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"We are really open to contracting and hiring locally, it's really important to our business."

by Niki Luymes
 Oliver Sherwood, Business Development Specialist, of Pivotal Energy Partners, in Calgary, currently has over \$50MM in assets in operation and over \$100MM in project development, and they continue to invest and explore opportunities across the midstream energy space. Currently they have 9 facilities across Alberta and North Dakota.



The site of Pivotal Energy Partners' proposed development of a C3+ processing facility in Edson. Edson was chosen after a detailed survey.

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C3+ processing facility proposed in Edson

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The two representatives were joined (via teleconference) by supporting presenters and technical team Mike Longeway, Jill Hofer, Nick Hanson, and Sameh Esmail.

A C3+ processing facility uses the natural liquid remnants of natural gas after the removal of methane. It can be processed into three separate gas liquid products including propane, butane and condensate.

The company says the facility will provide area oil and gas producers with a strategic processing alternative for their C3+. It will also provide access to premium markets for their specification products and increasing netbacks as a result of lower overall transportation costs.

The Town of Edson was chosen after a detailed survey. Edson provides multiple amenities that make it the optimal site for such a facility. This includes proximity to the railway and highway, and ample space for the current build and any future expansion.

The presentation included visuals and maps regarding the facility, along with a business overview and project schedule. The overview also included the plot, which they have the right to purchase, and economic benefits to the community.

The proposed location is within town limits at 603 Landfill Road. Pivotal Energy has entered into an option to purchase with the current landowner. The facility would also bring added jobs for Edson and area residents. "We are really open to contracting and hiring locally, it's really important to our business," said Schwarz. This includes the jobs needed for site construction, and continual day to day running.

The company plans a multi-phased approach for development that offers a market-based scalability.

The facility will receive feedstock (natural gas liquids) and separate it into gas liquids purity products including propane, butane, and condensate. This feedstock will be transported to the facility via truck. Egress options include rail for propane and truck for propane, butane, and condensate.

Pivotal Energy Partners' specific action they are requesting from Town Council is the re-zoning of lot 4G to Heavy Industry use.

The project has been in the works for nearly three years. The regulatory and permitting process has started including D56 application, development permit and engagement with Alberta Environmental. The project team is secured, with fabrication, land, engineering, and procurement underway. Once all the permits have been approved and completed, Pivotal Energy hopes to begin construction in May or June of this year.

After the presentation the floor was open to council to ask any questions about the planned facility.

Councillor Greg Pasychny began by asking if they were bringing in a pipeline or if everything was getting trucked in. Schwarz responded, "We're in discussions with multiple parties for a pipeline coming in. That is something we would look to do in the future. Any pipelines that we'd be looking to do, wouldn't be very long."

In reference to access and egress from the lot in the case of an emergency response, Councillor Krystal Baier asked, "Will that be a challenge or are there alternate ways out of the facility or to access the facility?" Schwarz responded that an emergency ingress and egress plan is being put together as part of the application and regulatory process. Once the

plan is complete, it will be available for review by the council, or other parties.

Councillor Trevor Bevan also had a question pertaining to the sites location. "You're probably looking at about 20 or so Super B's [large freight trucks] coming in a day to get your 6,000 barrels. Is that going to be a concern with the railroad? They get tied up there and I've seen cars backed up for close to a mile."

Schwarz replied, "With the amount of barrels we need, it amounts to about 18 loads a day. We are fully engaged with CN railroad on getting all of the approvals they require for that crossing, working through the logistics, getting storage for delays in trucks, and getting the right amount of offload risers to facilitate any delays that happen at the rail crossing."

Councillor Pasychny noted a flare stack in the plans and asked if that would be a continuous burn. Schwarz replied that the flare stack was there for emergency purposes and would only be lit if required.

Mayor Kevin Zahara thanked the representatives for their presentation,

"Certainly with us being a natural gas community we see the benefits of this and are excited that you chose Edson as the place to do business."

Mayor Zahara also asked if Pivotal has engaged any of the residents in the area. "There are a couple of residents there and a couple of businesses, have you chatted with them at all?"

Schwarz answered that while they didn't want to get ahead of themselves before the process was finalized, there are plans for a potential Open House for directly impacted residents. He stated, "[We want] to make sure that the community is aware of what's going on should everything get approved. And we want to have some time to talk about the project, so that when people see trucks going in and out, during construction and then during operation, they understand what the process is and what's happening."

Council accepted the presentation for information. More details will be made public as the process continues.

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Edson Citizens on Patrol continues to make a difference

by Shaylyn Thornton

Edson Citizens on Patrol (ECOP) continues to be an important and impactful part of the Edson and Yellowhead County communities.

According to the Alberta Citizens on Patrol Association (ACOPA), Citizens on Patrol are volunteers for the RCMP who act as the extra “eyes and ears” that assist in keeping the community safer. “If something appears to be criminal in nature, or is unusual, the volunteer will notify

the local law enforcement and report what they are watching,” says ACOPA.

A report provided to the Town of Edson showed that ECOP recorded an amazing 1,351 volunteer hours for the group in 2022, with 16 volunteers patrolling a combined 6,847 kms. These patrols saw results, with ECOP helping locate impaired drivers, theft suspects, arsonists, and individuals on war-rants.

ECOP also helped secure a scene while a police dog was enroute,

and conducted foot patrols on the Town Trail System when there were concerns of outdoor fires being lit along the trails in the spring. As well, their patrols in locations identified by the public as areas of concern led to a known prolific offender being taken into custody.

In an interview with The Weekly Anchor, ECOP President Julie Vanderhoek spoke about some of the group's wins from 2022. “We successfully found a missing person, have found stolen vehicles, and just us being out there and helping deter crime,” she said.

Vanderhoek noted that the group doesn't “look like the RCMP” so they can patrol without being as noticed. Because ECOP has “direct contact with the RCMP,” when they see something suspicious or of concern they can report it and truly be that extra set of eyes and ears that the community needs.

Vanderhoek also said that another opportunity ECOP has is to “give a hand” to people who may need it, such as giving clearly inebriated people stumbling along the roadway a ride home. “We do as much as we can,” she said.

In addition to all of this, ECOP was involved with several events and activities, such as RCMP Town Halls, providing traffic control for the Kinette Christmas Hamper Toy Run, patrolling the Edson Chamber of Commerce Summer Festival, attending the RCMP Bike Rodeo, providing security for the Edson Fire Department's FireFit Competition, participating in the Halloween

Candy Patrol, and taking part in the Candy Cane Check Stop with Town of Edson Protective Service.

It's safe to say that the ECOP has been making a difference in many ways in our communities, and in summer of 2022 they were recognized for their impact. Alberta Justice Minister Tyler Shandro presented the group with a provincial award for Crime Prevention under the Partnerships and Collaboration category.

“It was actually kind of a surprise,” said Vanderhoek. “It was a huge honour. It's not something you strive for but it's nice when you're recognized. There are a lot of COP groups out there, so it really is an awesome thing to be recognized even though it's not the reason we do it.”

ECOP hopes to “just be out more” in 2023, increasing patrols. Vanderhoek explained that volunteers always go on patrols “paired up” so getting more volunteers would be a really great way to increase patrols in the communities.

“We are always looking for really engaged volunteers. We have a really good group of people but it's a challenge getting enough people to cover time,” Vanderhoek said. “We want to deter more crime by having the people committing these crimes know we're out there.”

If you're interested in becoming a member of ECOP, you can pick up an application at the Edson RCMP Detachment or reach out to the ECOP

Facebook page for an application. Once completed, you'll take your application to the RCMP to get a criminal record check done and the RCMP Liaisons will bring you on board if you're a good fit.

Other ways you can help ECOP and assist in making the community safer is to take extra steps to protect your property. Some suggestions include making sure your doors are locked, putting up motion detector lights, and putting in a security system. Help discourage these individuals from wanting to commit crimes in your area by making it more difficult.

To ECOP, thank you for the work you do to make our communities a safer place.

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Robbie Burns night supper tradition continues

by Niki Luymes

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The event started at 5:30pm with the meal beginning at 6:30pm, and was staged at the Edson Galloway Museum. For the price of \$50 a ticket attendees enjoyed a night of formal dress, a delightful supper and live entertainment.

A Robbie Burns night supper is a Scottish tradition done in celebration of the famous Scottish poet and songwriter Robbie Burns. Burns is best known for his song 'Auld Lang Syne', as well as many collections of traditional Scottish poetry. Burns was also a Freemason, which is why the Edson branch chooses to celebrate this event. The meal is usually held on his birthday, January 25, or like on this occasion,

on the nearest Saturday to it.

The Edson Masons has been putting on the supper yearly since 2017. As is tradition, the Robbie Burns night supper features a Scottish meal, pipe and drum music, and Highland dancing, along with a live reading of a selection of Robbie Burns' poems. This year's event had performances by the Edson Dance Academy's Highland Dancers and Edson Pipe and Drum.

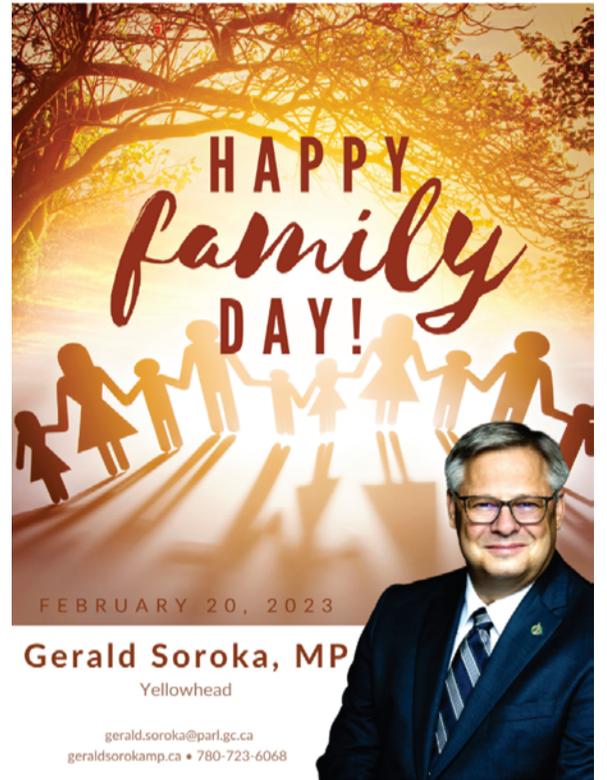
The Robbie Burns Supper also serves to raise funds for the Pine Grove Middle School Breakfast Program. To this end, there was also a live and silent auction running during the event. Volunteers from the program also came to help serve at the supper. All the items available in the auction were donated by members of the community. In total the auction raised over \$5,000 that went directly to the program. This

number will hopefully be added to by the Masonic Foundation of Alberta, which would bring the full total to over \$7,000.

With 74 Tickets sold, combined with the performers, the event had roughly 85 people in attendance. "It is a formal evening so it is nice to be able to dress up, get the suit out, dust it off, and be able to go out for a good cause —and have a good meal, and good entertainment," said Holt Patterson, Mason and organizer of the event. Patterson would also like to thank all who made the event possible, including the volunteers, performers, attendees, and those who made donations.



The Edson Dance Academy's Highland Dancers and Edson Pipe and Drum helped to entertain the crowd during Robbie Burns night hosted by the Edson Masons at the Edson Galloway Museum on January 28. submitted



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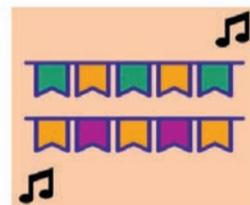
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From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
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Governments are setting anti-trust cases in motion, and even the social platform giants themselves have questioned whether they are a good or bad influence on society. Younger generations are not buying into this technology, and tech companies are feeling the impact of change with massive layoffs.

Social media's negative impacts are a long and well-documented list of concerns including mental health, attention span, productivity, fear of missing out, self-absorption, depression, anxiety, cyberbullying, exclusion, social polarization, isolation, and on-line addiction — just to name a few.

maybe it's time to turn the tables and take back some of that control ourselves.

And a good place to start is by unplugging this Family Day and enjoy some sun and snow out at Willmore Park! The event is hosted by the Town and Edson and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). Willmore is located 6 kms south of Hwy 16 on 63rd St.

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With these Family Day outings and beyond, let's try turning off some of those device notifications and try plugging into what matters most in our lives — our loved ones right in front of us. Because losing that precious time for the sake of the next 'like' is no way to live at all.

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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

TAX PAYMENT NOTICE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LANDOWNERS

New Title Holders:

If you have recently purchased property in Yellowhead County, Land Titles is four to five months behind in processing. Combined Assessment and Tax notices will be mailed in May so if you haven't received a tax notice by June 1, 2023, please contact the Yellowhead County Edson office. July 1st, 2023 penalty date still applies on any outstanding balances.

Municipal Address Changes:

Do you live in Niton Junction and have a T0E 150 postal code? Your address is **no longer valid** due to recent Canada Post changes. Call Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 to update your mailing address.

School Support Notice:

Alberta Education has expanded the Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division boundary under Ministerial Order 015/2021. If you are the owner of a property within the new boundaries and would like to direct your taxes to the separate school division, please contact the Yellowhead County Tax department at 780-723-4800. You can find the Ministerial Order through the following link: https://kings-printer.alberta.ca/Documents/MinOrders/2021/Education/2021_015_Education.pdf

For more information, please call 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800 or email info@yhcounty.ca

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D23-008	Plan 7921035 Blk 2, Lot 9 NE-05-47-23-W5 Cadamon	Home Business Small (Hiking Guide Off-Site)	Jan 24/23
D23-003	SW-19-52-08-W5 Wildwood Area	Single Detached Dwelling (Additional)	Feb 2/23
D23-010	Plan 8520762 Blk 6, Lot 1 SE-30-53-07-W5 Evansburg	Accessory Building (Freestanding Sign)	Feb 3/23

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 days 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.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR Snow Shoveling Program

Do you have a member of your community that could use your help to clear their sidewalks?

Reach out to someone in your neighbourhood who may need help and you could be nominated as a **good neighbour!**

Nominated volunteers will be entered into the prize draw in April!



Have a **good neighbour** who is helping you out with snow removal?

Nominate them and enter them into April's volunteer prize draw!

PLUS - you can recognize your volunteers with an "I Have a Good Neighbour" sign!

Nomination forms and recognition signs are available at the Yellowhead County Wildwood and Edson Offices, or contact Karen at 780-325-3782 or kschatz@yhcounty.ca



Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services is looking to improve our Rental Equipment Program!

Are you a County resident that may be interested in renting equipment? Or a County business that may be interested in being a rental agent?

We want to hear from you!

Survey deadline:
February 24, 2023



Yellowhead County Scan to take the survey!

REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2023 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2023.

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.



INVITATION TO TENDER Supply, Delivery & Application of Liquid Calcium Chloride for Dust Control Program For Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked:

TENDER NO. 2023-818
Supply, Delivery & Application of Liquid Calcium Chloride for Dust Control Program

Will be received until:

2:00 P.M., February 16, 2023

At the office of:

Yellowhead County
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: The work to be undertaken generally involves the supply, delivery and application of Liquid Calcium Chloride for Yellowhead County's dust control program.

Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Specifications and Special Provisions.

Electronic (PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., February 2, 2023 at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security and Consent of Surety as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Sabhago Oad, P.Eng., General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Services for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



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Questions? Contact Nicole at ntarves@yhcounty.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Peace Officer (CPO Level 1)

LOCATION: Edson, AB

COMPETITION NO. 23-020

Reporting to the Peace Officer Sergeant, the Community Peace Officer is part of the overall Protective Services Department team working to promote public safety and community standards through education and enforcement of Yellowhead County bylaws and appointed provincial acts.

The salary range is currently \$84,186 - \$104,391 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 March 3rd, 2023.

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

Human Resources
Yellowhead County
Email: jobs@yhcounty.ca

The personal information obtained as a result of this advertisement will be utilized for these employment opportunities only, and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



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Friday March 3, 2023 | 6 PM - 9 PM
Marlboro Community Hall

12x18 board (no frame)
\$60/person
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Register by February 22 by emailing ntarves@yhcounty.ca. Choose from 20 designs at time of registration.

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February 17th at 4:30 PM

February 2, 2023

Edson Council Highlights

1. Delegations. Pivotal Energy Partners presented to Council on their proposal to construct a C3+ processing facility in Edson on the south side of the railway tracks. If zoning and Provincial approvals are met, the company is hopeful to be in service in early 2024 (see front page story). Nancy Robbins of Community Futures West Yellowhead also presented to Council with the results of the Edson Triage Business Retention and Expansion Program. Of those surveyed, a majority of businesses expected business performance to remain the same or improve over the next year and would recommend Edson to other

businesses looking to expand or relocate. Overall, Edson's Business Health Index, which includes scores in overall satisfaction and other categories, was above average.

2. Traffic Bylaw Modernization. A report on the Traffic Bylaw Modernization Project has been accepted as information. The Protective Services Department is currently going through the Traffic Bylaw and all related Bylaws to consolidate and modernize. This will improve clarity for the public and for those enforcing and interpreting Traffic Safety Bylaws in the community.

3. Delegation of Authority. Council has approved the delegation of decision-making authority for Development Permit 005-2023 (demolition of a building in Direct Control) to the Development Officer. This will allow the process to continue to move forward without requiring a Council Meeting for approvals as normally required in Direct Control Zoning.

4. Information Items. Council has approved reports from the Citizens on Patrol and RCMP as information. Of note was a positive trend in RCMP crime stats with many categories seeing a decline in 2022 compared to previous years. These include a 64% decrease in break and enters, a 43% drop in theft of motor vehicles, and a 33% drop in mischief (damage to property). For more details visit www.edson.ca/rcmp.



The Community Engagement Action Team "KD Cup Challenge" is back! PCHS relinquished the trophy to the custody of the RCMP as HRH and PCHS will once again battle to see which school can fill the Edson Food Bank's shelves with more Kraft Dinner before the end of Random Acts of Kindness Week on Feb 17. Community members are invited to donate as well, either at the Food Bank or by dropping off KD at either school. Pictured here is the brave officer who captured the cup! submitted

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Edson RCMP charge two males for breaking and entering

(RCMP release) - On Jan. 30, 2023, at 11:26 a.m., Edson RCMP received a call from a local oil field employee, reporting a break and enter in progress to a lease site.

Edson officers rushed to the location and found two males on site attempting to steal copper wire and other items. Both males were arrested without incident and brought back to the Edson detachment.

A 55 year old male, a resident of Edson, was charged with: Breaking Enter - Theft; and Breach of a Conditional Sentence Order. He was brought before a Justice of the Peace and was remanded into custody with his next court date set for Feb. 7, 2023 at Edson Provincial Court.

A second 55 year old male, a resident of Westlock, was charged with: Breaking Enter - Theft. He was released on an Undertaking and ordered to attend the Edson Provincial Court on Feb. 21, 2023.

NOTE: A charge should not be considered as evidence of guilt. In Canada, all persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



The Edson and District Leisure Centre offered several activities for different age groups during the holiday break. Here, participants in U11 Shiny enjoyed their time on the ice together. photo Shaylyn Thornton

Important Notice

Dangerous Ice Conditions

Millers Lake

SW-08-053-19-W5M; West of Edson

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Take these extra measures while on an aerated lake:

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Fundraising efforts underway for Edson's Cataract Program

by Deanna Mitchener

The Community Care Foundation of Edson and District is currently fundraising \$160,000 to expand and enhance the Cataract Program.

Ruth Martin Williams, President of the Community Care Foundation of Edson and District, says, "The Foundation's motto is Supporting Quality Healthcare Close to Home. We are also one of the best kept secrets in Edson, as so many people do not know who we are or what we do. Foundation members are not paid, we all volunteer. We all believe in enhancing our healthcare [system]. The Foundation is a registered charity."

Many people may wonder, what has this Foundation done? Martin Williams went on to explain, "The Foundation has purchased equipment for programs such as the Women's Health Program, Continuing Care, Palliative Care Program, and the Cataract Program."

"The Foundation is currently fundraising \$160,000 to expand and enhance the Cataract Program. This program opened June 14, 2021. Since then, almost 600 patients have had cataract surgery in Edson. The Foundation paid \$90,000 to purchase the medical equipment that was required," Martin Williams says.

Currently, cataract pre-surgical assessment of patients can not be done in Edson. "All of these patients have to travel to Sherwood Park for a pre-surgical assessment. [Many] people with cataracts cannot drive. There is no public transportation system available. These patients are dependent upon friends or family. One patient was even taken by ambulance for pre-

surgical assessment," says Martin Williams. "The surgeon can do the pre-surgical assessment in Edson, but specialized medical equipment is required. This equipment costs are \$160,000.00."

"The reason Hospital Foundations exist is due to the fact that Alberta Health Services covers the wages of the surgical team and supplies the operating and recovery facilities. They do not pay to purchase non-essential medical equipment," Martin Williams explains. "The Foundation has started a fundraising campaign primarily for the Cataract Program, however, we also require funding for the other programs."

If you are interested in helping to fundraise, please reach out with ideas. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Ruth Martin Williams by phone: 780 725-2290 or Marsha Jensen at 780 712-3917 or email edsoncomcare@outlook.com

"If you would like a more in-depth presentation done for your place of business, arrangements can be made for a presentation and opportunity to ask questions. Alberta Healthcare cannot accept financial donations, only a hospital foundation can. With the money collected through donations it's used to enhance care at hospitals," Martin Williams concludes.



The Holy Redeemer Senior Girls basketball team is having a strong season so far. On January 27th, they attended a tournament in Hinton where they won the silver medal. "The girls played three excellent games," says HRH Athletics Director Julie Rothwell. "They beat teams from Jasper and Neerlandia, but came up short in the final. No matter what, they are having a strong season and things are looking good for them later in the year." Here, the Rebels squad show off their silver medals. submitted

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A Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

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Opinion/Comment

Albertans should just say no to Just Transition

by Kris Sims, Alberta Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

When the federal government writes down its plans for Alberta, we should take a close look.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Just Transition plan could have a deep impact on Alberta's energy, farming, construction and trucking.

Details are murky, but based on what we do know, Just Transition could cost thousands of jobs and billions of dollars.

A ministry memo obtained by Blacklocks Reporter outlines the "uneven impact" it could have:

"The transition to a low carbon economy will have an uneven impact across sectors, occupations and regions and create significant labour market disruptions," the memo reads.

"We expect that larger scale transformation will take place in:

· "Agriculture (about 292,000 workers or 1.5 per cent of Canada's employment),

· "Energy (about 202,000 workers or one per cent of Canada's employment),

· "Manufacturing (about 193,000 workers or one per cent of Canada's employment),

· "Building (about 1.4 million workers or seven per cent of Canada's employment) and

· "Transportation sectors (about 642,000 workers or three per cent of

Canada's employment)."

With the kinds of jobs expecting a "larger scale transformation," the plan could be named Just Break Alberta.

Statistics Canada says about 140,000 people work in Alberta's energy sector, about 40,000 work in agriculture and about 40,000 in trucking.

The feds say the jobs listed are the totals for categories, not ones that would necessarily be turned inside out by the plan.

That's not very comforting for farmers, energy workers, truckers and many others. That's especially true when they look at comments the prime minister has made in the past.

In 2017 Trudeau stated, "we can't shut down the oilsands tomorrow; we need to phase them out."

Taxpayers should also feel uneasy about the price tags tossed around in that federal memo.

"We have been particularly interested in the approach taken by Scotland, as it is looking at just transition from a broad, economy-wide perspective," states the memo.

And oi, is it expensive!

"The Scottish government created the Just New Deal (2020): £3 billion package of investments from the Scottish National Investment Bank in order to attract just finance.

Additional 2020-21 measures include £1.6 billion to improve building efficiency and tackle fuel poverty;

£100 million Just Job Fund; £60 million to help industrial/manufacturing sectors decarbonize and diversify," the memo reads.

That cost is equivalent to C\$7.9 billion, while Scotland has a population of five million people. Adjusted for our population, that would be about a \$57-billion hit for Canadian taxpayers.

And that's just the direct cost to taxpayers.

The jobs listed in the memo as "significant labour market disruptions" total more than 2.7

million positions.

The salary value of those jobs is worth about \$219 billion annually.

If just a fraction of these jobs was destroyed or had to be replaced with taxpayer subsidies, Albertans and taxpayers couldn't afford it.

Alberta got the memo, and we should just say no to Just Transition.
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The Holy Redeemer Junior B Boys basketball team is off to a great start this year as they won their first tournament on January 21st. The team defeated opponents from Pine Grove (48-35), Drayton Valley (47-46), and Whitecourt (54-40) in the final game. "This young team certainly has a lot of natural skill," says Athletics Director Julie Rothwell. "They worked well as a team and I think they will continue to be very competitive throughout the rest of the season." submitted

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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

World Coal Chairman Calls for More Reason, Rationality Amidst Energy Uncertainty

The Chairman of the World Coal Association says the time has come for the world to accept that abated coal has a vital role to play in our long-term energy future.

Speaking at the Southern African Coal Conference in Cape Town today, WCA Chairman, July Ndlovu, said there has never been a more poignant time to speak about coal and its multiple attributes.

“Almost a year to the day, coal’s global journey took a new and dramatic turn, or more correctly, a series of turns. Europe was confronted by a plethora of unprecedented energy challenges including gas shortages, ongoing supply chain problems, price surges, and transportation bottlenecks. Additionally, droughts manifested the inability for renewables to deliver the continuous supply of energy that was promised.”

Mr Ndlovu said that geopolitical issues in Ukraine, Russia, and China added more uncertainty to the calamity, showing how

essential it was for countries to have energy security.

“As the past year has demonstrated, coal can still be relied upon to deliver energy security in the face of turmoil and uncertainty.

“Coal continues to play a pivotal role in parts of the world where fuel choices are few. This includes Asia, South Africa, and a large part of the African continent, where millions of people still depend on coal for light, heat, food, employment, and transport – essentially the basics of life.

“In reality, coal remains essential to electricity supply in more than 80 countries. By 2040, the IEA predicts it will be the largest single source of electricity to 22 per cent of the world’s population.”

Mr Ndlovu said it was every country’s sovereign right to make its own energy choices.

“So, we’ve got to get back to reality and common sense. We’ve got to push back against singular energy solutions, which are inadequate and unreliable. We must consider coal’s multiple attributes and practicalities.”

Mr Ndlovu said coal remained the core raw product in the creation of steel, cement, and aluminium – the lifeblood of a constantly transforming society.

“According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), demand for steel alone is set to grow a third by 2050. Where is that steel coming from? This is the same steel that is also needed to produce wind turbines, solar panels and batteries. Is it being made

from renewable energy? No, not yet anyway. The volumes needed are too astronomical. It’s got to come from coal.”

Mr Ndlovu said the coal industry was undergoing a major transformation as participants across the whole coal value chain – including South Africa’s Thungela Resources, Seriti Resources, and the South African Colliery Manager’s Association (SACMA) – signed on to an abated coal future which included technologies such as High-Efficiency Low Emissions (HELE) and Coal-to-Hydrogen, all capable of being equipped with Carbon Capture and Storage (CCUS).

“The fact remains that up to 99 per cent of coal emissions, including CO2, can be eliminated through current and available abatement technologies.

“The past year has informed us all that we are at a major crossroads in our energy future, and we need to chart a new and truly groundbreaking way forward for this valuable and versatile commodity and the dynamic community that oversees it.”

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Breakfast Program thriving at Pine Grove School

by Niki Luymes

École Pine Grove School is home to a thriving Breakfast Program. For well over a decade the program has been providing free breakfast for many of its students.

The program is currently headed by Anna Veenstra, who is a teacher at Pine Grove. She, together with her team of volunteers, work diligently to continue providing this service.

The program, as it stands, consists of two parts. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the volunteers prepare a hot breakfast for the whole school. "We rotate through different things," said Veenstra. "So, today is French toast, we also do hash browns and scrambled eggs with toast. We do breakfast sandwiches, pancakes, and yogurt parfaits as well. With every breakfast we always have two or three different kinds of fresh fruit, yogurts, and boiled eggs."

They also make sure to provide

options for those with dietary restrictions. On average, between 180 to 200 students make their way through the food line on the hot meal days. "It's really nice because the kids socialize and they eat together and talk. Staff often times come through here and we eat breakfast with them. It is very worthwhile and very rewarding," said Veenstra.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the kids have access to stocked mini-fridges throughout the school. These fridges contain quick and easy breakfast foods that help prepare them for the day. These items include, but are not limited to, granola bars, yogurt tubes, and various kinds of fruit. "There are the kids that actually do need it too," added Veenstra. "That's actually a good portion of why we do it, because there are kids that come without for various reasons. So it's nice that they know they will be able to get food here."

The program shops local whenever possible, giving back to

the community that gives to them. Donations from local business are the only reason that the program is able to continue.

The group would like to give a special thanks to Repsol, Bannister

GM, Contour Construction, Bonavista, CNRL, Cenovus Energy, and the Breakfast Club of Canada, whose support makes the program possible.



The Breakfast Program at Pine Grove Middle School is made possible by this amazing group of volunteers. From Left to right, Gine Grabowski, Cameron DeRoo, Nicole Trainor, Anna Veenstra, Zoey Veenstra, Brooklyn Hnatyshyn, Luke Boychuk, Bicki Rogers, and Linda and Luke Mason. photo Niki Luymes

Edson Orcas attend 3 Meets in 3 Weeks

by Coach Chrystal Johnston

The Orcas have had a busy few weeks this past month, attending three different events the past three weekends.

The first event for the new year was in Grande Prairie at their Winterfest meet on January 21-22. We had 10 athletes attend, Ashely Blais (15), Rachel Blais (15), Tyson Bryldt (14), Cole Armstrong (13), Emery Cardinal (14), Kaleb Johnston (12), Hailee Johnston (15), Alexis Oishi (16), Kayden Code (14) and Emersynn Lamabe (14).

This was our teams first meet in a 50m pool for the season, for some of our athletes it was their first time ever swimming in a 50m pool. As intimidating as the size of the pool was, our swimmers still managed to make new best times as well as make qualifying times for provincial level meets coming up.

Emersynn Lamabe, Ashley Blais and Hailee Johnston were the swimmers that achieved these qualifying times. Emersynn got provincial trial times in her 50 Freestyle, 50 Fly and 50 Breast. Ashley also got qualifying times in her 50 Freestyle and 50 Fly. Hailee achieved her provincial championship time in her 50 Freestyle.

On January 28-29 we had two swimmers, Rhett Chernuka (11) and Lilyan Shaw (10), attend the 2023 Winter Festivals North Swim Alberta meet. They both achieved qualifying times earlier in the season to be able to attend this meet. They both swam 7 events and did quite well. Lilyan was able to get best times in all of her events and made it to finals in her 50 Free and 50 Backstroke events. Rhett dropped an amazing 8.67 seconds

off his 100 Freestyle.

The last meet the Orcas attended was on February 4-5 in Grande Cache at their 50th Annual Mountain Meet. We had 18 swimmers attend this meet. There were 10 Senior/Intermediate swimmers: Alexis Oishi (16), Hailee Johnston (15), Rachel Blais (15), Ashley Blais (15), Leland Cooper (15), Tyson Bryldt (14), Kayden Code (14), Calleigh Martin (13), Rhett Chernuka (11) and Lilyan Shaw (10). We also had 8 Beginner swimmers, some participating in their first ever swim meet; Logan Stiles (12), Brody Jonker (12), Korbin Gohmann (12), Lane Johnson (11), Zander Ness (11), Cadence Willis (11), Fahryn Domianczuk (10) and Madison Longman (9).

This was a fun event, and we had a lot of the swimmers make new best times. At this meet they also had a Dash for Cash swim off where they took the top 6 overall female and top 6 male athletes in each 100 event and those finalists were able to swim for a chance to win \$50 by swimming in a sprint 50m race.

Hailee Johnston cleaned house coming away with \$200 in cash prizes by coming first in the 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke and 50 butterfly events. Tyson Bryldt was also successful in the 50 butterfly event winning \$50 by coming in first place for that event. At the end of the meet they handed out medals to the top 3 swimmers with the overall most points in each age group. In the girls 9-10 age group Lilyan Shaw got a gold medal, in the girls 13-14 age group Calleigh Martin got a bronze medal, in the boys 13-14 age group Tyson Bryldt got a gold medal, in the girls 15 and over age group

Ashely Blais got a gold medal and Rachel Blais got a silver medal, and in the boys 15 and over age group Leland Cooper got a silver medal.

The next meet will be Swim Alberta Provincial Trials on February 24-26 in Calgary, which is

a qualifying event for the fastest swimmers in northern Alberta. We have 4 swimmers that have qualified to attend: Ashely Blais, Rachel Blais, Hailee Johnston and Emersynn Lamabe. Go Orcas!

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Geraldine Veronica Wolff (née Moran)

(January 20, 1936– January 28, 2023)

Gerry was called to Heaven on January 28, 2023. She was predeceased by her husband Charlie and granddaughter Jocelyn. She will be missed and forever remembered by her children, John (Gloria), Patrick (Margaret), Catherine (Alan), Mark (Zeinab), Marilyn (Rod), and her beloved grandchildren Gregory, Matthew, Joshua, Jordan, Braden, Alexis, and Annalise.

She leaves behind a legacy of good humour, love of family, keen enthusiasm for learning new things, and courage to face life's challenges with perseverance and grace. She loved physical activity and was known as the gym 'Granny' that kept her strong and fiercely independent. She was a keen enthusiast for reading and adventure which included travel to many different places around the world with her family, especially with Marilyn & Rod and Gloria & Donald. Gerry was an inspiration to whomever she encountered.

Gerry loved and dedicated her life to nursing. In her nursing graduate yearbook (1958), she stated, "A sincere and understanding nurse possesses unlimited exuberance and wit famous for the ability to bring out humour in everyday happenings." She exemplified this way of nursing until the age of 74 when she officially retired from the Edson & District Health Care Centre after 30 years of service.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the many healthcare team members who provided support during her illness including Dr. Robinson, Home Care, Acute Care, and the Palliative Care team. Gerry was supported by her loving neighbours (Lorrie & Cynthia), friends (Barb & Francis), and long-standing personal caregivers (Holly & Maggie) who allowed Gerry to live an independent and fulfilled life until the very end.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Bethel Pentecostal Church, located at 6350 13 Avenue, Edson, AB at 1:00 p.m. Condolences and fond memories are invited to be shared online at www.pointwestfuneral.com/obituaries. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "Operation Smile" online in Gerry's name.



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Community Events

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January 19-February 21: YOGA in Marlboro Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM please bring your own mat and water bottle. To register call 780-723-4800 or email ntarves@yhcounty.ca

January 19-February 23: Group Fitness Classes Thursdays 2-3pm Peers Multiplex for Adults 50+ To register contact Nicole at 780-723-4800 or ntarves@yhcounty.ca

January 19-March 16: Thursday Spin and Core 6pm-6:45pm at the Leisure Centre Hospitality room Register at edson.ca or in person at the Leisure Centre

February 16: Welcome to Yellowhead County. An event to introduce new residents to Yellowhead County. Learn about programs from Agriculture, Heritage, Family & Community support services and Parks and Recreation. 6pm-8pm at the Niton Library, for more information call 780-325-3782 or email. wrobinson@yhcounty.ca

February 17: In recognition of Black History Month and in celebration of diverse history of Yellowhead County, you are invited to a film screening of the award-winning documentary We Are The Roots. 12:30 pm at the Niton Library, for more info call 780-325-3782 or email msharman@yhcounty.ca

February 17: Ladies' Night Out Tree of Life Wreath Workshop 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Kinsmen Shack @ 4704 7th Avenue, Edson. Call/Text or e-mail Diana for more information at 780-723-8107 or DianaI@Edson.ca

February 18: In recognition of Black History Month and in celebration of diverse history of Yellowhead County, you are invited to a film screening of the award-winning documentary We Are The Roots. 2:00pm pm at the Tipple Park Museum, for more info call 780-325-3782

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February 18: Kids Can Catch:INTRO TO ICE FISHING -FREE. 1 PM - 3 PM @ Bear Lake Campground. Visit www.yhcounty.ca to register and for more info. Signed waiver required. Have a rod? Bring it! County will have some to borrow if needed.

February 20: Celebrate Family Day at Wilmore park 1pm-4pm Treats hot coco wiener roast, Tobogganing, Snowshoeing, Cross Country Skiing and so much more.

February 23: In recognition of Black History Month and in celebration of diverse history of Yellowhead County, you are invited to a film screening of the award-winning documentary We Are The Roots. 6:00pm pm at the Wildwood Public Library, for more info call 780-325-3782 or email msharman@yhcounty.ca

February 24: Artists & Allies Pot Luck Social Night 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Edson & District Public Library @ 4726 8 Ave. RSVP to Diana by text (780-723-8107) or email (dianai@edson.ca)

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Farm & Field News and Views

Agri-processing tax credit capitalizes on value-added agriculture

(AB) Alberta is introducing a new agri-processing tax credit that will help attract large-scale investment, diversify the economy and create jobs for Albertans.

As provinces and states across North America look to capitalize on the potential of the agri-processing industry, Alberta will build on the province's competitive advantages by launching a new tax credit program in spring 2023. The program will ensure Alberta maintains a competitive edge over other jurisdictions and is able to maximize the number of opportunities that help grow the economy and create jobs.

Budget 2023 will introduce the Alberta Agri-Processing Investment Tax Credit to provide a 12 per cent non-refundable tax credit to support this growth and attract investment. To be eligible, corporations must make a minimum capital investment of \$10 million in value-added agri-processing in Alberta.

"Agriculture has been a key part of Alberta's economy for more than 100 years and I'm excited to see this tax credit program roll out so that it continues to be a key part of our economy in the future.

Alberta's agricultural producers play an important role in feeding the world and I look forward to seeing further innovation and growth in this sector." —Danielle Smith, Premier

"Alberta has the fundamentals to take our value-added agriculture

industry to new heights and meet the increasing global demand for food. The new agri-processing tax credit will allow us to attract large-scale agri-food projects that will help grow our industry, increase opportunities for primary producers, create jobs and feed the world." —Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

As Alberta's oldest industry, agriculture is foundational to the province's economy and identity. Incentivizing large capital investments will ensure the sector remains strong for generations to come and capable of adapting to the economy of the future.

"With the introduction of the agri-processing investment tax credit, Alberta has positioned itself to attract more large-scale sector investments than ever before from companies like mine. This is the right way for Alberta's agri-food sector to support diversification, create jobs, compete and win." —Rich Vesta, CEO, Harmony Beef

"Population growth, a changing climate and increased costs of food are all indicators that food security will be a growing challenge. The new agri-processing tax credit program is a great incentive that will continue to highlight rural Alberta as the home of an innovative agriculture industry that plays a vital role in supporting food production."

—Paul McLauchlin, president, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

Liberal Gov't forced to withdraw Hunting Rifle Ban

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead,

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wishes to advise that Conservatives have forced the NDP-Liberal government to enact a temporary pause on their hunting rifle ban under Bill C-21 (Firearms).

The Liberal Government introduced amendments to Bill C-21 in December 2022, specifically G-4 and G-46, that would have banned millions of hunting rifles with a new prohibition of any 'rifle or shotgun, that is capable of discharging centre-fire ammunition in a semi-automatic manner and that is designed to accept a

cartridges.'

I want to thank my constituents for voicing their disagreement with C-21. We heard you loud and clear. Together we have forced this Liberal Government to temporarily withdraw these amendments.

Conservatives will continue to stand up for the rights and interests of law-abiding firearms owners, hunters, and sports shooters across Canada. We will continue to support common-sense firearm policies that keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals.

FAITH

Something is always broken



Pastor Bryan Walter

I've been a homeowner for 20 years now, and unfortunately, it's led me to develop a rather pessimistic motto:

"Something is always broken."

It just feels

like we can never go even one full week without a major appliance quitting, a plumbing or heating issue, or a car that won't start.

Even little things can be frustrating, a couple of weeks ago my glasses just fell apart in my hands as I went to put them on my face! Even then, if it were only objects, it wouldn't be so bad. But these breakdowns are often compounded by the rest of real life: physical illnesses, broken social systems, relationships in conflict, and on and on. Something is always broken.

"Why does God allow the world to be so broken?" It's a totally fair question to ask. I wish I could answer that in a 300 word article; but all I can give you is one small piece of the puzzle.

God does have a plan to redeem all of this —and you and I are a part of that plan. God has given us all amazing minds, skilled hands, and deep hearts that can fix things if we're willing. We can't all fix everything. I'm no doctor or car mechanic, but everyone of us can look around and find something that we can help set right. And when we do start looking at the world, not as a pile of problems, but as a call to action, we get to participate in God's larger plan —and in that plan find purpose.

Life gets to me sometimes, I tend towards 'the glass' being 'half-empty'. But if I focus on what I can help fix, in the areas where I can actually try and make things better, the hope of that really does overcome a whole lot of bad.

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