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County hosts World Snow Day at Bear Lake

by Niki Luymes

Park and enjoy World Snow Day. This was a drop-in style falls on the third Sunday of event, so all who came could January. The main focus of the event is to encourage families to get out international event that always

On January 21, Yellowhead County invited people of all ages to come out to Bear Lake activities for people to enjoy.

From 1pm to 3pm, the County set up a variety of winter World snow day is actually an international event that always

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Setzers Sleigh Rides, a skating rink cleared on the lake, milk jug curling, cross country skis and snowshoes to try out, and campfires with s'mores and hot chocolate were just a few of the activities at Yellowhead County's World Snow Day event at Bear Lake on January 21. photo submitted

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Someone really loved the World Snow Day event at Bear Lake on January 21, hosted by Yellowhead County.



Winter picnics were part of the fun at Yellowhead County's World Snow Day at Bear Lake on January 21. photos submitted



The County had Cross Country skis available to try out during their World Snow Day event at Bear Lake.

...County's World Snow Day

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and get active, even during the winter months.

"The goal of this event is to get as many children, adults, and families as possible outdoors to explore, enjoy, and experience snow sports and activities," said Jina Materi, Parks and Recreation Activities Coordinator for Yellowhead County.

This year there was an amazing number of activities to choose from. "We had Setzers Sleigh Rides, a skating rink cleared on the lake, milk jug curling, cross country skis and snowshoes to try out, and campfires with s'mores and hot chocolate available," said Materi,

The main difference this year was due to warm temperatures and a lack of snow, we were unable to flood the skating loop around the campground, so instead we cleared a rink on the lake."

Despite a snowy day and a cold snap, the event was well attended. Approximately 100 people came out and made the most of the free activities.

"Everyone who came out seemed to enjoy themselves and many enjoyed trying new activities," added Materi. "We would like to thank the residents of Yellowhead County for the continued support of our programs and events."



EVENT REMINDERS

February 8:
Robb Ice Skating & Winter Fun! 12-2 PM Robb Skating Rink & Park. FREE DROP-IN STYLE EVENT BUT PLEASE REGISTER at yhcounty.ca/registration TO HELP US ESTIMATE NUMBERS.

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Town Community Development staff moving into Griffiths Park Centre

The Town of Edson is excited to announce that the Community Development staff, which includes Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), Arts, Culture, and Active Living are moving into the newly renovated Griffiths Park Centre located at 5414 – 6th Avenue.

Although the facility will remain closed to the public while we settle in, services are still available, and programs are still operating.

Should you need assistance during the transition the Community Development team can be reached by calling (780) 725-0582. They will

be inviting the community to join them at their new location for the Grand Opening on February 19th where they will host Family Day festivities in collaboration with community partners.

The renovations were completed to create a fully accessible community facility which provides the opportunity to better serve residents and was funded in part through the Community Services Reserve and Provincial/Federal grants.

The Town of Edson is committed to the strategic priorities of Ensuring Quality Infrastructure and Creating a Community that is Safe and Inclusive. This project supports that by

facilitating a new space which fosters a sense of belonging and provides a variety of services for all residents to enjoy.

The Community Development team is very excited to welcome residents into this new community space.

Last chance to see rare artifacts on display at Red Brick

by Deanna Mitchener

The Red Brick Art Gallery is featuring a rare exhibit from their archives. It has been extended until February 6. If you haven't had a chance to go check it out you still have a bit of time.

"It is vignettes of artifacts that rarely leave the archive storage room for display. The artifacts chosen for this show have not been on display for at least a decade," said Kirsty Maskowitz, Museum & Archives Coordinator for the Red Brick Arts Centre & Museum.

"We have a kitchen vignette, music vignette, washday vignette, firefighter vignette, and a tool vignette. As well, there are a few individual items that were just too interesting to not include in the show," said Maskowitz.

The Red Brick is located at 4818 7th Ave in Edson. If you would like further information please call 780-723-3582, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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(Employees of the Anchor are not eligible to enter and the minimum age for participating is 18.)
Deadline for entries is February 10, 2024

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The winner will be contacted.

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Business Licence Renewals



With the beginning of every year, we would like to kindly remind our business owners to renew their business licence before the February 15th deadline for renewals.

The following changes were enacted last year with the updating of the Business Licence Bylaw.

1. Following a review and comparison of fees from similar sized municipalities, the fee structure has been adjusted and 'early bird discount' has been repealed;
2. Although Business Licences technically expire at the end of the year. Your business will remain compliant and is allowed to operate within the Town up until the February 15th deadline. Per our newly enacted Business Licence Bylaw No. 2280, failure to renew by February 15th, would deem the Business Licence invalid and the Business not being permitted to operate within Town limits until such a time when the Business Licence is renewed; and
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.

If you have any further questions, clarifications or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Economic Development Officer at morganr@edson.ca

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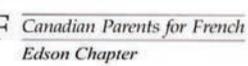
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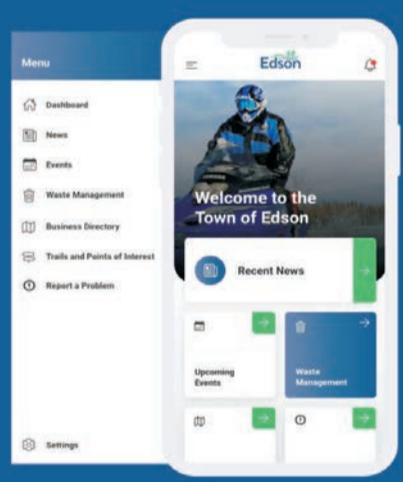
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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

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

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



Guest Editorial/Column

Even eliminating GST on carbon tax would lead to significant savings for Canadians

Even just scrapping the GST on carbon tax could save Canadians hundreds of millions of dollars

by Troy Media

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) is urging the federal government to put an end to its tax-on-tax practice, following the release of a report by the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) that reveals substantial potential savings for taxpayers.

The report indicates that eliminating the Goods and Services Tax (GST) applied to the carbon tax could save Canadians hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Franco Terrazzano, the Federal Director of the CTF, emphasized the significance of the PBO's findings. "The PBO is clear: the GST on the carbon tax will cost Canadians half a billion this year and more than \$1 billion every year by 2030," stated Terrazzano. "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his ministers are having a retreat in Montreal trying to figure out how to make life more affordable. Here's an idea: they could save Canadians real money

right now by picking up the PBO report and ending their tax-on-tax."

The federal government's practice of applying its sales tax after all per-litre taxes are added is commonly referred to as tax-on-tax.

According to the PBO's estimates, removing the GST paid on the carbon tax would result in immediate savings of \$486 million this year, with the potential to exceed \$1 billion annually by 2030.

A separate PBO report indicates that, even after rebates, the carbon tax costs the average family up to \$710 this year.

On April 1, the federal government plans to raise the carbon tax rates to 17 cents per litre of gasoline, 21 cents per litre of diesel, and 15 cents per cubic metre of natural gas.

"Ending the tax-on-tax would save Canadians every time they fuel up to go to work and heat their homes during the cold winter months," Terrazzano asserted. "Trudeau can and should make life more affordable by ending the tax-on-tax and scrapping his carbon tax."

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of: Jan 22 to 28, 2024

Assistance calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 19. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 0; Alarms/False Alarms 3; Animal Calls 0; Assault 8; Cause Disturbance 11; Fail to Comply with Conditions 5; False/Abandoned 911 Call 3; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 1, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 3; Lost or found property 3, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 1; Information File 1; Mental Health Act 8; Mischief or Damage 2; Municipal Bylaws 1; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 2; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 2; Suspicious persons 6; Theft Complaints 5; Traffic violations 14; Traffic Complaints 9; Trespassing 1; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 4.

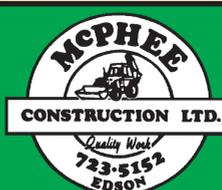
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Parkland Lodge Auxiliary fundraising supports seniors

by Deanna Mitchener

A special thanks goes out to Parkland Lodge Auxiliary and everything they do for seniors at the lodge. Also many thanks to members in the community who support the Auxiliary and their fundraisers!

Vice President Carol McClintock said, "We hold fundraisers with teas, bakes sales, and the Grandparent Walkathon." Lodge seniors and any town residents that want to participate can collect pledges for the Walk. "These fundraisers allow us to give every senior in the lodge a \$25 gift card as well as when they turn a hundred or more they receive \$100. During Seniors Week we pay for the movie, popcorn, chocolate bars, and soft drinks for all seniors," said Carol. "At Christmas they receive a \$100 gift card, plus we provide the wine for their Christmas and New Years supper."

"Why we do it? Because a lot of the

seniors have no family close. Seeing the seniors come out to our events gives us more reasons to continue. With the fundraising success we have been having, hopefully we can continue this tradition for years to come," said Carol.

"Thanks to the generosity of the people of Edson and area, the businesses that donate items for the silent auctions, the Town, and our MLA and MP offices that kindly donate door prize baskets for our teas, we can continue to do this," said Carol.

"We can always use more Auxiliary members, however. We meet once a month on the first Tuesday, with summers off. The majority of our members are all seniors themselves," said Carol. Anyone is welcome to going though.

If you would like more information on how you can become involved or would like to donate or become a member, you can call 780-728-8048.



Amy Pillage, Program Coordinator with the Edson Food Bank Society, said, "We want to extend a huge thank-you to Raymond Becker with Canlin Energy for their generous donation towards our Edson Food Bank Society's operations of \$2,000". submitted by Deanna Mitchener



Edson RCMP charge male with attempted murder

(RCMP Release) On Jan. 24, 2024, at 2 a.m., Edson RCMP responded to a complaint of a disturbance at a local residence. Upon arrival, it was determined that two people were injured and both were transported by EMS to a local hospital. They have since been released from the hospital. An investigation ensued and as a result a 64 year old

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D24-003	SE-28-55-9-W5 Wildwood Area	Accessory Building (Pole Shed)	Jan 18/24	Permitted Use
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

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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LOCATION: Edson, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-015

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The hourly wage range is \$22.93 to \$24.96 per hour.

To apply, please submit resume, cover letter, two (2) written references, and the most current copy of your driver's abstract 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 15, 2024 at 4:30 PM.**

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

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

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Dates of Employment:

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Senior Lifeguard - Competition No. 24-003 - Acts as the supervisor on duty when scheduled with a Junior Guard, providing swimming instruction, lifeguarding, completing pool maintenance and performing other administrative duties as required.

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Weed Inspector - Competition No. 24-007 - Responsible for performing weed and pest inspections on private and public lands in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act and County policies.

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Youth Services Assistant - Competition No. 24-011 - Responsible for assisting in the planning and delivery of Family and Community Support Services programming to children of Yellowhead County.

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 9, 2024.** We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

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Local Ticket Challenger brings 28 years experience in law enforcement

by Niki Luymes

Residents of Edson, Yellowhead County, and Hinton have a new resource when faced with a traffic ticket. Lindsey Carter and her team at Ticket Challenger are the only ticket agent based out of the County —close to home to better serve you.

As a ticket agent, Carter brings her expertise to help you fight back against fines, traffic demerits, and much more. "Unlike a lawyer, you can hire us for any provincial charges that you have against you," stated Carter. Throughout the whole process, both outside and inside the courtroom, the team will be working for you. They will look over the disclosure (evidence against you) and even complete your courtroom appearance.

"Like a lawyer, I look at disclosures to see if there's a good case against you or not, and if there are issues that I can look at or not. The other thing I will look into is the possibility of an early resolution. I can look at getting reduced charges, if people are looking at possibly losing their license, or getting their license suspended, or even jail time," explained Carter. Unlike lawyers, ticket

agents cannot practice criminal law. But also unlike lawyers, they charge much less to complete the process. Their skills can be applied to any Provincial statute including traffic violations, violations of the Alberta Fisheries Act, Stray Animals Act, Tobacco & Smoking Reduction Act, and much more.

Carter doesn't come to this challenge unprepared. With over 28 years as a Police/Peace Officer with 22 years Traffic Enforcement, coupled with two years as a Provincial Prosecutor; she knows what she's doing.

"So now I'm going, I guess you could say, to the other side helping people with their violations," said Carter. "So I'm quite familiar with reviewing court packages and seeing if the evidence is there or not. I'm quite familiar with running trials, I've prepped for thousands of trials and run hundreds of trials."

Carter does the work to stay on top of all the latest changes to the system as well. One of the more recent changes will actually have a big effect on drivers. "It's concerning because it's going to affect a lot of people who don't even

realize it," explained Carter. "The Government of Alberta and insurance companies have now categorized all driving violations as either 'major violations' or 'minor violations'. If you get one major violation against you, they consider you a poor driver and your insurance rates can really skyrocket. If you get more than one minor ticket in three years the same thing applies, you're considered a poor driver and your rates can go up substantially —they can even refuse to insure you."

"You don't have to be looking at losing your license or going to jail to hire me to have a look at your case," said Carter. "There are many people who just don't understand the process and would rather pay their violations instead of taking the time when they have a reason to fight it."

Ticket Challenger isn't limited by geography. Their services can reach to Hinton, Jasper, Edson, Evansburg, Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe, Drayton Valley, Alexis, any locations in Alberta, and even into Saskatchewan.

If you would like more info you can visit www.ticketchallenger.ca.



Audience members commented that it was a very good show at the Red Brick, as Jake Vaadeland and the Sturgeon River Band took the stage on January 29. Chautauqua Edson Arts Council is an organization dedicated to bringing quality, unique acts to Edson audiences. submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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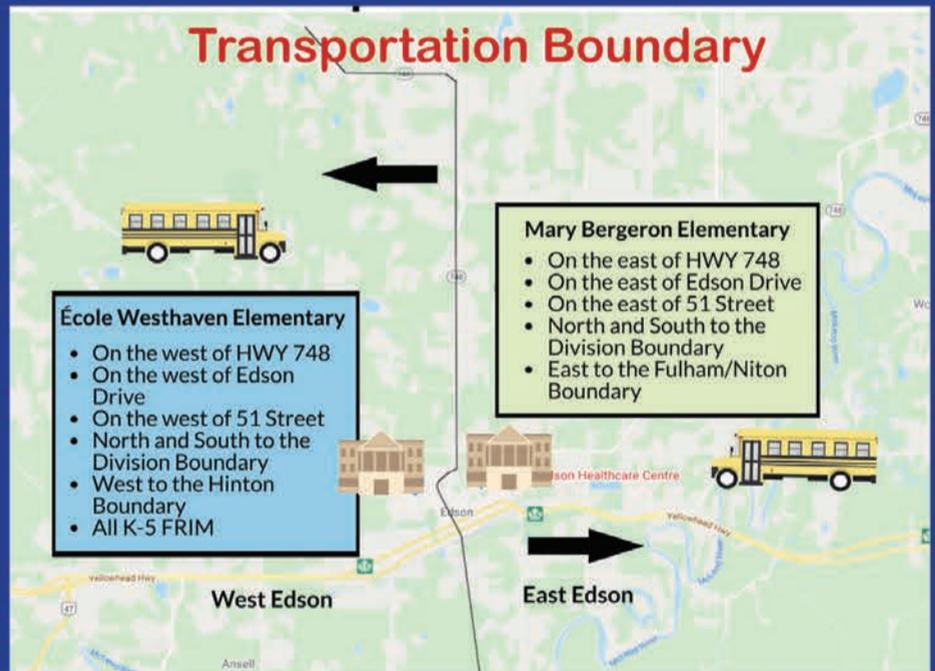
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A taste of San Felipe inspired by Rotary



Views & News

by Deanna Mitchener

It is pretty amazing to see all the good things happening here in San Felipe Baja Mexico.

Just like Rotary back home in Edson, the Rotary Club here in San Felipe Baja Mexico is busy organizing different events and fundraisers.

On January 17 they held a fundraiser called

Taste of San Felipe. Tickets were just \$20 dollars each or \$350 pesos. 22 Restaurants took part in the event. Each participant received a wristband, a list of places participating, along with a walking map to find each location.

It was such a great way for Rotary to raise money and each of the participating restaurants to showcase their cuisine. It was a win-win for everyone. With restaurants giving samples of a main dish they serve, it was an excellent way to bring in future customers. After tasting and

seeing the location, you would be sure to mark many of them on your 'must do again' list to enjoy a full meal with family or friends.

The event lasted three hours, and let me tell you, by the time you went into each restaurant for a taste of what they had to offer - you were very full. Way to go Rotary and San Felipe! We now have a few more restaurants on our list to enjoy. This might even be a good idea for our community in Edson!

~ Obituary ~

David Thornton Chambers

In loving memory of David Thornton Chambers, who passed away peacefully on January 28, 2024 in the company of family.

Born in 1943 in London, England, David was the cherished only child of Dorothy and Harold Chambers.

After graduating from Oak Bay High School (Class of '62), David set out to explore Europe, undertook work excursions in Whitehorse, and eventually found a home in Edson, Alberta.

Here, he immersed himself in various pursuits, including square dancing, bagpipes, outback trail riding, and served as President of the Edson Legion.

In his later years, David retired to Victoria, B.C., where he found joy revisiting places from his childhood and building community within the United Church congregation.

David will be dearly missed by his affectionate wife, Margaret, his children Toby (Lisa), Aaron (Candace), Jennifer (Frank) and children through marriage, James (Janet), and Christopher (Chloaye) and his seven grandchildren, Nathan, Ben, Becca, Emily, Jacob, Amelia and Oli.

Lastly, thank you to Dr. Sundren Govender and the medical team at The Heights at Mount View for their excellent care. A memorial will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 11:00 am at Cordova Bay United Church, 813 Claremont Ave. Victoria, B.C.



Volunteers with the San Felipe Rotary Club on January 17th. Handing out bracelets for the Taste of San Felipe. photo by Deanna Mitchener

~ Obituary ~

Costall, Stanley James

(July 3, 1945 – Jan 14, 2024) Hinton, AB

Stan passed away unexpectedly in Hinton, Alberta, January 14, 2024. Stan grew up in the Merna/Alliance/Sedgewick farming communities. He attended Merna School growing up and then high school in Sedgewick and was noted in year books for nicest personality, nicest teeth and best figure (physique).

Stan grew up on a farm with his many siblings and loved farming in his school years. He started out shortly after high school working for the County of Flagstaff driving school bus & repairing road maintenance equipment. He spent a short time at the County Gas Co-op and then moved on to the oil patch in Irma, Viking, Hardisty areas with Ranger Oil. In the early 80's Stan moved his family to the Edson area, while working for Ranger Oil, to construct and start up the well-known Galloway gas plant near Edson. Stan then went out on his own doing oil field maintenance and spent a few years working in Indonesia, constructing a gas plant, before returning to Edson. He then worked with Talisman in the Edson, Whitecourt and Fox Creek areas, doing oilfield maintenance. Stan moved to Hinton in the early 2000's for Talisman at the Wild River area, doing well site and plant maintenance. Stan loved to work and was well respected for his hard work ethic, big smile and laughter, while getting done the task at hand.

Stan loved boating and water sports in the earlier years, with his family and friends, at their Hardisty Lake cabin. There were many great times at Hardisty Lake, building a cabin and enjoying every summer. In later years, more hunting trips with his brothers and with his family, outdoors/trapping and attending trapper conventions with neighbourhood buddies. Playing crib with family and friends in his garage, on his table size crib board made by his friends, was one of his favorite past times. Recently Stan dealt one of his best friends a "29" hand in crib, something any great crib player would wish for in a lifetime to deal or be dealt.

Stan had 3 sons with Brenda (Marlow) and is survived by his sons Darren Costall (Alison) and their 3 children; Aleya, Austin & Mason, Jason Costall (Carli) and their 2 children Cash and Graye and Jody Costall (Joanne); their 2 children Jordan & Josh. Stan is also survived by his brothers and sisters: Bob Costall, Charlene (Charle) Heffel, Doug Costall and Kathleen (Kass) Fee, along with many nieces and nephews. Stan was pre-deceased by his mother Elsie Nora Costall (Harle), father Charles Robert Costall and brothers John (Ray) Edge, Ken Edge and sister Fay McPherson.

Stan will be missed greatly by family, friends and people he worked with in the patch. He leaves a legacy of hard work with a smile that will never be forgotten.

Stan's celebration of life will be in the early spring 2024. Location and date will be announced once a date is confirmed.

Donations can be made to the Hinton & District SPCA in memory of Stan and his favorite cat "Lucky"

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~ Obituary ~

Renie Constance Saunders

(nee Christakos)

Renie Constance Saunders (nee Christakos) passed away January 27th, 2024.

Renie was born in Prince Albert Saskatchewan July 2nd, 1937, the 3rd of Helen and Gus Christakos's 4 children. Renie grew up on a farm on which the family owned and ran the Gus's Pavilion - a beautiful log event centre famous for lively dances and locally famous home cooked chicken dinners. Renie had a quick wit and was an engaging story teller, often sharing tales of her childhood antics with her sister Marjorie and brothers Jim and Greg. Renie was a good student and had an impressive vocabulary. As a young woman she worked for the Prince Albert Newspaper of which a highlight was interviewing John Diefenbaker. Renie married Bill, her lifelong partner and love September 8, 1956 and together they shared a full life for 66 years, raising their 5 children and enjoying their 10 grandchildren.

Due to Bill's RCMP career, they lived in many great locations including the Okanagan and BC coast, settling for 28 years on their beloved acreage near Edson and finally retiring to Okotoks.

Renie worked in a variety of different jobs, including as a successful realtor in Edson, but most enjoyed caring and cooking for Bill and their family. Her 10 grandchildren loved her famous mac and cheese and wonderful cookies. She enjoyed a good laugh and conversation, watching Coronation Street, completing the daily New York Times crossword puzzle, playing the piano and preparing for visits from their family and friends. In their later years Bill and Renie spent many enjoyable winters in the Texas Hill Country and Indio California with good friends. Renie was loved and had the privilege of living a good long life.

Renie is survived by her loving husband Bill, their children Lori (Kent), Tom (Andrea), Rick (Joan), Greg (Stacey) and Amy (George), her 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, her brothers Greg and Jim and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, Gus and Helen, and sister Marjorie Eagle.

Huge gratitude to the caring staff at Tudor Manor in Okotoks, and Dr. Colleen Collar and Dr. JoAnna Fay for their support and care of Renie through her final years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada.

Arrangements in the care of Snodgrass Funeral Homes - Okotoks (200 Woodgate Rd, Okotoks. AB T1S 1L2).





Mrs. Williams' Grade 4 students from Mary Bergeron School had a blast on the ice during their skating session recently. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener



MP Gerald Soroka recently stated that he had a delightful visit to the newly opened Wildwood Hotel Cafe run by Margo and Cindi. Great food and even better company. "Supporting local businesses like theirs is crucial for our community and I encourage you to visit if you're in the area. I wish them great success." photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

Registration open for online psychological first aid training

Adults interested in learning skills to cope during and immediately after a disaster or emergency are invited to sign up for free Alberta Health Services (AHS) psychological first aid (PFA) workshops.

PFA is an internationally recognized method of support intended to help people during and immediately after a disaster or emergency. It uses a holistic, community wellness approach to help reduce levels of emotional distress for individuals, families and communities through practical care, compassion, connection and support from others.

Led by trained facilitators, PFA is an interactive webinar that aims to share knowledge, teach skills, build confidence and increase capacity to support people in the

face of a disaster or emergency. Participants can take part on their smartphone, tablet or computer.

Registration is now open for individuals, community members and service providers:

- **Wednesday, March 27 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**
- **Thursday, April 25 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**
- **Thursday, May 2 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

For more information about upcoming workshops, email HPDIP.MH.EarlyID@ahs.ca or visit AHS psychological first aid workshop (albertahealthservices.ca)

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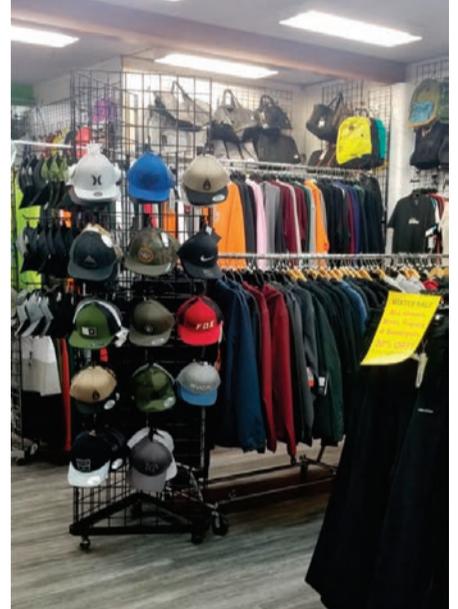
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GNS: Good News Story

Grande Yellowhead continues to provide professional development opportunities in the Science of Reading to ensure that staff are current with the tools and knowledge they need to support students' needs.

Over the past few weeks, Amy Corser, Inclusive Education - Teacher Consultant for the Division, along with 12 Learning Support Teachers, Kindergarten and Grade One teachers completed training for the Reading Readiness Screening Tool (RRST) to learn more about phonological awareness and early literacy interventions. The RRST provides teachers with an accessible and affordable universal screening tool that enables teachers to screen for phonological awareness weaknesses and other reading readiness skills, identify student needs, and inform instructional classroom programming.

Training was provided through the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta and informed participants how to administer the screening tool to students.

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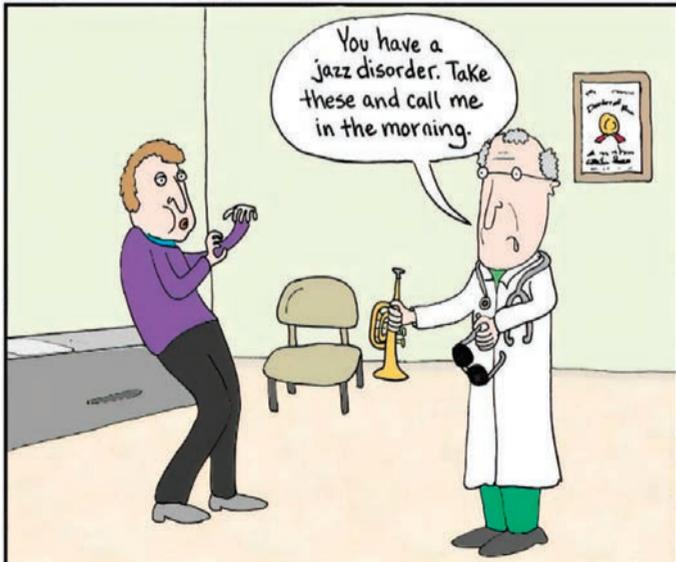
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What's happening, when and where in the community

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 4,11&25: Yoga in Marlboro at the Marlboro Community Hall 4:30-5:30. Register online at yhcounty.ca/registration

February 8: Robb Ice Skating & Winter Fun! 12-2 PM Robb Skating Rink & Park. FREE DROP-IN STYLE EVENT BUT PLEASE REGISTER at yhcounty.ca/registration TO HELP US ESTIMATE NUMBERS.

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

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 6Ave 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

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

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News and Views

Investing in natural drought and flood protection

Watersheds are areas of land that drain rainfall and melted snow into streams, rivers and lakes. Healthy and resilient watersheds play an important role in preventing drought, reducing the risk of floods and supporting healthy communities and ecosystems.

This year, Alberta's government is providing \$3.5 million to fund eight projects in communities across the province through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program. These projects will help restore riverbanks and watersheds, stabilize stream banks and improve natural drainage, supporting communities affected by recent droughts and floods.

"It has never been more important to improve the resiliency of Alberta's watersheds. By working with local communities and partners, we are helping mitigate the impact of future floods and droughts in communities across the province while creating healthier water bodies for future generations." - Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

Each year, communities and local partners receive project funding through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program to increase the natural ability of Alberta's watersheds to reduce the intensity, magnitude, duration and effects from flooding and droughts.

Projects receiving funding are led by stewardship organizations, non-profits, Indigenous communities and municipalities to restore critical wetland and riparian areas while promoting the ongoing stewardship and preservation of critical watersheds.

To date, Alberta's government has allocated more than \$46.5 million to flood and drought resilience projects through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program.

-AgriNews

Grocery landscape in Alberta and Canada

As the main food source for many consumers and the main sales outlet for many processors, the grocery sector plays a critical role.

"Amid increasing food costs in Canada, the grocery sector has become the focal point in food price conversations," says Jeewani Fernando, provincial consumer market analyst with the Alberta government. "The situation has prompted a parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food to study grocery affordability and the Canadian Competition Bureau to study the retail grocery market and competition."

In addition, the federal government recently demanded leading grocery retailers in the country change their food product pricing practices. Canada's Office of Consumer Affairs has also established the Grocery Task Force, a dedicated team with a focus on the retail sector.

Meanwhile, representatives from grocery retail and food and consumer product manufacturing have worked together over the last 2 years to jointly develop a Grocery Code of Conduct. This code promotes predictability, transparency and fair dealing as products make their way from suppliers to stores, and ultimately to Canadians' homes.

"With so much happening in the grocery sector, it is important to understand the grocery landscape in Canada and Alberta. The information may help Alberta agri-food producers, processors, retailers and consumers better understand the grocery sector and make informed decisions."

As the primary food source for many consumers, and the primary sales outlet for many producers and processors, the grocery sector plays a critical role in Canada. Fernando points out some key factors about the structure of the grocery market in Canada and Alberta:

Canada's grocery industry is concentrated. Most Canadians buy groceries from one of 5 companies: Loblaws, Sobeys, Metro, Costco and Walmart. These companies hold about 76% of the grocery market share.

The rest of the market consists of a few large regional chains and thousands of independent retailers and convenience stores.

There are a number of banners operating under Loblaws, Sobeys and Metro. They compete with regional chains and independent stores.

The online grocery segment is still developing in Canada.

The grocery landscape in Alberta is more or less like the Canadian landscape. Four of the 5 largest grocers operate in Alberta under various banners (Loblaws, Sobeys, Costco and Walmart).

Compared to the national industry, Alberta ranks fourth in total annual sales and store locations. -AgriNews

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