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**Red Brick hosts Valentine's Day Craft Camp**

by Niki Luymes  
Valentine's Day was the theme of the Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum's Kids craft camp. On February 9, from 1:30 to 3:30pm, kids could come and make a variety of Valentine's Day themed crafts. Parents could either drop off their kids or stay and enjoy the day together. There were three different Valentine theme crafts planned for the event including watercolor card making, a wooden sign canvas craft, and a heart themed wall hang. "They seem to be having a really great time with it," said Morgan Konchakowski. "It's great to see them enjoying it so much." Each of the kids left with their finished

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Attendees, including special guest the Evansburg Grouch, danced the chicken dance together at Yellowhead County's Valentine's Family Dance on February 10 at the Evansburg Legion (see story page 3). submitted

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# Red Brick hosts Valentine's Day craft camp

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creations.

These events do require pre-registration, the cost was \$20 per kid and was open for ages 7 to 13. This craft camp was planned for the same week as the teacher's convention to offer kids something to do. Art camps are usually planned for a maximum of 16 kids. This most recent event had less kids than usual, but still made for an enjoyable time.

The Red Brick Arts Centre does many small craft camps like this over the course of the year. Each one corresponds with a different holiday and theme. Previous craft camps included ones for Christmas. There are also other full day camps planned for the summer, as well as the return of the ever popular Red Brick Carnival. Details on upcoming events can be found on the Red Brick's website.



The attendees of the Red Brick Arts Centre's Valentine's Day Craft Camp proudly showing off their artistic creations. The camp took place on February 7. submitted



Berwyn, Arthen, and Bryan Poltorak enjoyed making the various Valentine's Day themed crafts at the Red Brick Arts Centre's Valentine's Day Craft Camp on February 7. photo Niki Luymes

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# Families have 'sweet' time at Yellowhead County's Valentine's Family Dance

(YC) The Evansburg Legion was a great place to be on Friday, February 10th as Yellowhead County's Valentine's Family Dance was held. Approximately 135 people showed up to take part.

Yellowhead County Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) and Yellowhead County Parks & Recreation teamed up to host this Valentine's Family Dance in Evansburg.

Families attending the dance had a "sweet" time, dancing to the music in the beautifully decorated venue, and enjoying some great snacks and drinks. Professional DJ Services were provided by Music By Taz, and the snacks included some delicious Valentine's cookies from the Evansburg Bakery.

As a special treat, local celebrity the Evansburg Grouch made an appearance, and even danced the

Chicken Dance alongside event-goers.

"It was wonderful to see the community connecting and having a great time; the dance floor stayed busy all evening!" said Nicole Tarves, Recreation Coordinator. "I am already looking forward to the next one."

"We hope to continue to provide a variety of opportunities in the community for families to come together, connect with others, and have fun," said Jenna Truemner, Children's Program Coordinator for FCSS.

The FCSS and Parks & Recreation Departments did an excellent job with their Valentine's Family Dance. Keep your eye on our social media and [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) to learn more about the other great events we have coming up.



Guests enjoyed socializing and getting to know one another during Yellowhead County's Valentine's Family Dance on February 10 at the Evansburg Legion.



At Yellowhead County's Valentine's Family Dance on February 10, participants had a great time dancing and enjoying DJ Services by Music by Taz.

## Yellowhead County Council Highlights

February 14, 2023

**Library Board Bylaw** – Library Board Bylaw 19.22 updates the previous bylaw changing the budget deadlines to better align with Yellowhead County's schedule discussions as well as providing the Board and the County the opportunity to work jointly when determining library locations and leases.

**Federal Boundary Changes** – Council will send a letter expressing their concern over a proposed federal electoral boundary change which could place Yellowhead County into two federal electoral boundaries. The letter will request that the municipality of Yellowhead County stay within one federal riding.

**Pathway to the Park** – Council received a request from the West Yellowhead Trail Society to have the Pathway to the Park Trail incorporated into Yellowhead County's Trails Master Plan. The request will be brought back to Council for further discussion at a future Council Meeting.

The next regular Council Meeting is February 28, 2023 at 9:30 AM.



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# Come join Edson's Winter Walking Group

by Niki Luymes

Edson and area residents who want to take advantage of the winter season can come out every week and join the Town of Edson's Winter Walking Group.

The group meets every Tuesday at 5:15pm or earlier depending on the sunset and they welcome new participants. To make the most of all of Edson's trails and walkways, the group meets up at a different location across town each time.

The Winter Walking Group actually started as the Willmore walking group. During the COVID years the Town of Edson was looking for ways to keep people connected while also staying safe. So, the group started walking together on the trails throughout Willmore Park.

This however, is the first year that the group continued into the winter months. The park trails become too icy in the winter so

the choice was made to move on to the trails in town.

The group usually has 4-5 people walking the trails together. While that isn't a lot of people, it still creates a fine group to walk with. "There's always a social aspect, I think that's a big thing," said Diana Inshco, Community Coordinator with the Town of Edson. "We get people out, and a lot of people who maybe wouldn't necessarily walk on their own but feel safer as a group."

Inshco also wanted to give a shout out of appreciation to the Town of Edson workers who keep the trails clear. "We notice a big difference when our trails are clean."

The updated meeting places and times can be found on the Edson Community and Events social media page every Thursday. The group hopes to continue all winter long and then move once again to Willmore Park when the snow melts.



Edson Minor Hockey's Pond Hockey season has been going strong so far this year. Players ages 9-17 take to the ice at the Edson & District Leisure Centre every Friday. Pictured are some of the players warming up before a game. photo Shaylyn Thornton

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~ Obituary ~

## Scott Jason McKay

We regret to announce the sudden passing of our dear brother in Edmonton, Alberta on January 25, 2023.

Scott Jason McKay born on November 20, 1968 in Weyburn Saskatchewan to David Stanley McKay Senior and Mavis Boulanger (Rowlett). Scott was a great chef and loved to cook. He did very well in his culinary career.

Scott was predeceased by his father David Stanley McKay Sr. and his mother Mavis Boulanger (Rowlett), his grandfather Norman D McKay and grandmother Mary Florence McKay (LaRose).

He is survived by his sisters Joanne McKay and Lynn McKay, his brother David Stanley McKay Jr, (Debbie), his two children Teanna Cripps and Daykota Cripps, his uncle Douglas N McKay, (Louise), and many, many nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

No service at this time; a luncheon will be announced at a later date and will be in Vernon B.C.



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- Edson and area residents welcome
- Low income, seniors, students

**Income Thresholds are as follows:**

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- 3 person income is \$47,500 or less
- 4 person income is \$50,000 or less
- 5 person income is \$52,500 or less and increases by \$2,500 per individual per family thereafter

## NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2070 as amended, can be found at [www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications](http://www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications). Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or [engineeringandplanning@edson.ca](mailto:engineeringandplanning@edson.ca).

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





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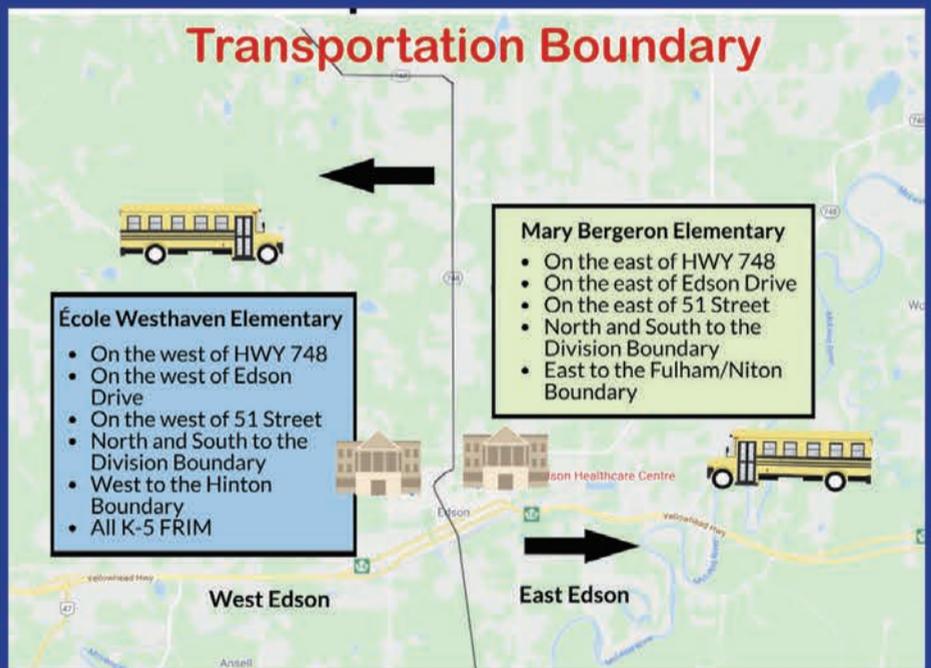
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If you cannot meet this deadline, please call our Agricultural Services Department at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935.

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- If you chose not to renew your agreement for 2023, we ask that you please remove your signs prior to the start of the spray season starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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D23-010	Plan 8520762 Blk 6, Lot 1 SE-30-53-07-W5 Evansburg	Accessory Building (Freestanding Sign)	Feb 3/23
D23-011	SW-05-52-18-W5 Edson West	Accessory Building (Garage)	Feb 9/23
D23-009	Plan 9621815 Blk C SW-15-53-18-W5 Edson West	New Accessory Building and Additions to existing building	Feb 9/23

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://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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# Raising awareness of bullying

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**From the Publisher's Desk**  
Dana McArthur  
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seven minutes someone is bullied on a playground in Canada, according to bullying.org. Pink Shirt Day is a

reminder to parents, teachers, and students of just how critical it is to ensure that our children are safe inside and outside of school.

The theme this year is “Be Kind”. It is a simple but powerful message encouraging us to look beyond our differences and celebrate the things that make us unique.

This theme also encourages Albertans to be inclusive, welcoming and supportive with colleagues, clients, friends and family. Building healthy relationships is one of the best ways to prevent bullying and create safe environments.

As parents, we worry about our children being bullied and schools can be a place where bullying is encountered most frequently.

Bullying is a form of aggression where there is a power imbalance; the person doing the bullying has power over the person being victimized. It is a conscious, wilful, deliberate, hostile, and repeated behaviour by one or more people which is intended to harm others. It can take on many forms including physical, verbal, emotional, cyber, and peer exclusion. Bullying can result in serious emotional problems, including anxiety, low self-esteem, depression, or worse.

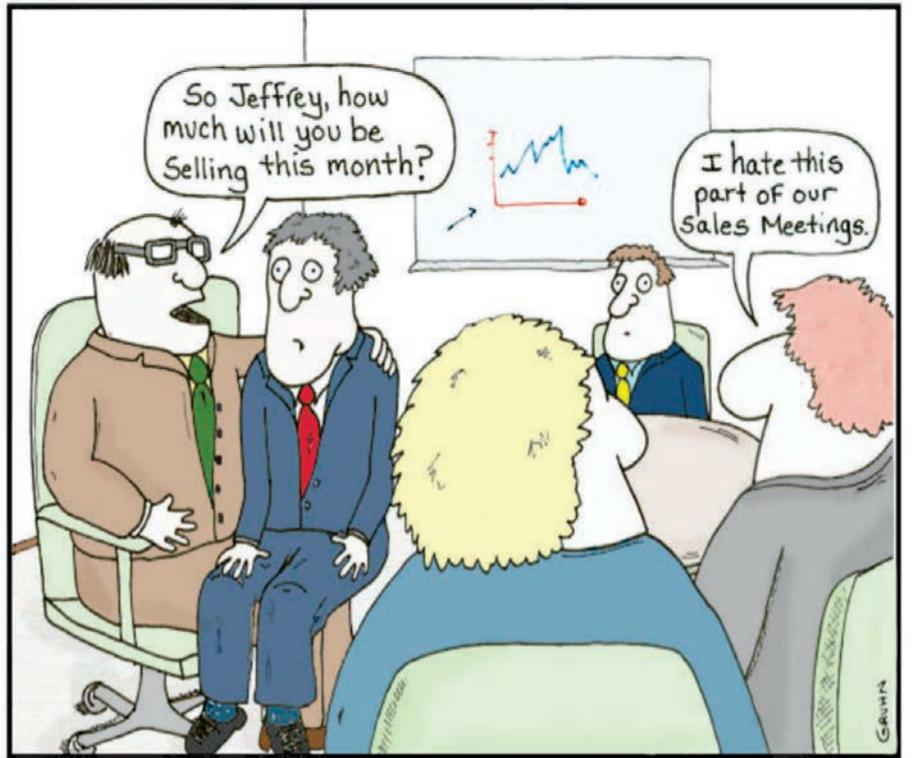
One in five children are affected by bullying. Even with the added awareness in recent years, every

However, reminders alone will not be enough to bring an end to this age old problem. Bullying is a complex multi-level problem, and in order to address these negative behaviours, solutions also need to be on multiple levels.

Parents play a key role in teaching children how to be inclusive, empathetic, and how to deal with feelings without becoming aggressive. With the support of important programs like Family and Community Support Services, and teaching empathy at the classroom level, communities that focus on helping to promote inclusion, respect, and empathy have been the most successful at reducing bullying behaviours.

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In the first semester, high school students from grades ten to twelve are able to take Forensic Studies 25 for three credits. Students can then take Forensic Studies 35 in the second semester to earn three thirty-level credits towards their high school diploma. Junior high students will have the opportunity to experience the field of forensic science through a CTF course in the second semester.

In the Forensic Science elective, students learned a variety of different skills and acquired a deep base of knowledge about evidence collection and analysis, as well as the ethical complexities that confront experts using forensics evidence to

administer justice.

Using hands-on activities, lab demonstrations, and experiential learning, students encountered the roles and responsibilities associated with forensics.

Students also explore career possibilities in the field of forensic science. As part of their career exploration, students were provided with a presentation from Ken Bruns, a retired Forensic Investigator and Detective from the Edmonton Police Service. He covered several different topics, including careers in forensics, the science used in investigations, and the types of equipment forensics investigators use. The presentation also included several demonstrations of actual techniques and materials used by forensic investigators.

Students were able to see how fingerprint powder is used to lift prints off of various surfaces, and how to administer different chemical tests at crime scenes.

For the culminating activity in the Forensic Studies 25 course, students participated in investigating a mock crime scene using all of the skills they had developed throughout the semester to solve a fictional murder. Students analyzed fingerprints, footprints, blood spatter evidence, witness statements, DNA, toxicology, and practiced evidence collection.



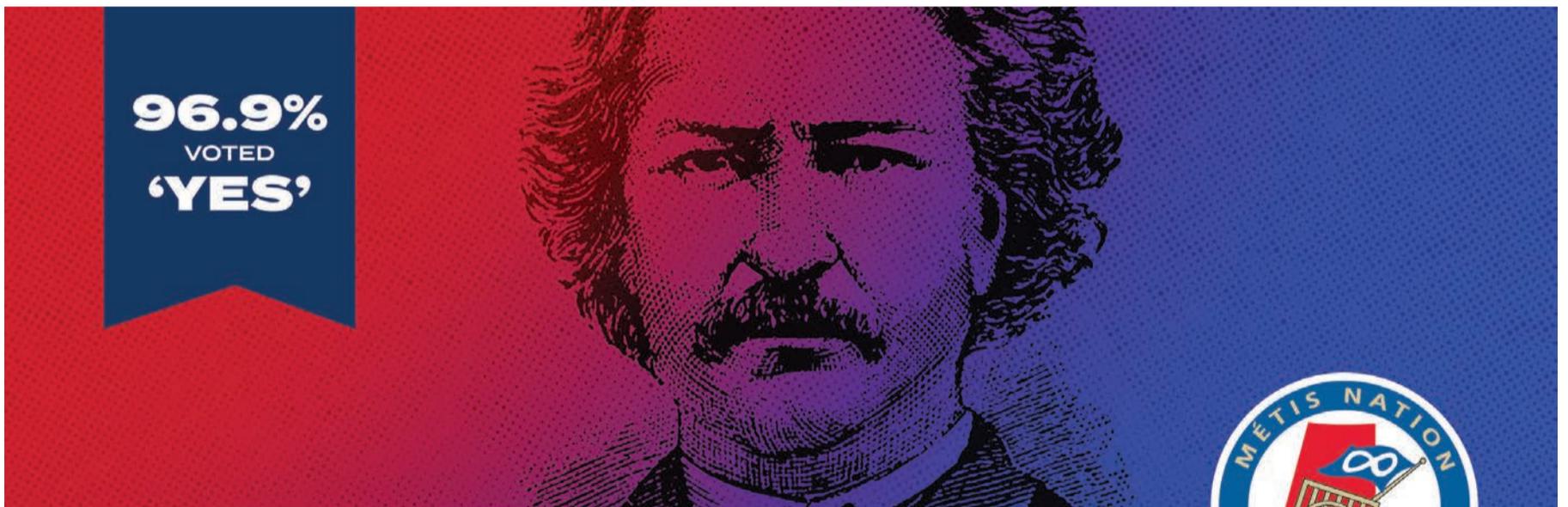
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# Knight Riders 4-H Multi Club explores metalwork

Tayla Plunkie, Club Reporter

This year the Knight Riders 4-H Multi Club has metalwork projects that have four members participating including Hayden, Tayla, Arthur and Jaxon.

We meet on the first Sunday of each month to do our projects. We use a coal forge to heat the metal so we can make our projects.

This year, our leader Theresa Bauman started us off with making a

cat out of angle iron. We began with a piece of angle iron that has a slit cut in one end, at the bottom.

We put this angle iron into the forge to get it hot and we then straightened out the cut piece and curved it, and then it became the cat's tail. Next we punched in the eyes, nose, whiskers, and feet.

The next step will be to use the plasma cutter to cut the ears and sides of the body. We will do this at our next meeting in March.



Knight Riders 4-H Multi Club members getting their projects started for the day.



The 4-H members' metalwork cat projects start to take shape. photos submitted

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# Farm & Field

## News and Views

# Edson 4-H Club update

Raydn Wright, Edson 4-H Club reporter

The Edson 4-H Club had their first meeting of the New Year on January 18th. The Club has been active throughout last year and excited to do more things this year.

On September 21, the Club had their first meeting of their 4-H year at the Edson Baptist church where they voted in new board members.

Since then, the Club has been meeting weekly and they have had a few ride nights until the cold came. The Club rode together for the first time this year on February 8 at an indoor arena and the members were grateful to be able to ride somewhere where there was no snow.

On December 4 the Edson 4-H Club volunteered at Pinedale Community Hall with their Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner. They greeted, served, cleaned dishes, set out food, and filled beverages. The members enjoyed chattering with elders as they came through the door and when the members would bring food to their tables.

Then on December 7, the Club had snacks and

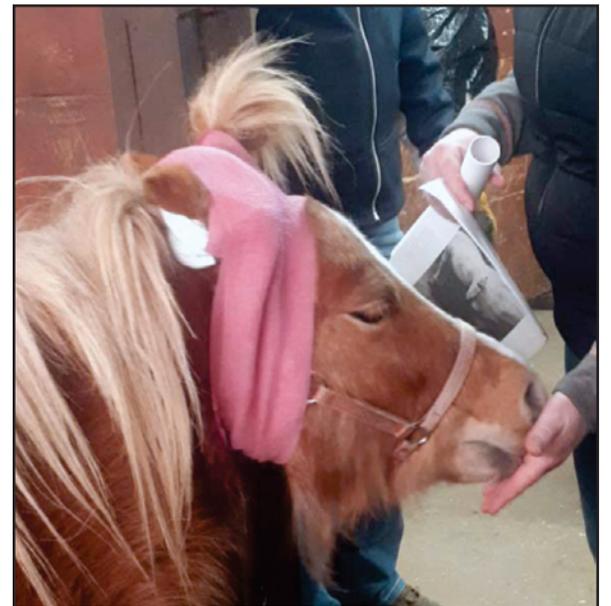
made woodcrafts, such as snowmen and candleholders, for the Parkland Lodge in Edson.

As December stretched on the Club continued getting together and on December 14, 4-H members had a Christmas party at the Edson Baptist Church where they did secret Santa and watched the Grinch. The party brought lots of joy as members unwrapped gifts and ate holiday goodies.

The New Year was kicked off with public speaking on January 25. The members had some very educational presentations like 'taxidermy' presented by intermediate member Isabelle Stone, and 'psychology' by senior members Payton Hunder and Sade Stewart.

The speeches brought new perspectives to everyone in the audience as Hudson Hodgins gave a Junior speech on 'space and planets' and many discovered a new famous Justin when an intermittent speech was done by Annaliese Brorysko.

Then on January 29, a few members and leaders went to an advanced equine first aid course. Everyone learned a lot and had lots of



4-H members Payton Hunder and Raydn Wright practice how to deal with an ear injury on a miniature pony at the Equine advance first aid course. photo submitted by Payton Hunder

fun practicing scenarios on real horses and dummies.

Overall, the Edson 4-H Club is ready to see what this New Year brings, and is excited to experience new things and do more in the community. A special thank you to all that support the Club.

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# Community Events

**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](mailto: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](mailto:ntarves@yhcounty.ca)

**January 19-March 16:** Thursday Spin and Core 6pm-6:45pm at the Leisure Centre Hospitality room Register at [edson.ca](http://edson.ca) or in person at the Leisure Centre

**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 21:** Aqua Gentle Drop in Each Tuesday from February 21-March 21 9:30- 10:15am Reg admission applies, Passes accepted

**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](mailto: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](mailto:dianai@edson.ca))

**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.

**We are proud to support community events**



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**FEB 22 - FEB 27, 2023**      **(825) 401-5222**

BUSINESS HOURS

SUN-THU 10AM-10PM

FRI-SAT 10AM-11PM

								
<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$19.99</b>	<b>\$19.99</b>	<b>\$19.99</b>	<b>\$21.99</b>	<b>\$28.99</b>	<b>\$38.99</b>	<b>\$53.99</b>
750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	1.75L	750mL	1.75L
<b>Provoke</b> Vodka	<b>Rovers</b> Irish Cream	<b>Bacardi</b> White	<b>Bacardi</b> Gold	<b>Stolichnaya</b> Vodka	<b>Forty Creek</b> Whisky	<b>GP</b> Vodka	<b>Bumbu</b> Rum	<b>Crown Royal</b> Whisky

						
<b>\$3.99</b>	<b>\$6.99</b>	<b>\$7.49</b>	<b>\$7.49</b>	<b>\$19.99</b>	<b>\$27.99</b>	<b>\$32.99</b>
750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	750mL	4L Box	4L Box
<b>Sweet Bliss</b> Mango/ Strawberry	<b>Baby Duck</b>	<b>Jackson Triggs</b> Merlot/ Sauvignon Blanc	<b>Bodacious</b> Smooth Red/White	<b>J Lohr</b> Cabernet Sauvignon	<b>Copper Moon</b> Chardonnay	<b>Peller Family</b> Pinot Grigio

					
<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$14.99</b>	<b>\$15.99</b>	<b>\$19.99</b>	<b>\$19.99</b>
15 Cans	15 Cans	15 Cans	15 Cans	24 Cans	15 Cans
<b>Cold Ones</b> Lager	<b>Cold Ones</b> Strong	<b>Clear Creek</b>	<b>Bertan</b> Lager	<b>Alberta Star</b> Lager	<b>Pragmatic</b> Pilsner

				
<b>\$17.99</b>	<b>\$17.99</b>	<b>\$22.99</b>	<b>\$31.99</b>	<b>\$38.99</b>
12 Cans	12 Cans	12 Cans	24 Cans	30 Cans
<b>Truly</b> Margarita	<b>Twisted Tea</b> Mix Pack	<b>White Claw</b> Variety Pack	<b>Old Milwaukee</b>	<b>Busch Light</b>

				
<b>\$37.99</b>	<b>\$37.99</b>	<b>\$37.99</b>	<b>\$37.99</b>	<b>\$37.99</b>
24 Cans	24 Cans	24 Cans	36 Cans	36 Cans
<b>Budweiser</b>	<b>Bud Light</b>	<b>Kokanee</b>	<b>Brewhouse</b> Pilsner	<b>Brewhouse</b> Light