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# Speeds of up to 160km/hr recorded in Edson

**"Ridiculous and dangerous," says Sgt. Desautels in update to town council**

by Adrienne Tait

Speeds of up to 160km/hr on 63rd Street, 157 km/hr on Edson Drive and 156 km/hr by Hillendale were all clocked by the speed signs during 2021.

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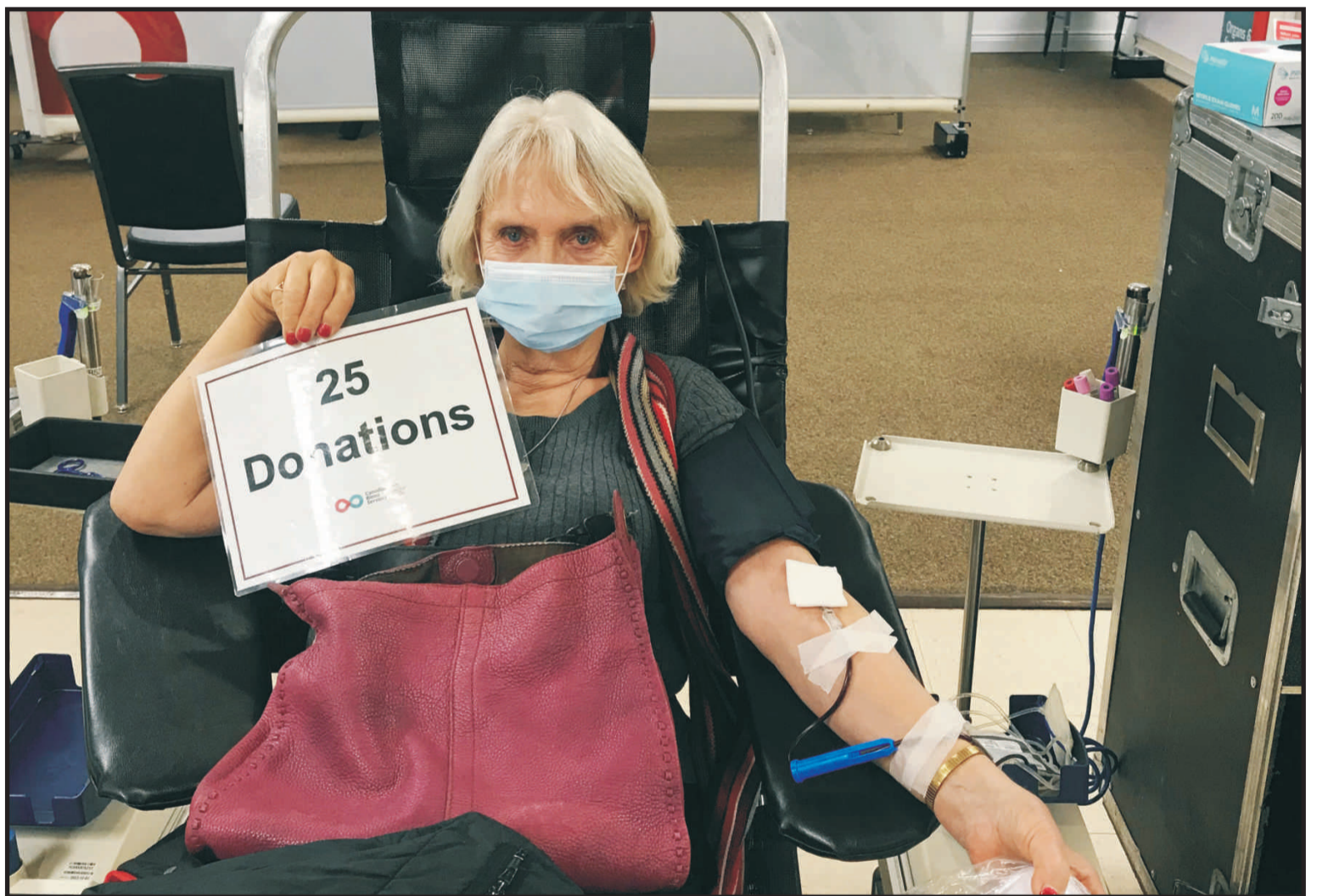
speed and provide local enforcement officers with data by date and time in order to help improve patrols and enforcement. Peace Officer Sergeant Jim Desautels called the speeds "ridiculous and dangerous."

Desautels provided information, updates, and stats to Town Council on February 1.

2021 also saw a total of 22,637 Automated Traffic Enforcement (photo radar) tickets issued. Desautels said the department received 14

complaints regarding photo radar with three calls complaining the photo radar truck was not parked safely, eight people were angry they

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# Speeds of up to 160km/hr recorded in Edson

## "Ridiculous and dangerous," says Sgt. Desautels in update to town council

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received a ticket, one lost ticket, one saying the ticket wasn't theirs, and one complaint of too many photo radar vehicles. Desautels said, "The amount of traffic that comes through Edson is significant. We see thousands of vehicles every day."

In accordance with new provincial regulations the local photo radar vehicles will be wrapped in the bright yellow before the end of the year. The 20

currently identified photo radar zones will all be reviewed before the end of the year.

The revenue from photo radar tickets was \$668,000 which then gets directly reinvested into the community for safety such as covering some of the costs for the local RCMP detachment.

Community Peace Officers responded to 1,813 calls for service in the past year. Moving traffic

calls topped the list at 755 calls. These included such complaints as loud mufflers, school zones, and speeding.

## Town Council Highlights: Feb 1, 2022

**- Community Futures West Yellowhead**  
General Manager of Community Futures West Yellowhead (CFWY) Nancy Robbins gave a presentation to Council with an overview of the organization and an update on their work during the pandemic.

**-License Inspector Appointments**  
The General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning, as well as the Economic Development Officer, have been appointed as License Inspectors to carry out the duties and responsibilities under Bylaw 2030, the Business

License Bylaw. These appointments coincide with a transfer of responsibility for Business Licensing from the Community and Protective Services Department to Infrastructure and Planning.

**-Municipal Election Report**

Council accepted a report on the 2021 Municipal Election as information. The report included costs, staff survey results, voter trends, and more. A number of recommendations were also presented, including holding additional advanced votes, enhancing the communications strategy, adding more workers and registration tables, lobbying for a simpler/expanded special ballot process, exploring alternatives to institutional voting stations, and automating the final vote tallying to expedite the results.

## Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Jan.24, 2022 to Jan. 30, 2022

Traffic Collisions topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 21. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 1; Animal Calls 1; Assault 3; Assistance Calls 6; Cause Disturbance 6; False/Abandoned 911 Calls 3; Family Orders and Agreements 1; Fire Prevention Act 1; Lost/Found Property 4; Mental Health Act 1; Mischief 6; Municipal Bylaws 3; Suspicious Persons/Vehicles 7; Theft Complaints 20; Traffic Complaints 4; Traffic Violations 7; Trespassing 2; Uttering Threats Against Property 1; Wellbeing Check 3.



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# Break and Enter calls down 51% in Edson

by Adrienne Tait

Break and Enter calls were down 51% in 2021 from 2020 according to S/Sgt Christian Delisle who provided Town Council with a review of the 2021 year during the February 1 council meeting in Edson. Reducing the

## Edson RCMP arrest male wanted on warrants for arrest

Edson RCMP: Marlboro, Alta. - On Jan. 28, 2022, at about 11:15 a.m., Edson RCMP responded to a report of a male damaging property near a residence in Marlboro. The Edson RCMP attended the location where a male was arrested on warrants out of the Edson RCMP Detachment and other RCMP jurisdictions. No charges were laid in relation to this incident.

A 41 year old male, of Marlboro, is facing a total of 13 charges. Nine of the 13 charges originate in Edson for offences including uttering threats, causing a disturbance, failing to comply with conditions and failing to attend court.

The accused was held for a judicial hearing and was released on a Release Order with conditions. He is scheduled to appear in the Edson Provincial Court on Feb. 15, 2022.

number of break and enter calls had been identified as a priority by the S/Sgt for the year.

The implementation of the Shelter Pod program was a factor attributed to the break and enter reduction. S/Sgt Delisle said people who had been breaking into sheds, garages, and outbuildings for shelter now had a place to go and were not breaking and entering as often on private property.

S/Sgt Delisle reviewed the other goals he and his department had set for the last year. While the Town year runs January to December the RCMP year runs April to March. In each case the goal was either exceeded, has already been met, or is on track to be completed before the end of the RCMP year. One such goal was for police to conduct 1,000 proactive police patrols. As of the end of the calendar year 669 patrols were documented in Edson and a further 400+ in the County.

Edson RCMP responded to 5,830 calls for service in 2021. Topping the list of calls for being most workload intensive/most person hours were mental health act calls. These include calls for welfare checks and represented 16.6% of the year's total work hours. The homicide which took place in the fall was second with 5.6% of the year's workload.

The average RCMP response time in Alberta is 12.9 minutes, while Edson bests the average at 10.1 minutes per call. S/Sgt Delisle

said approximately 4.5 minutes of that time is spent on "administration" which includes answering the call, creating the file, and dispatching the members.

The warrant round-up conducted by RCMP resulted in 30 arrests and 50 executed warrants. In one instance it was the fifth time the person had been arrested.

S/Sgt Delisle spoke about participating in the judicial system process and encourages people to call in to the RCMP and report if they have been victimized. "We need your statement," said S/Sgt Delisle, "and then we'll be able to rely on those people to be witnesses."

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# Town reviews its Snow Removal Policy

by Adrienne Tait

62,882 cubic meters of snow has already been deposited at the Snow Dump this season. More snow than the 2019 and 2020 season combined.

Significant discussion surrounding the snow and ice removal policy (which in its current form came into effect in February of 2020) occurred during the February 1, 2022 Town Council meeting in Edson.

Council is looking to revise the policy once again.

As it stands, the policy has a snow accumulation threshold of 5cm and requires the snow removal crew to start at the priority one routes whenever that threshold is met. During a major snow or ice event this means that crews could be returning to clear priority one and two routes multiple times before reaching residential or subsequent routes even once.

Councillor Greg Pasychny expressed displeasure at the policy saying the previous policy was one policy that had been refined, and worked well under the previous council. He also said that 5cm was only 2” and all of the ambulances, fire trucks and police vehicles were capable of operating at that snow depth level. He suggested, and council agreed, the threshold be amended to 10cm. This would allow for crews to complete more work before having to return during major snow falls.

Administration presented Council with a comparison of other communities including Whitecourt, Cold Lake, Devon, Morinville and Lacombe. While Edson compared well with regards to staffing and had generally lower operational costs, the Town’s equipment is both smaller and has less “blades on the road.”

What was not asked, or answered, was whether or not the snow clearing/removal policies in those

communities were proving effective.

Concerns regarding the Town’s snow blower were raised; with Mayor Zahara and several Councillors agreeing that an equipment upgrade may be needed.

Town staff was asked to provide feedback and suggestions as to how snow removal or clearing could be made more efficient. Suggestions included leaving the windrows in the middle of the road (with intersections cleared) for longer so the grader can cover more ground quickly, moving snow to the curb where possible and to the middle where not, hiring qualified contractors to free up staff and enable shift work, improvements or reconfiguration to the equipment pool available, and improved sanding or de-icing capabilities.

The proposed changes to the policy would allow the Town’s CAO to react in a timely manner and access the snow removal reserve, if necessary, during a major weather event.

Councillor Taylor questioned some of the wording in the policy to which CAO Beveridge explained much of it was based on a Supreme Court of Canada ruling that exposed potential liability risks for municipalities. Administration sought legal advice which is reflected in the proposed policy amendments.

Council also discussed the pros and cons of snow removal versus snow clearing. Clearing could cause issues in the spring thaw and even damage to

infrastructure, requires the snow be handled twice, and requires more loader work to clear private access points, but it is quicker. Snow removal (the current method) is slower and has a higher immediate (but lower long term) cost; but has less ongoing impact to traffic, reduced risk of flooding in the spring and/or infrastructure damage due to flooding, crews only handle the snow once, and protects against long term infrastructure costs.

When asked how much time could be saved if vehicles that did not move for snow removal were towed, Town officials agreed cleared streets would be faster, but could not quantify the time savings. Administration and Council opted to have COP (bylaw) officers door knock and request people move their vehicles. Councillor Pasychny said in the past the Town contracted a local tow company to remove vehicles but that came with its own issues including residents claiming the Town had damaged their vehicles and upset owners coming home to find their vehicle gone.

Mayor Zahara said he would also like to see more flexibility with back alleys/lane snow removal. While the Town does not clear alleys or laneways, Mayor Zahara said he believes consideration should be given to those residents who do not have on-street parking.

The issue will come back before council at a later date.

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A valid business license is required to operate a business within the Town of Edson (whether in a residential or commercial area). The Business License Bylaw provides for the licensing, controlling, and regulating of businesses within the Town.

For more information, as well as links to the business and home business licence application forms, and the Business License Bylaw, visit

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**Dog Licenses**

Dog license invoices have also been sent out.

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Guest Comment

# Carbon tax woes fall on deaf ears in Ottawa

by Kris Sims: B.C. director  
Canadians Taxpayers Federation

*It's bone-chilling cold, carbon tax costs are rising and politicians don't seem to give a flying fox foot about it.*

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is the biggest carbon tax cheerleader in North America and the [former] Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole grabbed the pom-poms, too.

Toronto and Ottawa [recently] got a huge dump of snow, and wind chills plunged to minus 40 degrees. The Prairies were bearing minus 44 degree nights. Even Vancouver's oceanside joggers were recently hit with a big wallop of the white stuff and minus 20 wind.

If Canadians weren't heating their homes or running their vehicles with natural gas, furnace oil, propane, gasoline and diesel, they would quickly freeze to death.

The carbon tax hits all of those fuels.

Right now, the first federal carbon tax is \$40 per tonne, costing nine cents per litre of gasoline, 11 cents per litre of diesel and eight cents per cubic metre of natural gas.

It costs about \$7 extra to fill up a minivan, \$112 to fill a big-rig truck's double tanks with diesel and more than \$200 extra to heat a new home with natural gas.

It's more expensive if your house is older, or if there's a long cold snap, or if you have to commute a long distance.

In British Columbia, carbon tax costs are generally double because we have two carbon taxes out here.

The second carbon tax is a government fuel standard that's tucked into regulations, and it makes gasoline and diesel cost more. It adds about 17 cents per litre of gas and 19 cents per litre to diesel.

That means truckers are paying about 30 cents per litre in carbon taxes for their diesel. That costs them about \$300 extra to fill up their double cylinders.

It would be good for a Member of Parliament to look them in the eye and say the added carbon tax cost is unfairly adding to their current burdens and that they will fight to get rid of it.

But the current Conservative Party is a carbon tax pusher.

While a few members have spoken out and opposed the carbon taxes, notably MP Arnold Viersen and Conservative Senator Denise Batters, the official Opposition is giving the government a free pass on carbon taxes.

It's going to get worse.

The federal carbon tax is set to jump up to \$50 per tonne this April, and it will skyrocket up to \$170 per tonne

within eight years.

That means harsher punishment for Canadians for driving to work and heating their homes.

Those hikes will ultimately put the first carbon tax up to more than 37 cents per litre for gasoline, 45 cents per litre for diesel and 32.8 cents per cubic metre for natural gas.

In B.C., with its two carbon taxes on gas and diesel, it will cost a family about \$40 extra to fill up their minivan.

An elderly lady from East Hawkesbury, Ont. sent the Canadian Taxpayers Federation her propane heating bill last winter. She paid \$44.47 in the carbon tax for just one month. She will be paying \$252 for that same amount of fuel once the federal carbon tax is up to \$170 per tonne.

Those who think they will be saved by rebates giving them back more than they paid out should be warned that average working people don't get rebates in B.C.

The payments evaporate when a working couple hits \$59,565 per year, far below the provincial average working household income.

B.C. has been the template for the Trudeau and O'Toole carbon taxes, so it's hard to believe the federal rebates won't fade away in the future.

Canadians fighting to afford the inflated costs of the basics will need to honk their horns louder to wake up their six-figure-salaried politicians.

Kris Sims is the B.C. Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. © Troy Media

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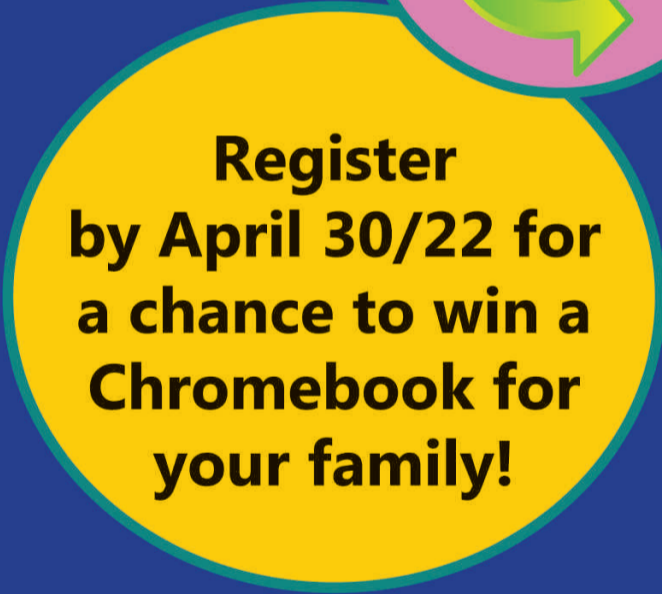
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Match the advertiser with the photos located (hidden) throughout this issue illustrating each businesses' specialty.

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(Employees of the newspaper are not eligible to enter this contest and the minimum age for participating is 18.)  
Deadline for entries is February 10, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Drop off your entry at the Weekly Anchor,  
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**Grow Your Own Oyster Mushrooms!**

Take Home Grow Kit and Live Webinar hosted by Yellowhead County

Learn how to grow your own oyster mushrooms with a take-home grow kit and accompanying webinar with a fungi enthusiast on March 3rd, 2022, 7pm-9pm.  
Tara Stephens, a budding mycologist and the co-owner of Fungi Akafo, will take participants through the basic ecology of fungi, followed by step-by-step instructions for your grow kit and how to use your kit to grow mushrooms in your backyard.

Kits will be available for pick-up from Yellowhead County's Edson and Wildwood offices between February 24th to March 1st. In addition to the step-by-step instructions given in the webinar, printed instructions will be included when you pick up your kit. Participants will need a small spray/mister bottle and a large clear plastic bag that will serve as a humidity tent.  
Once the kits arrive from the growers,

emails will be sent to confirm when they're ready for pick-up.  
Register early as the number of kits available is limited. The cost for both the oyster mushroom grow kit and access to the webinar is \$20.00. Maximum 1 kit per household.  
Please call the Yellowhead County Wildwood office by February 21st, 2022, to register. 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.



Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**Babysitter's Safety Course**

This Kidproof Safety course is designed to provide graduated babysitter's with the necessary skills to ensure safe and effective babysitting. The course will be held at the Wildwood Community Hall.

March 4 (PD Day)  
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**\$10**  
Please bring a nut free lunch, water bottle, and a stuffed animal or doll!  
Register by March 1st.  
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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D22-001	Plan 9920920, Blk1, Lot 2 SW 29-53-16-W5 Edson Area	Accessory Building with Lean To - Shop	Jan 11/22
D22-002	Plan 0324530, Blk 1, Lot 8 SW 32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Home Business Medium - Discretionary Use - Variance for Parcel Size	Jan 18/22
D22-003	Plan 9724066, Blk 3, Lot 1 SE 24-53-17-W5 Mizera Subdivision	Staff Accommodation & Office - Discretionary Use	Jan 18/22
D22-005	Plan 1822119, Blk 1, Lot 9 NW 06-51-25-W5 Entrance Area	Bed & Breakfast & Existing Addition to Log Cabin	Jan 24/22
D22-007	Plan 8122322, Blk 5, Lot 12 SE 08-53-19-W5 Millers Lake	Accessory Building (Quonset)	Jan 24/22
D22-009	Plan 7921360, Blk 2, Lot 13 SW 29-53-15-W5 Pinedale Estates	Single Detached Dwelling	Jan 26/22
D22-008	SE 28-55-09-W5 Wildwood Area	Home Business - Small Indigenous Retail / Trading Post	Feb 1/22

Per the Public Notification Bylaw, the public is considered notified once approved development permits are posted online. Any person claiming to be affected by an approved development permit may appeal the development by filing a written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The written notice must be filed within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given, and must be accompanied with a payment of \$300.00.

Peers Multiplex  
February 26

**Predator Control Workshop**

\$20 to register.  
9am to 5pm  
Lunch provided.

Livestock predation is an ongoing problem in Alberta. This one-day workshop helps livestock producers with training to help mitigate problems from predation.  
Contact Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department at 780-325-3782 to register.



**Chickens 101 Online Webinar**  
Things you Probably Didn't Know about Chickens.  
Feb. 16 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

This is a free webinar, but registration is required. Please register before February 14 by calling 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.

Are you considering raising chickens? Or do you currently raise chickens but have questions that Google just can't seem to give you a straight answer on? Join Dr. Frank Robinson, a Poultry Production Professor for the UoFA, on February 16th from 6:00pm-7:30pm to get all your questions answered.

Dr. Robinson has 45 years of experience with general poultry husbandry, so he knows his facts about chickens! The presentation will go through some of the lesser known facts about chickens, and some tips for raising chickens in general, the second half will be a questions and answer period.

This workshop is intended for residents who own a small flock or for those that are thinking of raising chickens.



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- Youth Services Assistant
- Gravel Checker/Labourer

Visit [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs) to see full position details and to apply.  
Apply by February 18 at 4:30 PM.





# Alberta Public Lab Services sold off to private company

**(Friends of Medicare)** On January 28, Albertans have learned that our public community medical laboratory services have been sold off to DynaLIFE Medical Labs, a private, for-profit company.

The contract is slated to begin July 1, and will impact communities all across the province. The change could impact the jobs of as many as 1,400 laboratory workers – it is unclear what it will mean for workers' pensions.

“On Monday it was EMS Services, today it's our community laboratory services. This government's attacks on Albertans' public health care system just don't seem to stop,” said Chris Gallaway, Executive Director of Friends of Medicare. “This has become a trend for the UCP government. While the pandemic initially slowed their attempts to privatize our health care, they are now wasting no time in selling it off.”

This is just one of a series of moves to privatize our public health care system, including laundry services, surgical services, our continuing care system, EMS services, and others. In fact, they've established a new office, "Health Contracting Secretariat," for the sole purpose of building the health care delivery market and reducing barriers to market entry for larger corporate players.

Years of health care cuts and refusal to make much-needed infrastructure and equipment upgrades have left Alberta with a crumbling lab system. In 2019, media reported that lab funds had been frozen and that physicians had been instructed not to buy new equipment: “As 'shoestring inventors,' laboratorians have been repairing outdated machines by cannibalizing parts from other broken ones.”

“They've neglected our medical labs to the point of disrepair, and now they're offering privatization as the only solution, with absolutely no evidence that this stands to benefit the people of this

province,” said Gallaway. “Rather than investing in our public system in the interest of all Albertans, the government has opted to shirk their responsibility to provide quality health services, instead leaving it in the hands of a private, for-profit company.”

Laboratory services have been, and will continue to be, essential for effective diagnostic services and are a vital component of achieving timely health services. This has been especially true throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet as Albertans have seen time and again, health care privatization minimizes public oversight over the quality of services, and prioritizes profits at the expense of patient care and staff working conditions.

“Albertans need to be assured that their access to health care services won't be further disrupted by this change. We need to be assured that this won't lead to another exodus of pathologists like we saw in the 1990s,” said Gallaway. “Rather than transferring Alberta's public health dollars to private investors, we should learn from the COVID-19 crisis and invest in improving and expanding our public medical laboratory system that has proved so invaluable during this challenging time.”

“Friends of Medicare is calling on the government and Alberta Health Services to stop this attempt to privatize yet another integral part of our health care system. We are calling on this government to learn from their previous mistakes and to seek public remedies instead of their ideologically-driven agenda to privatize yet another indispensable part of our health care system,”

concluded Gallaway.

We are encouraging Albertans to stand up against the privatization of our vital public health care service by signing the petition to say no to the privatization of Alberta's medical labs.

Editor's note: DynaLIFE Medical Labs is partly owned by an American company headquartered in South-Carolina called Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp).

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## Community Care Foundation of Edson and Area

# AGM

## Annual General Meeting

**February 16, 2022**

**7:00pm**  
**via ZOOM**

**\*\$5 membership must be paid  
to vote at the meeting.**

**To be added to the  
ZOOM link  
contact:**

**rmw53185@gmail.com**

**by February 14, 2022**



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



**Canadian Natural**

### Contract Plant Operator

**Location: Edson or Hinton, Alberta**  
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#### Description

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##### HOW WILL YOU MAKE YOUR MARK?

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- Comply with environmental and safety regulatory requirements and take corrective action as required
- Communicate with operations, maintenance, construction, engineering and management staff
- Daily production accounting
- Ongoing performance improvement including job progression and training
- Remain on-call to provide after-hours coverage for facilities or wells, as needed

##### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Typically 3+ years of experience in Operations or Maintenance;
- Minimum Grade 12 education complimented by GPO A-D or PFO A-D certification, or a Journeyperson Certification or a Diploma of Technology;
- Valid Class 5 driver's license;
- Developed Computer skills; and
- Strong communication, organizational and team skills, complemented with a strong work ethic.

#### About Canadian Natural

At Canadian Natural, we strive to live through our mission statement: "To develop people to work together to create value for the Company's shareholders by doing it right with fun and integrity." As a leading oil and gas producer, our diverse combination of assets include light oil, heavy oil, in situ oil sands production, oil sands mining and upgrading facilities, and natural gas. At Canadian Natural, safety is a core value. We conduct all of our operations in a way that identifies, minimizes and mitigates harm to the health and safety of employees, contractors, the public and the environment.

This Operating position is a safety sensitive position and is subject to the relevant requirements of the CNRL Alcohol and Drug policy which includes pre-assignment testing;

All interested applicants, please email or deliver your resume in Microsoft Word format on or before February 18, 2022

Email: [EdsonAdmin@cnrl.com](mailto:EdsonAdmin@cnrl.com)

Mail: Canadian Natural Resources Limited  
5510-1<sup>ST</sup> Avenue  
Edson, Alberta T7E 1V2

# Privatizing labs announcement leaves a lot of questions unanswered

Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA) President, Mike Parker issued the following statement after Alberta Health Services (AHS) announced private provider DynaLIFE DX to take over all community lab service in Alberta.

“HSAA proudly represents the highly trained, skilled and dedicated lab professionals working in both the public and private systems. Our members have been pillars of strength throughout this pandemic for Albertans and they will continue to be every day to come.

“Assurances of no job losses and that lab professionals will continue to be represented by HSAA is good news. For two years now lab workers have been giving their all to protect Albertans during the pandemic while being kept in the dark as the UCP blindly plows ahead with its privatization plans.

“There are three things we need to know for our members and for

Albertans. First, what happens to pensions? Our members in the public system have them, our private members don't. Our workers without pensions must have the opportunity to get them and those with pensions in place must be assured that they will be kept whole. Second, what exactly is included in this transfer? Albertans and lab professionals deserve to know how lab services will be impacted. Third, how much public money is going to guaranteed profit for DynaLIFE DX? The province must release contract details so Albertans can see how much of their money is going to profits instead of patient care.

“HSAA believes all public money spent on health care should go to patient care, not profits.”

HSAA is 28,000 health-care professionals dedicated to protecting the public health system and the vulnerable Albertans who rely on it.



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*We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Operations Analyst – Edson (contract)



#### Position Overview

Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc. has an exciting opportunity for an Operations Analyst (contract) to support the Edson Asset Control team. Reporting to the Manager, Edson Asset Control, the primary duties will focus on accurate and timely management reporting which will provide critical data and information for the efficient operation of the Edson Asset. This is a full-time contract position located in Repsol's Edson, Alberta office (currently able to work remotely due to Covid).

#### Responsibilities

- Creation of Service Entry Sheets (SES) into SAP, based off Vendor work tickets
- Engagement with Contract Holders / Requestors / Budget Owners
- Validation and review of entries, priority and target setting
- Material Goods Receipts as required
- Collection of daily field production data
- Weekly consolidation and analysis of asset production
- Plant allocations and CSO field data collection
- Management of down time
- Monthly OPEX management and forecasting
- Quarterly volume and OPEX reforecasting
- Support with budget generation and presentation, collaborating across functions to consolidate data
- Coordinates monthly business reviews with Asset Teams
- Performs netback analysis
- Adhoc data analysis, as required

#### Key Skills and Knowledge

- SAP Experience
- Working Accounting knowledge specifically related to invoice review and accounts payables
- Analytical background with experience in the oil and gas industry
- Knowledgeable and experienced with annual budget processes
- Advanced Excel skills and proficiency in the entire Microsoft Office Suite of applications
- A master with reporting, possessing excellent communication skills and able to tailor the message to the target audience
- Experience with Energy Components and/or Power BI is considered an asset

#### Candidate Profile

- Ability to work alone with minimal supervision, achieving work load efficiency.
- Adaptable to changing priorities and able to work in a rapidly evolving, dynamic team environment
- Flexible and willing to take on new tasks and responsibilities
- Keen attention to detail with a passion for data integrity

#### Additional Information

- This is a temporary, contract position based in Repsol's Edson, Alberta field office
- Only applicants who are legally entitled to work in Canada will be considered

#### To Apply Go To

- [https://repsol.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/Repsol/job/Edson/OPERATIONS-ANALYST--CONTRACT-\\_61641](https://repsol.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/Repsol/job/Edson/OPERATIONS-ANALYST--CONTRACT-_61641)
- Or go to the Repsol Canada Careers site at <https://www.repsol.ca/en/careers/index.cshhtml> and search for the job posting number: Operations Analyst: job posting 61641
- Application closing date is February 15, 2022

*By applying for this position, you consent to the collection, use and necessary disclosure of the personal information provided during the application and selection process.*

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Maintenance Administrator – Edson (contract)



#### Position Overview

Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc. has an exciting opportunity for a Maintenance Administrator (contract) to support the Maintenance team. Reporting to the Senior Foreman, Maintenance. The primary duties will focus on accurate and timely management reporting which will provide critical data and information for the efficient operation of the Asset. This is a full-time contract position.

#### Responsibilities

- Creation of Service Entry Sheets (SES) into SAP, based off Vendor work tickets
- Engagement with Contract Holders / Requestors / Budget Owners
- Validation and review of entries, priority and target setting
- Manage/Enter Material Goods Receipts as required
- Enter data per requirements into SAP PM work orders/SES
- Provide reports from SAP PM data when required
- Assist Maintenance & Integrity Team with SAP PM work order requirements
- Collaborate with Supply Chain, Maintenance, Integrity and vendors to rectify invoicing process deficiencies
- Support with budget generation and data collection, collaborating across functions to consolidate data
- Assist Maintenance Team with improvement of monthly IAMS KPI's

#### Key Skills and Knowledge

- SAP PM/CMMS Experience essential
- Understanding of maintenance work order management & invoicing processes
- Analytical background with experience in the oil and gas industry
- Knowledgeable and experienced with annual budget processes
- Advanced Excel skills and proficiency in the entire Microsoft Office Suite of applications
- Excellent communication skills and able to tailor the message to the target audience

#### Candidate Profile

- Ability to work alone with minimal supervision, achieving work load efficiency.
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- Flexible and willing to take on new tasks and responsibilities
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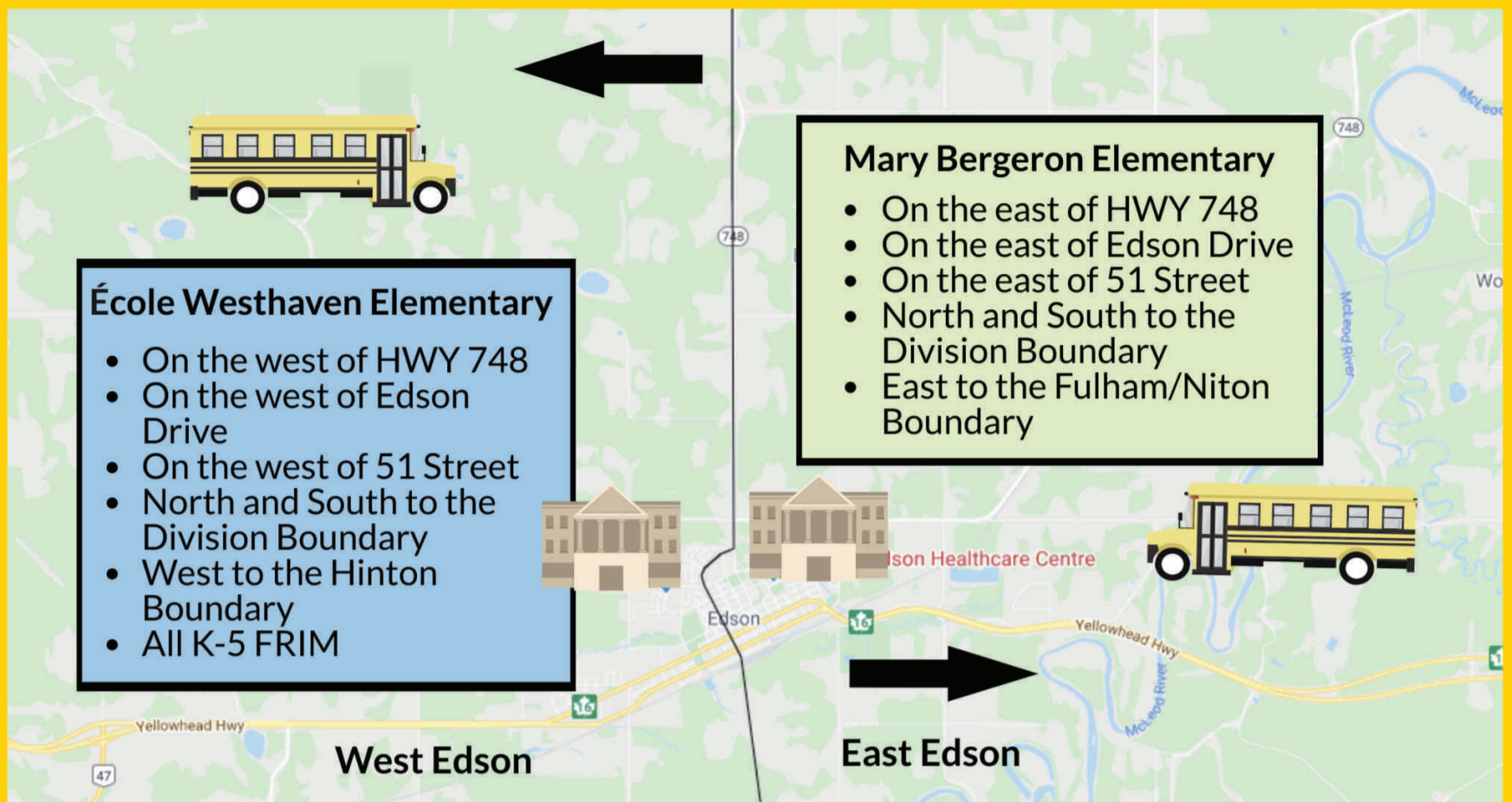
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#### To Apply Go To

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**École Westhaven Elementary**

- On the west of HWY 748
- On the west of Edson Drive
- On the west of 51 Street
- North and South to the Division Boundary
- West to the Hinton Boundary
- All K-5 FRIM

**Mary Bergeron Elementary**

- On the east of HWY 748
- On the east of Edson Drive
- On the east of 51 Street
- North and South to the Division Boundary
- East to the Fulham/Niton Boundary

**Designated Edson Elementary for Eligible Transportation Services - Boundary Update for 2022/2023**



- Beginning September 2022, the designated school for the transportation of all FRIM K-5 students, and K-5 students residing in the west half of Edson and the rural areas west of Edson is École Westhaven Elementary School.
- Mary Bergeron Elementary is the designated school for the transportation of all K-5 students living in the east side of Edson and the rural areas east of Edson.

At the Public Board Meeting on January 26, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved an update to the Edson Elementary Transportation boundary. Please note that the boundary was updated:

- based on parent feedback to resolve an unequal attendance boundary not completed with the closure of Evergreen Elementary in 2017
- to allow for a more fair population distribution between the elementary schools which may address future programs and classroom space concerns
- to ensure that a student’s designated school is the one closest to their primary residence
- to align with the provincial funding received for eligible transportation based on the Student Transportation Regulation requirements for designated schools, and
- please note, that parents do **not** have to change schools.

To meet provincial transportation requirements, the boundary update affects a small number of families. Impacted families have been informed of the update by Transportation Services and invited to discuss busing options and any potential fees, including support processes, to access unfunded services.

Parents can check their designated school for funded busing services for September 2022 by visiting the Division website at [www.gypsd.ca](http://www.gypsd.ca).

For all questions about busing, please email [transportation@gypsd.ca](mailto:transportation@gypsd.ca).



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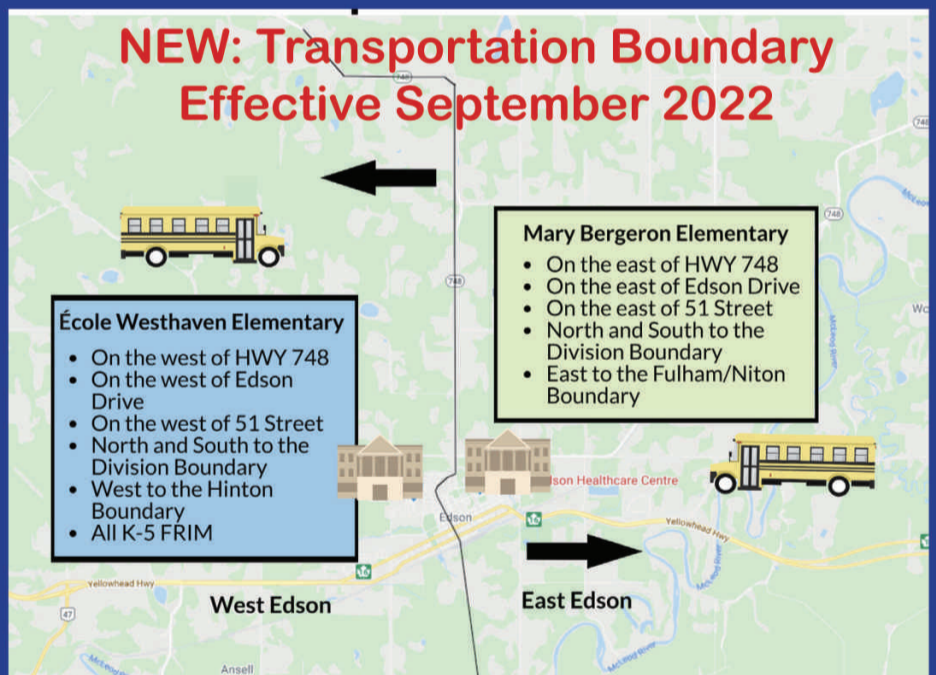
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## ~ Obituary ~

**Lovell, Anna Marie  
(nee Lavoie)**

1941 – 2022

It is with great sadness that the family of Anna announce her passing at the age of 80 on January 29, 2022, in Edson, Alberta.

Loving Mother, Granny, Great Granny, Sister and Aunt.

Anna will be lovingly remembered by her children: Debbie Gideon (Wayne), Murray Lovell (Peggy) and Bernice Grenier (Denis); Nine Granddaughters Lacie Reilly (Bryan), Trinia Bezaire (Tim), Nakita Gideon-Syme (RJ), Jazmine MacDonald (True), Christina Kurzitza (Jason), Melissa Towriss (Ryan), Jessica Lovell, Raelene Grenier (Landyn), Kimberly Ball (Trevor); Sixteen Great Grandchildren Clinton, Dayton, Toryn, Grayson, Tanika, Rhett, Flynn, Scarlet, Josh, Eli, Zachary, Megan, Daryn, Spencer, Benjamin, Aiden; Brothers and Sisters Aline Lanthier, Clement Lavoie, Eva Kennedy, Therese Pempeit, Raymond Lavoie (Evie) as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Anna was born on "a beautiful day in July" in Edmonton, Alberta to Rachel & Lucien Lavoie.

Throughout her life she moved around Alberta; Edmonton, Mountain Park, Mercoal, Robb, Wolf Creek, Hornbeck, Jasper, Marlboro and Edson.

As a young girl she enjoyed playing games, going on picnics, visiting and laughing with her siblings & cousins.

She loved dancing and singing while her dad played the violin.

Anna's first language was French later learning English in school.

Anna kept active by walking, hiking mountains, biking, dancing, yoga, cross-country skiing, swimming, floor curling, participating in marathons and even climbed the Sydney Bridge in Australia. She loved being in nature and close to the mountains.

She will be fondly remembered for her love of gardening, baking, crocheting, knitting, sewing quilts and clothes, playing the organ and doing a multitude of puzzles and games.

Anna was a devoted Christian, attending the Edson Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She took numerous religious courses and Liturgical studies in Edmonton & St. Albert. Her rosary was always close at hand.

Anna loved to travel whether she travelled on behalf of the church (CWL) or with her family going to many places throughout Canada, United States, Australia, Europe, Greece and Israel.

Her greatest joy was her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. "Babies are such a precious gift from God" she'd say. Anna was always in the stands or on the sidelines cheering them on. Following them anywhere to attend games, performances and lessons. She loved to spend time with the children. She was very proud of them and of all their accomplishments.

Anna is predeceased by her parents, Rachel & Lucien Lavoie and Sister, Bernadette Bosch.

The family would like to thank Dr Smith and all of the Doctors, Nurses and Staff at the Edson Healthcare Centre for the excellent care and compassion.

Cremation has taken place. A private family celebration of her life will be held in the summer when the Forget Me Nots are in bloom.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Anna's name to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

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## ~ Obituary ~

**Josephina (Josie) Gering**

September 14, 1934 - January 27, 2022

The family is sad to announce the peaceful passing of Josephina (Josie) Gering on January 27, 2022, in the Edson Hospital.

At the age of 87 years, Josie put up a brave battle against congenitive heart failure, however, related symptoms finally won out.

She was predeceased by her husband Alexander (Alex) Gering 5 years prior, as well as a number of others on the Gering side.

Josie's main loves were her family, husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her hobbies included gardening (both flowers and vegetables), spending time with friends and relatives, curling and cards. She is survived by her children Darryl (Heather), Robin (Brenda) and Neil. Surviving siblings include Joseph Aschenmeier (Barb), Marlene Schmiddek, Emilie Joy and Ed Gering. She had 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Due to Covid restrictions no service will be held. A Memorial Celebration will be set for a later date if restrictions relax.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Good Samaritan Society of Edmonton may be offered in Josie's memory.

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## ~ Obituary ~

**John Mitchell**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John A. Mitchell of Camrose, Alberta formerly of Edson, Alberta on December 22, 2021 at the age of 81. John was born to Roy and Lillian in Flin Flon, Manitoba on October 18, 1940. He was the oldest sibling to brother Patrick (Sandy) and sister Jean (Ken).

Together, John and Carol were loving parents to daughter Vienna (Jim) and two sons, Keith and Kelly (Corrin); 8 grandchildren, Cory (Jenna), Hona (Laiken), Katelynn, Tayja, Jersey, Alyse, Haley, and Connor, and 3 great-grandchildren, Lauren, Stella and Phoebe.

John's memory will be cherished by numerous other friends and family members especially his second wife Lillian, step-children Drake and Aubrey, step-grandchildren Asher and Ella, and his close friends Paul and Wanda Kugyelka.

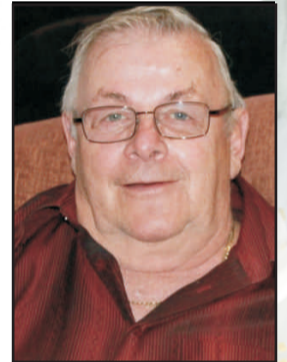
John was ever the conversationalist, and we always joked that if there were 50 people in the room he would have spoken to every one of them.

In his lifetime John took on many ventures. He spoke fondly of his time driving bus for the local Flin Flon hockey team in his younger years, he worked at the Luscar coal mine, drove for an Edson cab company he would later become co-owner of, and in his later years worked as a greeter at Walmart. John made an impression on everyone he ever met, even if it was only in passing.

We are grateful for the time and enormous influence John had on us, and he will be greatly missed.

Cremation has taken place and interment will take place at a later date, at the Camrose Valleyview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

**What's happening, when and where in the community****Community Events****We are proud to support community events**

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**November 23 - June 28:** Bereavement Support Group. Online Virtual Sessions. Call Yellowhead County office for exact dates each month. 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 or email Karen at

[kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)  
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**February 1- March 3:** Tai Chi Day time 1:30- 2:30 Evening 5:00pm-6:00pm Register in person at the Leisure centre (formerly known as Repsol Place)

**February 1- March 3:** ZUMBA Daytime 9:00am-10:00am Evenings 7:00-8:00pm Register in person at the Leisure centre (formerly known as Repsol Place)  
**February 16:** Chickens 101 Online Webinar 6:00pm-7:30pm Register before February 14 bt calling 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782  
**February 20:** Canadian Parents for French invite you to celebrate Family day Weekend at Willmore Park. 1-4pm.  
**February 21:** Tourmaline Oil Corp is hosting a family Day Skate to support the Edson Food Bank Society 12-4pm at Glenwood Outdoor Skating Rink (463-72 street) Please bring a food bank donation. Hot chocolate, Prizes and a special guest. Fun for the whole

family.  
**February 26:** Predator Control Workshop 9am-5pm at Peers Multiplex contact Yellowhead County Agricultural service department at 780-325-3782  
**March 3:** Grow your own Oyster Mushroom Workshop. Online class 7-9pm call 780-325-3782 to register. Register deadline February 21  
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# Fun for the whole family this February!

by Shaylyn Thornton

There are a lot of fun things to do and great events coming up in the Edson area.

On Saturday, February 12 from 11am-5pm, Melissa's Bouncy House Fun is hosting a "Love to Bounce" event for Valentine's Day. There will be two new bouncers as well as others for the kids to enjoy. There will also be music and coloring available "so the kids can have some more things to keep them busy." The cost for an entry bracelet will be \$8/kid, but if you bring a food bank donation it will be reduced to \$6.

If you and your partner are looking for something fun to do this Valentine's Day, there is a free Moonlight Snowshoe event. The event is hosted by the Edson Community Development Team (ECDT) and will be the first of many monthly Date Night events. Space is limited to 10 couples so registration is required. To sign up, text Diana at 780-723-8107. Snowshoes, bonfire, and snacks are provided, just "bring your sweetheart and a chair" and make sure to dress accordingly for the weather and activity.

On Sunday, February 20, the ECDT and Canadian Parents for French invite you to celebrate Family Day Weekend at Willmore Park. The event will run from 1-4pm, with bussing available to and from the Leisure Centre between

12:45 and 4:15pm. There is limited parking available at Willmore and attendees are asked to adhere to posted signage when parking.

For Family Day on Monday, February 21, Tourmaline Oil Corp is hosting a Family Day Skate in support of the Edson Food Bank Society. The skate will run from 12-4pm at the Glenwood Outdoor Skating Rink (463 72nd Street). Skating, hot chocolate, prizes, and a special guest in the form of Edmonton Oilers mascot Hunter promises to make the event fun for the whole family. Attendees are asked to bring a food donation to be entered to win prizes and get your photo taken with Hunter.

The Edson Youth Interagency alongside Surepoint group and the Edson and District Leisure Centre are putting on some free and fun youth swims on February 25 and March 25. Entry is broken down into two age groups, with ages 9-12 swimming from 6-7:30pm and ages 13-17 swimming from 8:30-10pm.

If you're looking for something self-paced to do on your own, the Bear Lake Skating Loop is now open, however condition and quality is always subject to the weather. Protective equipment is recommended while you enjoy some fun and exercise in the fresh air.

Yellowhead County is offering cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals. Rentals are for a week at a time and need to be booked by phone at 780-723-4800 or email

jmateri@yhcounty.ca. Pickup is every Thursday and items must be returned by the following Wednesday. Snowshoes are \$10/week and cross-country skis are \$30/week, which includes the skis, boots, bindings, and poles.

Edson also has snowshoe rentals available out of the Edson and District Leisure Centre. Adult, Youth, and Children's snowshoes are \$10/week with a \$50 deposit per pair. Contact the Leisure Centre for more information at 780-723-7665.

The ECDT has a number of other events going on throughout February as well, such as Romp & Rhyme, Senior Socials, Parent & Tot Fitness, and more. Visit

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Plus, don't forget that Random Acts of Kindness Week runs from February 13-19, so spread some cheer and kindness if you can!



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