue rather than safety". In response to these concerns, The province paused the introduction of new photo radar equipment and locations on Dec. 1, 2019. Now, after thorough analysis and consultation,

Alberta's government is taking steps, it says, to restore public trust.

Effective April 1, 2025, ticketing on numbered provincial highways will end as photo radar will be restricted to school, playground and construction zones.

In an effort to help educate motorists to slow down, along with regular traffic enforcement, Edson's Council has directed that a letter be sent to the Province requesting permission to install permanent speed indicator signs at both entrances to the community, as well as the east-bound lane of the overpass. Current regulations only allow for the signs to be temporary.

"The removal of ATE by the Provincial Government will undoubtedly increase the risk of serious collisions on Highway 16 through Edson but we respect their decision. If traffic safety is a priority, they will grant the Town of Edson

approval forthwith to install permanent speed indicator signs which they have not allowed in the past. Motorists can expect to see more traditional traffic enforcement by Edson RCMP and Town of Edson Peace Officers along the highway and in school and construction zones," stated Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara

The Town states that traffic safety remains a priority, and all efforts will be made to find capacity to continue proactive policing and patrols of the community, especially in playground zones throughout the school year. The highway corridor will also remain a focus as traffic statistics have shown it to be one of the areas with the highest speeds and most violations occurring.

Questions regarding the ATE program can be directed to the Town's Protective Services Department at 780-723-3178.

Edson LEAP Centre helping persons with disabilities

by Deanna Mitchener

Every day the Edson LEAP Centre supports, educates, and advocates to help improve the lives of children and youth with disabilities and their families.

This registered charitable organization states, "Did you know that on average we receive 30 inquires a month asking for information, guidance, or support in our town? That's a lot! We fill an enormous gap in our community for families raising children and youth with diverse needs or even if a caregiver has a question about their child's development." Some of the services that the LEAP Centre provides in the community includes:

- Collaborating with many organizations to support one another.
- Consultations to families looking for community resources or assistance navigating the systems.

- Provides information on community resources tailored to the age of your child.

- Helps link and refer to other community agencies and resources. Helps refer to doctors, paediatricians, and a large variety of specialists.

- Consultations to community groups around disability, inclusion, and development.

- Provide coaching and training for physical fitness organizations that offer programs to children and youth with visible or invisible disabilities.

- Offers support workers to assist children or youth in attending community activities such as YIA.

- Small group respite options for all ages on non-school days or after school.

- Family practice trips for dentists, blood work, x-rays, haircuts, eye appointments, and hearing tests.

- Plans and hosts inclusive community family events to spread awareness and acceptance.

- Invites and includes adult disability focused groups in the community.

- Organizes and brings first responder agencies together to help families stay safe.

"In four fast years we have built strong relationships within our community, advocate fiercely for neurodiversity affirming practices and will continue to be the voice for children and youth who don't have that luxury. Disability rights are human rights and it all starts with knowledge and understanding," states the Edson LEAP Centre.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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■ Wednesday Organics
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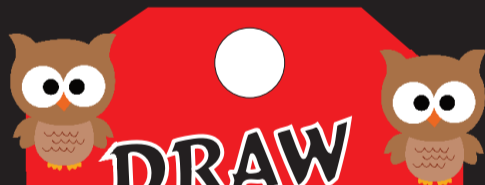
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Yellowhead County
Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

| Permit No. | Location | Proposal | Date | Appeal Dead-line |
|------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|------------------|
| D24-149 | SW-6-47-12-W5 Brazeau Reservoir Area | Outdoor Storage - Discretionary | Nov 22/24 | Dec 13/24 |
| D24-152 | SW-3-57-23-W5 North of Hinton | Natural Resource Extraction & Processing (Gravel Pit)-Discretionary | Dec 2/24 | Dec 23/24 |

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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Yellowhead County
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Yellowhead County Municipal Election 2025

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

Under the MGA, elected officials have the duty to:

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

Qualifications to run for Council include:

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

Need more information? A Candidate Guide and Information Package will be available soon at both Yellowhead County offices. Visit ycvotes.ca for additional information.

Dates to remember:
Nomination period to run as a candidate is from Jan 1 to Sept 22 2025.
Yellowhead County Municipal Elections on Oct. 20, 2025.

www.ycvotes.ca

TAX PENALTY REMINDER

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

Payment Options:

- In person at a Yellowhead County office, Edson / Wildwood
- Secure drop box is available 24 hours at the Edson office only.
- Chartered Bank or Credit Union
- Telephone Banking
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Guest Editorial/Comment

Trump's tariff gambit a threat to Canada's agri-food sector

A wake-up call for Canada: Trump will use economic coercion to force trade concessions

by Sylvain Charlebois

Few political figures have shaken global markets like U.S. President-Elect Donald Trump. His recent threats to impose sweeping tariffs – 25 per cent on Canadian and Mexican agricultural products and 10 per cent on Chinese goods – sent shockwaves through currency markets, sinking the Canadian dollar by a cent within seconds.

These tariffs, framed as leverage to tighten borders and curb immigration and drug trafficking, signal a calculated shift in U.S. economic policy with potentially devastating consequences for Canada's agri-food sector.

In 2023, Canada exported over \$40 billion in agri-food products to the United States, accounting for nearly 60 per cent of its total agri-food exports. These goods include grains like wheat and barley, livestock such as beef and pork, and iconic products like maple syrup and whisky. Canada's role as a supplier of high-quality agricultural goods to its largest trading partner is critical to the sector's survival.

A 25 per cent tariff on these exports would devastate the already-slim profit margins underpinning food production and trade. Even a five per cent tariff could destabilize supply chains, discourage U.S. importers, and upend decades of economic integration. With Canadian producers more dependent on the U.S. market than at any time since the early 2000s, the stakes are higher than ever.

This is not empty posturing. Trump is unlikely to enact policies that harm American consumers, as tariffs on Canadian imports would raise grocery prices in the U.S. – a political risk he is keen to avoid. Instead, he is counting on Canada to yield, given its reliance on the U.S. market and strained diplomatic ties with other major economies like China and India.

For Canada, this is a wake-up call. Ottawa must move beyond short-term fixes like rebate cheques or GST holidays and address the structural vulnerabilities in its agri-food economy. Trump is leveraging America's economic dominance to gain concessions, and Canada must be prepared to adapt.

Adding to the pressure is Canada's carbon tax, which has further weakened the competitiveness of its agri-food sector. A peer-reviewed study from Dalhousie University highlights how this policy has placed Canadian producers at a disadvantage compared to their U.S. counterparts. With the U.S. likely to step away from the Paris Agreement, American producers face fewer regulatory costs, allowing them to compete more effectively. Combined with a weaker Canadian dollar, this creates strong incentives for U.S. importers and retailers to favour domestic products over Canadian ones, further squeezing Canadian producers.

If Canada continues prioritizing retail politics over meaningful economic strategy, the fallout will be felt by every household at the grocery store. Trump's tariff threats are not mere theatrics – they expose the fragility of North American trade dynamics and demand a strategic response from Ottawa.

A cohesive plan to safeguard Canada's agri-food sector is urgently needed. This means reducing barriers to innovation, revising policies like the carbon tax that hinder competitiveness, and expanding export markets to reduce dependence on the U.S. Strengthening diplomatic relationships with emerging markets, particularly in Asia, must also be a priority.

Trump's approach may seem brash, but it reflects a deliberate strategy to assert U.S. dominance. Canada must rise to the challenge by rethinking its economic policies and securing its place as a leader in global agriculture. Without bold action, the consequences will reverberate far beyond the farm gate, affecting every Canadian at the checkout line.

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, a Canadian professor and researcher specializing in food distribution and policy, is a senior director of the Agri-Food Analytics Lab at Dalhousie University and co-host of The Food Professor Podcast. He is frequently cited in the media for his insights on food prices, agricultural trends, and the global food supply chain. © Troy Media

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Theft Complaints 13; Traffic Collisions 10 and Assistance Calls 8, topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 1; Alarms/False Alarms 2; Animal Calls 1; Assault 1; Cause Disturbance 3; Child Welfare 0; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; False/Abandoned 911 Call 1; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 0; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 0; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 0; Information File 2; Lost or Found property 3; Mental Health Act 0; Mischief or Damage 2; Missing Person/Request to Locate 0; Municipal Bylaws 0; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 0; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 0; Suspicious Persons 2; Traffic Complaints 4; Traffic Violations 2; Trespassing 0; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 4.

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Town council takes action on businesses' concerns with unhoused individuals

by Niki Luymes

At the Edson Town Council meeting on December 3, Mayor Kevin Zahara, presented three motions that respond to the growing concern around unhoused individuals. Each motion addressed a different aspect of the issue chosen after the feedback from the November 20, RCMP Town Hall Meeting.

Mayor Zahara presented some of background on the subject before beginning the motion and voting process. "During the Town Hall on November 20, attended by nearly 100 people, many business owners expressed concerns about the impact homelessness is having on their businesses due to the aggressive and irrational behaviour of some individuals, thefts, and/or open drug use. Local service agencies report that they are currently working with 72 unhoused individuals and the vast majority are from Edson. RCMP confirm that the unhoused population they are dealing with have a history in Edson and are typically from the area."

Council then went through each of the three motions, discussing them in turn.

The first motion was that Council make a formal request to the Edson RCMP to conduct foot and vehicle patrols in collaboration with Town of Edson Peace Officers in areas of concerns for vagrancy such as the commercial district during the day and during business closing times, to enhance public safety.

Councillor Peter Taylor, who sits on the Homelessness Taskforce, said, "We heard loud and clear that there were concerns in the business community. Businesses locking their doors during the day, businesses escorting clients to and

from their vehicles, and hiring more staff at night. We need to hear that, because if businesses don't feel safe, if customers don't feel safe in that area, then they're not going to shop there; and we're not going to have a downtown core. This is one way to address those safety concerns."

Councillor Greg Pasychny asked, "Why do we need to have a motion to make a request to the RCMP? Are they not our contractors?" Mayor Zahara replied, "They are our contractor and we do have discussions with them on a regular basis, but we are reduced in the number of officers we have currently in the Town of Edson. They are operating with minimums because of vacancies and leaves. So what this motion will do is respond to concerns that were raised during the meeting and also allow the RCMP to utilize overtime dollars and put overtime shifts on, if need be, to focus on this particular issue in the community." Zahara added that because of their reduced numbers, the RCMP does not expect this overtime to affect their budget. The first motion was later carried unanimously.

The second motion was to authorize the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of concerned businesses and Council outlining the overall themes during the recent Homelessness Town Hall and requesting the MLA, MP, Minister of Public Safety, Minister of Social Services and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions attend a Town Hall with Edson business owners to discuss these concerns. This second motion was carried as well.

The third motion was that Council lobby higher levels of government for enhanced resources in the community to help those seeking mental health and addictions treatment and for more affordable,

transitional housing options in the community.

"We have seen an increase in addictions and mental health spaces in the province. But being in rural communities, getting those that have mental health or addictions issues connected to those services is often very difficult," said Zahara.

Taylor added, "If we want to get to

the root of these issues then we need to think further [than punishment]. And that means dealing with mental health and addiction. Bringing those centres and those resources to our community is absolutely necessary." This final motion was also carried unanimously.

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EVENT REMINDER

December 11: Seniors and Community Appreciation Dinner, Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Edson and District Recycling Depot. Come and Join us at the Recycle Depot for a Turkey dinner with all the fixings. This is our annual Seniors and Community Appreciation Christmas Event.

~ In loving memory ~

Reginald Lee Ripley

October 26, 1963 to November 15, 2024

Reg is survived by his common-law wife, Cindy Hardy and his kitty Sophee. His siblings Doug Ripley and Vicky Boyle (Blaine). His children Alesha Robertson (James), Jordan Morgan (Danielle), and Taylor Otterdahl (Eric). And 5 beautiful grandchildren; Archer, Willow, Owen, Oaklen, and Kiera.

Reg worked as a surveyor until health forced him to take an early retirement. He died peacefully in his sleep at home in Vernon, BC. He will be missed by many.



~ Obituary ~

Isabell Marie Irwin (nee Baudin)

May 10, 1928 – Rosevear, Alberta
November 20, 2024 – Calgary, Alberta

Isabell Irwin of Calgary, AB, passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the age of 96 years.

Isabell was born in Rosevear, AB, on May 10, 1928.

Isabell married Charles Alan Irwin in 1951.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and always placed the needs of her family above all. She took great pride and joy in making a caring and loving home for her children, husband and grandchildren. She will be remembered as an excellent cook and attentive hostess.

Isabell was very creative and most of her spare time was devoted to quilting, needle point, and knitting. She was also an accomplished seamstress and gardener.

Isabell's enjoyed travelling and camping and her most memorable vacation was a trip to South Africa with Alan and her son Ted.

She will be most remembered for her unflinching kindness and hospitality and her enduring devotion to family and friends.

Isabell is survived by her daughter Denise and four sons Charles, James, Ted and Chris. Her seven grandchildren, Rebecca, Sean, Thomas, Aran, Stefan, Nicole, and Spencer, three great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Theodore and Leena.

Isabell is also survived by her brother Joe and sisters Bernadette and Ceclia, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Isabell was predeceased by her husband Alan and daughter Carol.

Funeral Services will be held at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 1600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 3B3. In June 2025 the exact date yet to be determined.

Reception to follow in the Hospitality Centre at the McInnis & Holloway Funeral Home 14441 Bannister Road S.E., Calgary, AB, T2X 3J3.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Isabell's family here.

In living memory of Isabell Irwin, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes, Fish Creek, 14441 Bannister Road SE, Calgary, AB T2X 3J3, Telephone: 403-256-9575.



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~ Obituary ~

Don Richard Corser

June 30, 1960—November 22, 2024

Don was born the fourth child and third son of Richard Corser (d. 2007) and Dorothy Giebelhaus Corser (d. 2023) of Erith, Alberta. He grew up a free spirit at the family lumber business on the Coal Branch.

Don was always interested more in hands-on experience than school and participated in several ventures in BC and Alberta. His lifelong passion was panning for gold in local rivers.

Don remained single but he had many lifelong friends and was known for his good humour, kindness and generosity, helping out friends when he could, when they needed help. He was the mysterious "snow shoveller" who often cleared the winter sidewalks of neighbours and strangers overnight. Many of his nieces and nephews remember him as "the fun uncle."

He is survived by his sister Judy (Powell River, BC) and brothers Clyde (Robin) and Craig (Kelly) of Edson. Cremation has taken place.

Don will be remembered in a memorial to take place in 2025, TBA. Donations in Don's memory, if wished, may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta.

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A Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Supporting the Alberta Drilling Accelerator

Alberta will invest up to \$50 million from the TIER fund to support Canada's first test site to advance energy technologies, create jobs and help power the world.

Alberta has some of the most advanced and skilled drilling expertise in the world. Yet, unlike the United States, Japan and other countries, Canada does not currently have an open-access test site, which is critical for spurring innovation and leading-edge drilling technologies the world needs, such as geothermal, lithium, oil and natural gas.

To help fill this gap, Alberta's government will invest up to \$50 million from the industry-funded Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) program to support the Alberta Drilling Accelerator through a public-private partnership model. Funding will help create Canada's first open-access, technology-agnostic, industry-led hub, leveraging Alberta's unrivalled drilling expertise to develop the technologies needed to reduce emissions, create jobs and deliver energy to the world.

"What we're doing here today is setting the stage for innovation and prosperity far into the future. The Alberta Drilling Accelerator means big things for oil and gas exploration in our province, but also for industries that will be vital for achieving our goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. We are setting the stage for innovation and prosperity, pushing Alberta's drilling expertise to places it's never been before." -Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta

"The Alberta Drilling Accelerator will take Alberta's expertise from oil and gas to help us become the global leader in drilling innovation for industries like geothermal, to critical minerals. These learnings can help us continue to meet rising global and national energy demands here and around the world, while increasing efficiency and reducing our environmental footprint." -Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

In April, Alberta's government invested

\$750,000 to help kick-start this project, supporting a feasibility study facilitated by Calgary-based Eavor Technologies in partnership with the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors and Canadian Geothermal Energy Association. The initial findings suggest that creating an industry-led Alberta Drilling Accelerator is both economically and environmentally viable. The accelerator would allow companies to test and develop drilling techniques and technologies, accelerating geothermal, helium, critical minerals, carbon capture and other industries relying on the drilling sector.

"Alberta has the resources and expertise to become a world leader in geothermal innovation. The Alberta Drilling Accelerator will be a beacon for collaboration and the development of made-in-Alberta geothermal technologies that advance global energy security and carbon neutrality." -John Redfern, president and CEO, Eavor Technologies

Notably, several industry leaders have already expressed strong interest in serving as anchor tenants, including Calgary-based Eavor Technologies, Tourmaline Oil Corp and international oilfield service supermajor Halliburton. While no binding contracts have been signed, tens of millions of dollars in private sector capital investment could potentially be secured.

"Halliburton has 70 years of experience in geothermal and a strong legacy of innovation in drilling technology. We are very proud to support the Alberta Drilling Accelerator because we believe the best, most innovative solutions come through collaboration. The Alberta Drilling Accelerator will not only cement the region's place as a global leader in geothermal commercialization, but enhance efficiency, reduce environmental impacts and strengthen Alberta's leadership in sustainable energy solutions." -John Gorman, Halliburton area vice president, Canada

"Tourmaline is focused on implementing technology to improve performance and reduce

emissions across our drilling operations. We're pleased to support the Alberta Drilling Accelerator in further advancing the province's leadership in responsible natural resource production." -Earl McKinnon, chief operating officer, Tourmaline

"We are pleased to see the support for a forward-thinking initiative like the Alberta Drilling Accelerator, which will enable our members to build on what is already the most advanced drilling fleet in the world. Not only will the accelerator help advance oil and gas production, but it will also expand our capacity to extract geothermal energy and critical minerals. Our industry is at the forefront of Canada's energy evolution, and it's our skilled workforce and innovative technologies that will help secure a more diverse energy future." -Mark A. Scholz, president and chief operating officer, Canadian Association of Energy Contractors (CAOEC)

The Alberta Drilling Accelerator could potentially start drilling in 2026, or sooner. Once operational, the Alberta Drilling Accelerator could help speed up the development of geothermal, helium, critical minerals, carbon capture, utilization and storage and other technologies and commodities that rely on Alberta's world-class drilling expertise.

Quick facts

Demand for new and more efficient technologies is rising globally, and Alberta is well-positioned to capitalize. For example, cumulative geothermal investment is poised to reach \$1 trillion by 2050, while investments for oil and gas, carbon capture and storage and other sectors continue to grow.

The Alberta Drilling Accelerator is intended to be an open-access, technology-agnostic program and capable of testing drilling in challenging environments, including deep depths, high temperatures and varying rock types.

All funding to the Alberta Drilling Accelerator is conditional upon grant agreements being finalized.

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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Hydrogen crucial for driving cleaner energy transitions

Hydrogen is crucial for driving cleaner energy transitions and securing a sustainable future for coal, as it is projected to account for about 14% of global energy demand by 2050.

Through advanced abatement technologies such as High-Efficiency Low Emissions (HELE) and Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), coal can produce hydrogen while reducing CO2 emissions by up to 90%, making it one of the lowest-carbon options for producing blue hydrogen. This type of hydrogen is known as blue hydrogen.

Blue hydrogen is produced from coal through a process that involves the following steps:

Coal is reacted with oxygen and steam under high pressure and temperature to form synthesis gas, a mixture mainly composed of

carbon monoxide and hydrogen.

The synthesis gas is purified to remove impurities, and then the carbon monoxide reacts with steam in a water-gas shift reaction to produce more hydrogen and carbon dioxide. This is called grey hydrogen.

Hydrogen is separated from the gas mixture, and the concentrated carbon dioxide stream is captured and stored. This reduces the carbon footprint of hydrogen production.

The resulting hydrogen is a clean energy source that can be used for various purposes. This is called blue hydrogen.

Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain

The Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC)

Project is a joint venture between the Australian and Japanese governments based in Victoria, Australia. This pioneering project achieved a significant milestone by successfully extracting clean liquid hydrogen from Latrobe Valley coal and a biomass mix, and then shipping it to Kobe, Japan. The project produces about 225,000 tonnes of clean hydrogen annually while reducing CO2 emissions by an impressive 1.8 million tonnes per year, equivalent to the emissions from about 350,000 petrol-driven cars.

The momentum behind coal-to-hydrogen continues to grow as the world recognises the significant role of hydrogen in addressing climate goals. Abatement technologies and renewables enable the clean production of hydrogen, making it a versatile source for generating electricity, powering industries, and heating homes. - FutureCoal



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Carl Tews Memorial Scholarship names inaugural recipients

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Edson Vet Clinic recently awarded seven deserving students with the newly created Carl Tews Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was created to help support and develop veterinarians and vet techs from the Yellowhead County area.

“We recognize that local and rural students are more likely to return to rural areas once they graduate,” explained Dr. Eiry Spence, Veterinarian at the Edson Vet Clinic. “Carl was a huge supporter of students pursuing veterinary medicine and we wanted to honour him this way.”

“This scholarship is funded by the Edson Veterinary Clinic in honour of the late Carl Tews who was a man with a beautiful passion for agriculture and learning,” said Spence. “[It] is intended to provide financial support to students to enable them to pursue post-secondary education.”

Dr. Spence, alongside her partners Dr. Anne Rogers and Dr. Jordan Laird, worked together to make the scholarship available for local students. “They have been instrumental in getting this scholarship from a dream to reality,” said Spence. They also worked together with Carl's wife, Wendy Tews, to create the requirements and choose the recipients for this scholarship.

The Edson Vet Clinic plans to give out approximately \$5,000 each year, to be split among qualified candidates. “There is no set number of scholarships as it depends on the applicant pool in any given year,” said Eiry. “Students may apply for this scholarship for consecutive years as long as the requirements continue to be met.”

Veterinary-related studies re agiven preference when choosing recipients, but, “We also consider agriculture-related programs if there are not enough veterinary-specific applicants,” said Spence.

This year, two \$1,000 scholarships were given to students in their final years of study for their Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), due to it being a lengthier and more expensive program. “The other 5 recipients received \$600 due to being at varying stages of their programs,” said Spence.

The \$1,000 recipients, studying for their Doctorates of Veterinary Medicine, were Spencer Smith and Brian Birkenhagen.



Taylor Eaton (middle) received a \$600 Carl Tews Memorial Scholarship from Dr. Anne Rogers (left) and Dr. Eiry Spence of the Edson Vet Clinic.



Brian Birkenhagen received his \$1,000 Carl Tews Memorial Scholarship from Dr. Anne Rogers of the Edson Vet Clinic. photos submitted

Veterinary Technologist students Tianna DeLeeuw and Cassidy Davis were each awarded \$600, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine students Taylor Eaton, Mackenzie Kvatum, and Morgan Steffler also each received \$600.

The recipients have been grateful for the scholarship opportunity. “Students seem excited and thankful to be chosen. Many of them knew Carl personally through his counselling position at Parkland and so there is extra meaning for them,” explained Spence.

Taylor Eaton, who is currently in her 4th year of a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences at Red Deer Polytechnic, is a former student of Fulham School, Pine Grove, and Parkland Composite.

“Although I only knew Carl Tews very briefly, I could see how much of an impact he made on the community and how passionate he was for agriculture. I know he would be very proud of having this scholarship in his name, and for a lucky Aggie or Vet student to receive it,” Eaton said.

“I aspire to be as passionate for agriculture as he was. I have also been so grateful to have worked at the Edson Vet Clinic the past two summers, each one of the staff there welcomes you and are very willing to answer all the questions you may have,” Eaton added. “Working alongside the Veterinarians

at this clinic have inspired me even more to work hard towards my dreams of getting into the U of C vet program. I am so grateful to be receiving this scholarship.”

Eaton's scholarship money will go towards her next semester's tuition, and she said she is grateful to have local scholarships like this one. “I think applying for this scholarship is a great way to get your name out in the community,” she said. “I think it's especially great for the Edson Vet Clinic to be offering this scholarship as it brought light to many students that are aspiring to be apart of the Veterinary Medicine field or just be apart of Agriculture.”

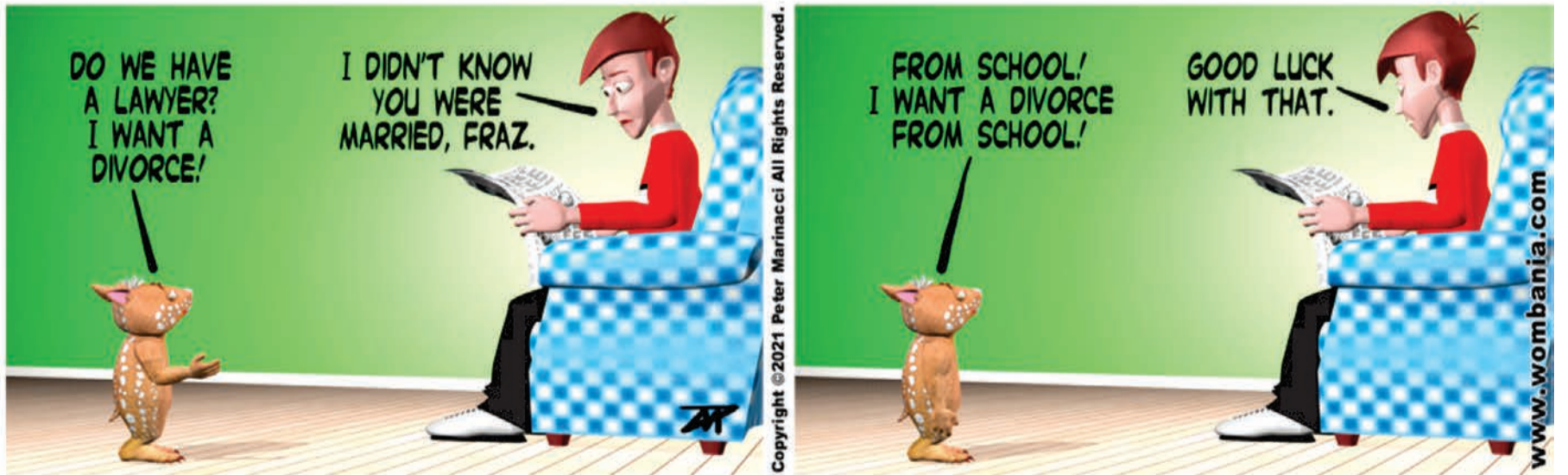
Spence also spoke on the importance of these areas of study and why the Edson Vet Clinic wants to recognize them. “The veterinary industry is small and varied with a huge need in rural areas and smaller towns such as Edson,” she said. “The path for veterinarians, in particular, is long, challenging and becoming increasingly more expensive with rising costs of education and inflation affecting the cost of living.”

Spence and the team at the Edson Vet Clinic look forward to continuing to support local veterinary and agricultural students in years to come. Congratulations to all of the recipients!

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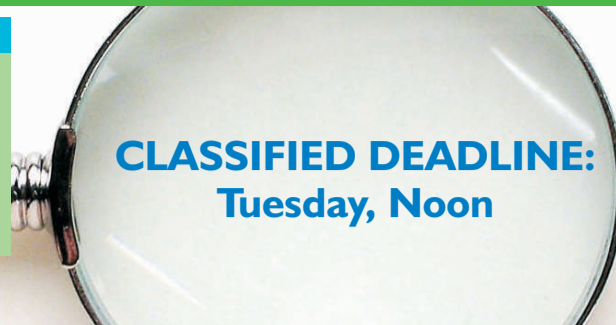
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What's happening, when and where in the community

Community Events

December 8: Marlboro Winter Market 11-2 pm, Marlboro Hall (1015-20th Ave., Marlboro), Find unique holiday gifts at the Marlboro Winter Market hosted by the Mountainview Rec Society. With a variety of items for sale and a concession to satisfy your hunger, this market is a holiday shopping destination!

December 10-14: 10-5 pm, Friday: 10-8 pm, Carrot Creek Christmas Market, Carrot Creek Hall (Township Road 534 between Range Road 134 & 133A, Yellowhead County), Head to Carrot Creek for a Christmas market brimming with homemade treats, decor, gifts, and more. The market will feature extended hours on Friday for late-night shoppers.

December 11: Seniors and Community Appreciation Dinner, Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Edson and District Recycling Depot. Come and Join us at the Recycle Depot for a Turkey dinner with all the fixings.

December 13 and 14: Santa's Little LEAP Gift Shop, children can experience the magic of holiday shopping! With the help of a friendly Elf, kids can pick out special gifts for their loved ones, all while enjoying the fun of choosing and wrapping. Simply register for a time slot, bring cash, and let the Elf guide your child through the gift selection process. All proceeds benefit the Edson LEAP Society, www.edsonleapcentre.com

Dec 14: Edson and District Public Library Tree Trimming Party - 12:30pm to 3pm. Come to our annual Tree Trimming Party: crafts, hot cocoa, and candy canes. Everyone welcome!

Dec 14: HRH Winter Carnival, 12-2 pm, Edson Friendship Centre (5023-3rd Ave., Edson), FREE Winter Carnival hosted by Holy

Redeemer High School's travel club. Enjoy kids carnival games, a bake sale, photos with Santa and a gift-wrapping station done by donation.

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

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

January 18: Edson Sabres Excel U13 Tourney. Time: All Day, Location: Edson & District Leisure Centre. Please come out and cheer our local Sabres on and check out the raffle table.

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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'Light Up the Trail Hall' event celebrates the season

by Niki Luymes

The Trail Hall Association celebrated the holiday season on December 1, with a 'Light Up the Trail Hall' event. From 3pm to 5pm, everyone was welcome to come out to the hall and enjoy hot coco, snacks, and community.

Outside the hall was a fire pit for people to socialize and converse. Inside there was free hot chocolate and cookies. There was also a variety of gingerbread houses and sugar cookies that people could spend time building and decorating. At 5pm the group moved outside to watch as the decorations and Christmas lights were turned on for the holiday season.

The Trail Hall is located at the north end of Rodeo Road and has been a part of Edson for over 70 years. The location originally had a school house which opened in 1938. After a fire destroyed the log building, a replacement was brought over in 1957. It functioned as a school for only a couple more years before being bought by the community for \$1 and turned into the community hall.

The association that currently cares for the hall runs multiple events during the year. This includes a monthly potluck, a Fall supper, and other events. This is the first year that the group has done a Christmas Light Up event. "This was our first year to try it and hopefully we can do it annually," said Ashley Young, Trail Hall Association Member and event organizer.

Although this first year had a rather small turnout, it was still well received by the community. "It was small, but it was really good,"

said Young. "We had a few people from the community with kids come out and they got to enjoy it, which was really awesome. I think we will definitely be doing again next year as well."

"Our goal is to bring more of the community out to the hall to let people know that we are here, open, and functioning," Young added.



Clare Sweeney and Roxane Parker enjoyed constructing and decorating gingerbread houses at the Trail Hall Light Up event on December 1. photo Niki Luymes

Holiday fire safety tips from the Edson Fire Department

by Deanna Mitchener

With the holiday season's arrival, the hustle and bustle of shopping and decorating for the season begins. The Edson Fire Department offers some safety tips to help everyone have a safer season.

- The holidays can be full of joy, but also full of distractions. Keep fire safety in mind and avoid holiday stress.

- If using candles, never use lit candles to decorate a Christmas tree. Keep candles at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from things that can burn. Consider using battery-operated candles as a safe alternative.

- For natural Christmas trees, place them in a sturdy, non-tipping stand and at least three feet (1 metre) away from heat sources. Choose a tree with

fresh, green needles that do not fall off. Check the water level of the tree each day and add water as needed. Dispose of the tree within four weeks or sooner if it dries out. Store it away from the house or garage.

- For Christmas lights, only use ones that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Only connect as many strands together as outlined in the manufacturer's instructions. Make sure outdoor lights, extension cords, and outlets are weatherproof or identified for outdoor use. Don't overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heat sources. Replace any string of lights that contain frayed cords or loose bulb connections. Use clips instead of nails when hanging lights to prevent cord damage.

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10

years and tested monthly. Change batteries twice a year (recommended when you change your clocks). Some modern smoke detectors/alarms come with a 10-year battery that does not need to be replaced during the lifespan of the device. Check the manufacturer's instructions.

- Carbon Monoxide alarms should be tested monthly. Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness, and death. If your CO alarm sounds or you notice symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the home immediately. Then call 9-1-1 from outside the building. Keep your families safe and enjoy the holidays.

Take the time to ensure all your decorations are safely in place and operating correctly. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

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