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Town reviews report on 2023 local disasters

by Niki Luymes

During the Town of Edson's council meeting on February 6, 2023, Edson Fire Chief Brad Milton presented an after-action report regarding the three local emergencies that took place in 2023. In the spring of 2023, the Town of Edson experienced two wildfires and a flood. Administration and the Emergency Command Center (ECC) team enlisted Transitional Solutions Inc's (TSI) expertise as a third-party to create the report, offer oversight and recommendations

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In Social Studies on January 31 Mary Bergeron's Grade 2 students studied an Inuit community to learn about its geography, language, and culture. The students packed a bag, cleared security, checked their passports and boarded a virtual plane on route to Iqaluit. After a quick in-flight movie, the students set off on a learning journey to experience a day of life in Iqaluit. They participated in traditional Inuit games, then learned about hunting and fishing in the area, before going on an arctic animal hunt. They finished off their travels by learning about the landforms and geography of Iqaluit before creating some beautiful pastel art of the northern lights. What a fantastic learning adventure! -MBE, submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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Town reviews report on 2023 local disasters

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regarding the operations, capacity, training, and management of all three emergencies. Assisting online with the presentation at for council were TSI analysts Kevin Lefebvre, Kerri Holmes, and Cory Thomas, who were also able to answer questions afterwards.

The report on the first of the wildfires (EWF-031) and subsequent evacuation concluded that as a small municipality with limited training, Edson demonstrated a resilient, community-driven culture underscoring the power of solidarity and adaptability in the face of adversity. "Edson's success in managing the wildfire was not merely a result of technical expertise or extensive resources but was profoundly influenced by the strength of the community's unity, quick thinking, and resourcefulness."

"The collaboration among residents, emergency responders, and local authorities played a pivotal role in containing the fire and minimizing its impact."

"The Town of Edson achieved its overall priorities to protect lives and property, demonstrating a resiliency of spirit in extremely trying times." This review also identifies areas for improvement. While the team's cultural strength significantly contributed to its success, formal training and resources could enhance preparedness and response capabilities further. Investing in training programs, acquiring necessary resources, and establishing more structured emergency response protocols would complement and fortify Edson's existing community driven approach.

"Moving forward, integrating formal training and resources within the framework of a resilient community culture will fortify the Town's ability to address such crises more effectively while preserving the ethos that defines the municipality." The second wildfire and subsequent town-wide evacuation to Edmonton once again presented the Town of Edson with a challenging and sobering set

of circumstances. The second report concluded that, "the response efforts were evidence of the resilience and dedication of the Town staff, IMTs, emergency response teams, provincial agencies, and the community. It should be noted that the Town successfully managed to evacuate residents and contain the wildfire. It is evident that there are still lessons to be learned and improvements to be made, but overall, the protection of life and property was a success."

"The ability to execute a second evacuation so soon after the first demonstrates the importance of preparedness and the need for a robust and adaptable MEP. The Town is encouraged to continue to refine the plans for wildfire and evacuation procedures and identify vulnerabilities, the Town must be commended for its use of enhanced communication strategies to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents."

In regard to the flooding event, the report concluded that based on the comprehensive assessment of the response to the 2023 Edson Flood, it was evident that the management of this disaster was highly effective. "The Town demonstrated a commendable commitment to safeguarding the lives and property of its residents."

"It is essential to highlight that the success of the Town of Edson during this flood crisis can be attributed, in part, to having been through two previous wildfires in a very short time. Although the Town ECC staff were exhausted, they were able to collaborate with key players, stakeholders, and vendors to mitigate the flood effectively. Had the circumstances been different, the Town might not have fared as well under the challenging conditions it faced."

During the presentation, the TSI representatives offered multiple actionable ideas for each of the events to help the Town to be better prepared for future challenges. "You did an incredible job," said Holmes, "Nobody died, you safeguarded their lives

and you protected their residences."

Councillor Krystal Cacka said she believed everyone did a commendable job during the evacuations. She then asked where Administration stands in response to TSI's recommendations. Milton responded, "We have started actioning the recommendations that were made here. We are working on an implementation plan for all of the, I believe, 81 recommendations. We are working through that process and that is something we will bring back to council at a later date."

Councillor Gean Chouinard had a question about the issue of fatigue management, a challenge that staff faced in the second fire evacuation and the overland flooding. "In all fairness how do you train for this? We can do all the training in the world and yet everything could be different."

Milton responded, "You are very correct in that. Trying to balance the fatigue management side is extremely difficult." He then explained that joining the North Central Incident Management Team along with accessing the recently joined Northwest Alberta Emergency Resource Agreements would give Edson an option for relief in the future.

Councillor Peter Taylor had a question on the issue of unified command. He pointed out that even though the Edson and the County had different Emergency Command Centres, they were still required to coordinate on a lot of things. "When an evacuation like this happens, we're linked."

Chief Milton said, "Those conversations are going to be had. Unified command is always going to be a challenge everywhere we go. But it is something that we are going to be continuing to work towards to better our response and work with our municipal partners."

After the discussion, Council voted unanimously to accept the 2023 TSI After Action Reports as information.

~ Obituary ~

JAMES STEWART ROGERS

Dr. Rogers, aged 91, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2024, in Continuing Care, Edson AB. Thank you from the family to all the staff and Dr. Kruger who so kindly cared for him during his time with you.

Son of Anderson Rogers and Janet (Fairbrother) Rogers, he was born April 5, 1932 in Santa Maria, California. He grew up in Lloydminster and North Battleford SK his parents returning there during the Depression.

James received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics from the University of Saskatoon in 1954, a Master of Science in Physics from the University of Alberta in 1962 and a Doctor of Philosophy in Physics from the University of Alberta in 1964. This led to a long career with the University of Alberta as a professor and researcher. During his career, he worked with both low temperature Physics and Geophysics. One of his many publications was a paper he published in 1963 with Dr. John Adler that contributed to the area of Superconductivity. In 1995 he was invited to CERN to install his Geophysical Instrumentation that helped with the stability of the structure.

As a young boy Jim always wanted to learn to fly. At the age of 75 he fulfilled his life long dream of receiving his flying license. He bought an ultralight and took to the skies.

Jim was predeceased by his parents Anderson and Janet, his older sister Jean Jones and her husband Richard as well as his son Timothy Rogers.

He is survived by his wife Linda Ferguson, his children, son Robert Rogers (Marie), his daughters Laurel Rogers, Krista Nachtigal (Doug) and Teresa Rogers as well as his grandchildren Tirsa (Jessie), Michael, Andrew, David, Jamie, Christopher, Joshua, Steven, Daniel, Taylor, Jordan, Victoria, Alwyn and great grandchild John, step daughters Audra Bowman (Dale), Alison Minelli (Travis), grandchildren Nicholas, Schyler, Sarah, Hannah, Emma and great grandchildren Xavier and Sawyer, cousins and friends.

James was deeply loved by all who knew him. He was a kind and compassionate man always willing to lend moral support to those around him. He had a quick smile and a deep love of knowledge. He could do anything from explaining the Pythagoras Theorem and physics to building a magnificent house (which he did in his retirement) or treehouse to flying a plane. He was brilliant, funny, kind, loving, a deep thinker and a great napper. James passed peacefully in his sleep after a long illness. He will be greatly missed.

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Knight Riders 4H Multi Club showcase their public speaking skills

written and submitted by Katie Sydor, 4-H

The Knight Riders 4H multi club members showcased their public speaking skills on January 27 by competing against each other to determine who would represent the club at Districts on Feb 10.

Carrot Creek Christian Fellowship Church in Peers was bustling with excited families and friends eager to cheer on their 4H members in Peers as they were treated to a variety of speeches and presentations. The 4H members were judged on their ability to speak and present, and the ability to inform the audience about what the purpose of the speech/presentation was about.

Those who won will represent our club against other clubs in the area. There were so many amazing articles with great information.

There are three members giving speeches and two giving presentations who will be going on to Districts. The winning speeches were by: Brooklyn Klut (junior member) with 'Disasters of 2023'; Katie Sydor (intermediate member) with 'The Importance of Newspapers'; and Arthur Hokanson (senior member) with 'Mystery of Bear'.

The winning presentations were given by

Evangeline Elzinga (junior member) with 'Giants Fact or Fable'; and Rebecca Plangger and Tayla Plunkie (intermediate members) with

'Everything You Need to Know About Skating'. Congratulations to all of the winners and good luck at Districts.



Members of the Knight Riders 4H Multi Club showcased their public speaking skills on January 27 by competing against each other to determine who would represent the club at Districts on Feb 10.

Aspiring artists learn new skills at Red Brick Sketching Class

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Cultural Heritage Organization (ECHO) and the Red Brick welcomed aspiring artists to learn some new skill at their February 5 Sketching Class. The event ran from 3:30 to 4:40pm, and was hosted in the Red Brick School.

The class featured instruction and time for practice. Jena, the instructor and employee at the Red Brick, provided the basics and a few tips for

the group. The lesson area was filled with still life items for people to practice sketching and shading. "This event will help people who enjoy art to be able to do it more or to try something new," said Jena.

The class was open for all people ages 10 and up and required pre-registration with a \$20 fee. There were eight people in attendance, making for a small but productive class. Everyone was quite focused on their work, and each had at



The Red Brick welcomed aspiring artists of all ages on February 5 for a Sketching Class. The event featured instruction and a time for practice. photo Niki Luymes

least three practice pieces finished by the end of the night. The Red Brick plans multiple instruction-style art events throughout the year to encourage arts and culture in Edson and the surrounding area.

The Red Brick would also like to spread the news about their upcoming art contest. "There is a \$5 entry fee and the theme is springtime. It's divided by age groups and then there are cash prizes," said Jena. The artwork has to be submitted by February 29. Each piece needs to be 10 inches by 10 inches and able to hang on a wall. Other than that, artists are free to use whatever medium they like to create their work.

For more details on this contest or upcoming events you can reach out to the Red Brick by phone, in person, or online.

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YKCS Senior Girls Basketball Team wins Gold!

by Raydn Wright ,YKCS school reporter

The Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School girls' senior basketball team participated in a tournament in Hinton on February 3.

YKCS has not had a senior sport team for approximately five years and the girls and their fans are pumped to see what this team will achieve this year.

They played the Lamont team on Saturday evening and going into the fourth quarter the game was tied 32 to 32. "It was a nail biter," said Lana Wright, a mom of one of the YKCS girls.

The Eagles secured gold with the ending score of 43 to 42!

Special thanks to their head coach Colton Black that made this year possible, and the support from parents, YKCS fans, and Faye Kwantes who's cheering made everyone smile.



YKCS Senior Girls Basketball Team left to right bottom row: Meripa Stevens, Jenay Vanderkooi, Chloe Braun, Raydn Wright, and Clara Vanderkooi. Top row left to right: Mara Kwantes, Elizabeth Riehl, Malayha Stevens, Isabelle Flickinger, Jordan Riehl, and Coach Mr. Black.

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Mrs. Dennison's Grade 3 students from MBE School met their buddies from Mrs. Reynolds' Kindergarten class on the front lawn of Parkland Lodge. They worked together to build some awesome snow sculptures for the residents to enjoy. It was very uplifting for our seniors to watch and admire. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener



A big thanks went to Western Financial Group for the generous donation of \$721 and 33lbs of food for the Edson Food Bank. "We appreciate your support and thank you for recognizing the value we provide to our community". photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener



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3. Moving forward, to reduce paper waste, the Town of Edson will no longer be issuing paper Business Licence Certificates annually. We would ask business owners reaching their 5-year mark to place their new Business Licence stickers over the older stickers on the certificate.

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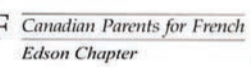
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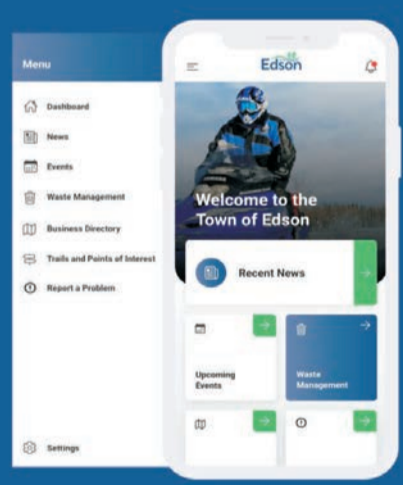

Up to \$68 million is available in disaster recovery funding to help Edson, Whitecourt, Yellowhead County and Woodlands County recover from June flooding.

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Alberta gets an 'A' on red tape reduction

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From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

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The 2024 Red Tape Report Card grades three main areas of regulatory performance: regulatory accountability, regulatory burden, and political priority of red tape reduction. Alberta received the highest grade in all three categories.

Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, Dale Nally, stated, "Last year, we were honoured to be ranked No. 1 in Canada with an A-minus in red tape reduction. This year our commitment continues to pay off, as CFIB has awarded Alberta an A, making us a leader among the provinces for the fourth year in a row. Albertans continue to benefit from our government's laser-like focus on removing administrative

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D24-005	Plan 0523214 Blk 1, Lot 1 NE-18-53-7-W5 Evansburg Area	Single Detached Dwelling	Jan 25/24	Permitted Use
D24-004	NE-27-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Accessory Building (Weather Shelter) Variance for Height	Jan 25/24	Feb 15/24
D23-152	Plan 1822119 Blk 1, Lot 9 NW-6-51-25-W5 Entrance Area	Short Term Accommodations	Feb 1/24	Permitted Use
D24-006	NW-29-55-14-W5 Ulham	Accessory Building (Shop)	Feb 2/24	Permitted Use
D24-008	NE-25-50-26-W5 Hinton Area	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling	Feb 7/24	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 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.



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Dates of Employment:

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

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

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

These competitions will remain open until 4:30 PM on Friday, February 23, 2024. We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

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COMPETITION NO. 24-016

Reporting to the Manager of Information Technology, the Systems Analyst maintains the County computer, communication/dispatch, network, and telephone systems. The position is also responsible for but not limited to providing technical support for computers, tablets, radios and mobile phones and various applications.

The salary range is currently \$71,688 to \$88,893 per year.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply please submit resumes and cover letters online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

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

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Municipal Offices CLOSED FAMILY DAY on Monday, February 19th



The Yellowhead County offices in Edson and Wildwood will be closed for Family Day.



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All equipment hired by Yellowhead County **MUST** be registered annually by the deadline. Yellowhead County will select equipment that is the best suited for the work to be done and provide the most cost effective level of service.



For more information or to register your equipment, call the Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.



Edson Food Bank hosts Volunteer Get-Together

by Deanna Mitchener

On January 19 the Edson Food Bank celebrated their dedicated volunteers with an 'After the Holidays Party'.

Amy Pillage, Program Coordinator with the Food Bank, said, "It was very well attended with about half of our volunteers attending. We had a fabulous time visiting, eating, and taking part in a gift exchange. We were delighted that both Mayor Wade Williams and Mayor Kevin Zahara were able to attend. It's so valuable to have their attention in a casual setting."

The Food Bank is a vital part of our community. It takes a community of willing volunteers and supportive businesses to keep it going.

The holidays were a very busy time for the Food Bank. Volunteers enjoyed getting together to celebrate and have some much deserved downtime with each other outside of the work area.

It's important for volunteers to stay connected as a group and get to know each other on a more personal level. Human connections in the workplace, even if it's strictly volunteer, are essential for creating a sense of belonging and inclusivity.

If you would like to become a volunteer or make a donation you can call the Edson Food Bank at 780-723-1350.



Over half of the Edson Food Bank volunteers were able to attend the 'After the Holidays Party' on January 19. Everyone spent time visiting, eating, and taking part in a gift exchange.

UPCOMING EVENTS REMINDER

Feb 9, March 8, April 12:

Join Trail Hall for potluck suppers for more information call 780-728-5641.

February 9:

Valentine's day dance. Evansburg Legion from 6-8pm Registration is required by February 2 at yhcounty.ca/registration



The Board and Superintendent Dr. Lewis recently attended meetings with MLAs Martin Long and Shane Getson. MLA Long also attended the Niton Community Conversation. The survey and participant comments from the Niton Community Conversation can be found at: <https://www.gypsd.ca/our-board/communications-plan>

February 5, 2024



Niton Community Members Share Their Love for Their Local School



Board Priority 3: Community Engagement



GNS: Good News Story

On January 30th, Niton Central School families residing in the Hamlet of Niton Junction and Lobstick zone of Yellowhead County participated in an information session and discussion with the Board of Trustees and central leadership team about the declining enrollment in the Grade 9 program and the implications to future junior high programming at Niton Central School should the Grade 9 program be moved out of the community school.

In the Spring of 2023, the Board was asked by community members to host a community conversation about the Grade 9 program potentially transitioning into local high schools. In preparation for the conversation, a survey was shared with parents, staff, and junior high students to get a sense of what the community was thinking and to inform what informational pieces and data was needed for a community conversation. The original event was to take place in May but was re-scheduled and then canceled due to last year's wildfires and evacuations.

Board Chair Dale Karpluk and Lobstick Trustee Melodie Bobilek provided the attendees with past enrolment trends at NCS, recent census data for the Hamlet, explained how a school budget is directly linked to student enrollment and staffing, and highlighted the implications of a small staff and the range of learning options available as a result. Over 50 participants discussed the potential benefits of moving the Grade 9 students to a high school, and the challenges and concerns the families, staff, and students have if a decision was made to remove the Grade 9 program from NCS.

The Board was pleased by the turnout and heard loud and clear that the Niton folks love their school and want it to thrive!

New family physician now practising in Edson

Local and area residents have improved access to primary care with the recruitment of a new family physician for the community.

Dr. Nota Nosa-Omoregie is a family medicine physician who is now practising at the Edson Healthcare Centre and Edson Medical Centre. He joins a team of 14 other family medicine physicians in the community.

"It's a pleasure to welcome Dr. Nosa-Omoregie to Edson. He joins our community and local primary care team, bringing expertise, compassion and dedication to enhancing the well-being of local and area residents," says Martin Long, MLA for West Yellowhead.

Dr. Nosa-Omoregie is originally from Nigeria, where he completed his medical training. He moved

to Edson from Calgary earlier this month.

Dr. Jane Oghenechuko Ojedokun, Associate Zone Medical Director for Alberta Health Services (AHS), says Dr. Nosa-Omoregie is a great addition to the local care team. "I'd like to extend a heartfelt welcome to Dr. Nosa-Omoregie as our newest member of the local family physician team," she says. "His arrival not only enriches our medical community but also strengthens our shared commitment to providing ongoing, exceptional care to patients."

Dr. Nosa-Omoregie is married with three children. His wife is a nursing student at the University of Calgary. Outside of work and family, he enjoys exercising, animations, and travelling.

"I eagerly look forward to engaging with the

vibrant community around me," says Dr. Nosa-Omoregie. "Whether it's joining local events, participating in volunteer initiatives, or simply connecting with neighbours, I believe in the power of community spirit."

As part of an overall physician recruitment strategy, AHS has three physician resource planners in the North Zone who are dedicated to identifying and pursuing international and domestic physician recruitment opportunities. These planners work closely with partner organizations, such as the Rural Health Professionals Action Plan, Health Advisory Councils, and local, independent community physician attraction and retention committees. - AHS

Local dentist focusing on arts post-retirement

by Niki Luymes

After 30 years of working in Edson, local dentist Julian Buchwald officially retired recently.

Dentistry wasn't always Julian's dream job. After finishing two years of pre-med, he was encouraged by a radiologist to pursue a job in the field. Going to dental school instead of medical school requires the same pre-med courses, but comes with less work overall. "But then when you graduate, you're done. You could go into a specialty, but you can basically hang up your shingle and you're self employed. So I didn't get into medical school, I got into dental school and the rest is history."

Buchwald and his family moved to Edson in 1990. After finishing school he chose to purchase a local practice in partnership with a fellow classmate, Dr Scott McLain. "We looked all around Alberta, we just happened to luck into Edson. So we bought the practice as business partners." This partnership continued for about 16 years before McLain sold his half to Buchwald. After that, Buchwald remained the sole owner until 2019. He then stayed on as an

associate doctor, until his retirement last year. "The practice was successful, I think we treated people right and people showed a lot of trust and respect in our ability as dentists."

When looking back on his career, Buchwald remarked that it wasn't the work that kept him here. "The people and the community are good. There are some merits to living in a small town. We bellyache about stuff from time to time, but I don't think you get any less stuff to bellyache about in the city. You just spend less of your life in traffic in a small town."

Buchwald's personal philosophy is all about making a difference where you can. "Helping people, working with people. [As a dentist] you got kind of a captive audience, but how you are perceived is based on your personality and how you treat people."

Along with working in Edson, Buchwald also had the opportunity to travel abroad, sharing his dentistry skills in countries across the world. Over the years, he has completed about 13 volunteer trips to various South American, Central American, and

Asian countries. "Cambodia, Guatemala, many trips to Nicaragua —probably six trips to Nicaragua and Ecuador." Each of these trips usually lasted about two to three weeks. Julian's daughter, who has also gone into the dentistry field, accompanied him on many trips. "I think we've done some good dental work on people and treat them well."

These trips also encouraged Julian's other interest —photography. He has tried his hand at many different styles of photography over the years. "All kinds of stuff, travel photography, wildlife, lots of pictures of bears, and now I'm getting into abstracts." Five years ago Julian and his wife opened the 'Heart of Edson Gallery'. Lots of Buchwald's own work is displayed in store alongside other pieces from people all around the community. Julian uses the gallery to host lots of community groups and clubs, and the occasional small concert.

Buchwald's work with the gallery is also his plan for life post-retirement. He is constantly working on the space to better fit the community it serves. While some clients have expressed sadness at his retirement, he is excited for what the future holds.

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A Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Working with Colorado on a strong energy future

Alberta's government has entered into an agreement with the Government of Colorado to advance energy and carbon management solutions.

Alberta is Canada's energy province and a foremost leader in energy development and emissions reduction technology. On Jan. 31, Premier Danielle Smith and Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to align and improve regulation, enhance collaboration and increase information sharing on best practices in key energy and environmental areas including carbon capture, utilization and storage, methane emission reduction, hydrogen development and geothermal energy.

"Alberta and Colorado have legacies in environmental leadership and responsible energy development that we will build on to play a key role in the global energy transition away from emissions. This agreement will help us deliver solutions and support innovation in clean and renewable energy while providing new economic opportunities for Alberta companies." - Danielle Smith, Premier

"Today's action is an important step in Colorado's clean energy transition, moving us closer to our goal of 100 per cent clean energy by

2040 and saving Coloradans money. This agreement will help combat climate change and support Colorado's booming clean energy sector including geothermal energy and the hydrogen economy. Colorado and Alberta are leading in clean energy, and emission reduction is a global challenge that requires exactly this kind of international cooperation. I am excited that Colorado and Alberta are partnering together to do even greater things." - Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado

Alberta's government has an effective plan to reduce emissions while supporting responsible energy development. The province's strong community of forward-thinkers has a long history of technological innovation and sector expertise, pioneered in oil and gas. These innovators are leading the pack in developing groundbreaking solutions to diversify Alberta's energy mix, boost industry competitiveness and improve environmental performance across the energy sector.

"Current global events highlight the importance of energy security in North America and the MOU with Colorado advances this cooperation. Alberta's energy sector has shown adaptability through years of technological innovation and sector expertise, pioneered in the oil and gas sector, which will help the transition towards a decarbonized future." - Brian Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals

"This is good news for Alberta as we work to reduce emissions, grow our economy and make sure that energy remains reliable and affordable for decades to come. Alberta and Colorado are both hubs of energy innovation, and this partnership will help us both to continue developing new technologies while creating jobs and driving innovation." - Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

Alberta and Colorado officials will use this agreement to formalize regular connections and advance shared priorities that will boost Alberta's competitiveness and grow and diversify the province's economy. It will also fuel new industry jobs and open market opportunities for Alberta industries, businesses and innovators deploying new energy technology and emissions reduction innovation to the world.

The MOU will be in effect for three years with an opportunity to renew.

Quick facts

- The U.S. is Alberta's largest trade partner and Alberta's relationship with Colorado is particularly strong.
 - o Bilateral trade between Alberta and Colorado totalled \$6.2 billion in 2022.
 - o Alberta's total energy exports to Colorado, primarily energy products, totalled \$5.4 billion in 2022.
- A number of Alberta companies already have a strong presence in Colorado, including Encana, Stantec and Suncor.
- According to the Canadian Geothermal Energy Association, there is an estimated potential of 388,500 megawatts of thermal energy in Alberta that can be recovered under existing technical, structural and ecological restrictions.
- Alberta is the largest hydrogen producer in Canada and has the resources and expertise needed to become a major global supplier.
 - o The global hydrogen opportunity is projected to be worth trillions by 2050.
- Alberta was the first subnational government in North America to set a methane reduction target for upstream oil and gas, namely 45 per cent reduction from 2014 levels by 2025. -AB

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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

What is Sustainable Coal Stewardship?

Sustainable Coal Stewardship (SCS) allows like-minded nations and corporations to form collaborations across the coal value chain to advance a progressive, innovation and technology led coal industry.

The coal value chain is a significant contributor to sectors such as power, steel, cement, aluminium, chemicals, and renewable infrastructure. To safeguard and support this continued contribution to economies around the world, our Global Alliance recognises that we must modernise and chart a future which sustains coal for the economic and environmental benefit of future generations.

SCS has a strong focus on abated coal innovation and technologies. Under SCS abated coal has a broader definition.

It encompasses a range of responsible

practices, emissions controls, efficiency gains and advanced coal opportunities.

Every coal value participant can contribute both directly and indirectly to SCS which comprises of three key components:

Pre-Combustion

This describes the abatement opportunities available to the upstream sector in the coal value chain. This includes efficient mining practices, digitalisation, waste management, renewable power, methane control, management of surface subsidence, land disturbance and rehabilitation, among others.

Combustion

This describes the range of efficient technologies which when combined support power and heat utilities to abate and capture up to 99% of emissions.

These include high-efficiency and low emissions (HELE) plants, such as Ultra Super Critical (USC), Combined Heat and Power (CHP), electricity production from coal gasification (Integrated Gasification in Combined Cycle (IGCC)), and co-firing coal with biomass.

These technologies can also be combined with emission mitigation technologies such as

lowering SOx emissions through Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD), particulate matter control (through Electrostatic precipitators or ESP and bag or ESP and bag filters), low NOx systems, and carbon capture storage and utilisation and storage (CCS/CCUS).

Beyond Combustion

This is our vision that extends into exploring novel business opportunities that transform coal into high-value products. These include Coal-to-Liquids (CTL), synthetic liquid hydrocarbons, hydrogen, methanol, and agrichemicals.

Additionally, it highlights that coal and coal waste form an ecosystem, offering secondary resources for valuable construction materials, critical minerals for a digitised future, and advanced materials like graphene and carbon fibre.

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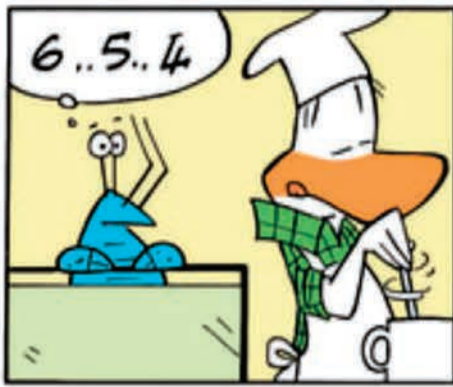
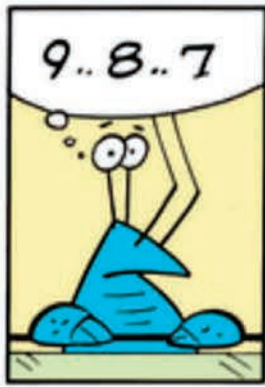
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with: **Patrick Dolphin,**
Barrister and Solicitor, at
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If you do not file by the date above, the estate can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

What's happening, when and where in the community

Community Events

Jan 10 to Mar 20: Family Time. Join us on Wednesdays for some indoor fun! Program runs from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Marlboro Community Hall (January 10 & 24 February 7 March 13). Peers Multiplex (January 17 & 31 February 14 March 20). Registration is required. www.yhcounty.ca/registration
February 15 - March 7: Pilates at the Robb Multiplex 10:00-10:45am please register online at yhcounty.ca/registration
February 16: Adult Card Night at Niton Hall 7:00 pm Everyone welcome.
February 19: Family Day Carnival Featuring Griffiths Park Centre Grand Opening 11am-3pm 5414 6 Ave Edson
February 21: Alzheimer Support Group meeting. This month's group is meeting on February 2. Contact Karen at 780-325-3782 or kschatz@yhcounty.ca for more details.
February 24: Niton Jam at Niton Hall 1:00pm everyone welcome.
February 25: Yoga in Marlboro at the Marlboro Community Hall 4:30-5:30. Register online at yhcounty.ca/registration
March 8, April 12: Join Trail Hall for potluck suppers for more information call 780-728-5641.
March 10-31: Yoga in Peers, Sundays 6pm-7pm Peers Multiplex ages 12+ register at yhcounty.ca/registration
March 11: Preventing Scams Community Presentations. Evansburg Heritage House-1:30pm Register by calling the Yellowhead County Wildwood office at 780-325-3782.

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March 12: Preventing Scams Community Presentations. Peers Multiplex 10:30am Register by calling the Yellowhead County Wildwood office at 780-325-3782 or email kschatz@yhcounty.ca Or at www.yhcounty.ca/registration
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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Pet fostering with Edson Animal Rescue

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Animal Rescue Society (EARS) is a no-kill rescue society that believes every animal deserves a fighting chance. They are foster home based and service the Edson and the surrounding area.

Jennifer Delorme with EARS said, "We rescue pets from abuse and neglect, spay and neuter them, then rehabilitate and re-home them."

When asked why this program is so important to our community, Delorme said, "It's important to our community because we want to encourage people to spay and neuter their pets and educate people on the impact that not fixing your animals can have on our community. Less animals would wind up as strays and in shelters where they could potentially be euthanized."

"The amount of lives we can save directly correlates to the amount of foster homes we have. Do you have room in your heart and home to foster a small pet? Are you able to donate? We accept pet food, pet supplies, bottles, and even Canadian tire money or a monetary amount. Anything is greatly appreciated. If you have something we could use, please let us know. Right now we really could use puppy food, cat litter, kitten food, and dog crates," said Delorme.

Fostering is a temporary situation and finding a forever home for a pet enables you to help another in need. Although each adoption saves a life, a great foster parent can save many lives by socializing and rehabilitating pets who need a little extra time and care. Pet fostering provides temporary care to animals who need to live in a home environment prior to adoption.

There are many wonderful reasons to become a foster parent to a dog or cat in need.

You can offer a needy animal a safe, comforting, and supportive environment while they wait to be adopted. Following an emergency or natural disaster you can help foster a pet waiting to be reunited with their family. Pet fostering even helps socialize a shelter pet to enhance their adoption potential.

Pet fosters enjoy the benefits of pet ownership if you are unable to keep a full-time pet due to lifestyle or other restrictions. If you have a young family it could be a great way to see if the kids are ready to have a pet of their own. They will be able to learn how to help take care of a pet in need while waiting for it to be adopted.

To learn more you can contact EARS at 780-712-6788 or by email: EARSrescue@outlook.com



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