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Demolition is likely fate of old Edson Hospital -but who'll pay?

by Adrienne Tait
The fate of the old Edson hospital is once again on the table. In a letter to Health Minister Tyler Shandro, Edson Town Council is urging the provincial government to take responsibility for the building and not leave the cost of demolition or abatement to the Town.
At the Town Council Meeting on February 2, it was revealed that AHS proposed the Town rent the building for one year, after which AHS would sell it to the Town for \$1. AHS further indicated that they had been approached by a couple of local community groups to rent the building but were unable to accommodate the requests due to operating costs and because

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Bannister GM has donated over \$1200 to the Edson Fire Department for the purchase of the newly approved Green Flashing Lights for Edson Firefighters. The donation will ensure all Edson Firefighters receive the flashing Green lights for their personal vehicles. "Our local firefighters respond to various emergencies in the community, whether that be a fire, vehicle collision or a medical situation. Seconds count and the safety of our first responders and our community is paramount. Bannister GM is happy to provide this donation to the Edson Fire Department. The support of the Edson community allows us to give back to important organizations such as the Edson Fire Department." - General Manager Jamie Gilham

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leasing buildings is outside of AHS' mandate. According to AHS, the operating costs are approximately \$210,000 annually. Additionally, Town Administration advised, "There are millions of dollars of deferred maintenance relating to this building, along with some old/failing internal infrastructure and asbestos."

In 2016, Alberta Infrastructure estimated the abatement and demolition costs of the building to be \$3.4 million. AHS has not included the demolition of the building in their budget for the foreseeable future.

The letter to Minister Shandro said, in part, "It would not be financially prudent for our municipality to take on an additional \$210,000+/year within our operating budget for a facility that would add very little value to our taxpayers. Further, we fear the operational costs would only be the start of the expenses needed to keep this building operational. We understand that there are millions of dollars in deferred maintenance, along with antiquated internal infrastructure, a failing foundation and asbestos. Given the age of this building and all of the issues that accompany it, the structure is truly at the end of its life."

The Edson Friendship Centre's Kristie Gomuwka represented one of the community groups that considered renting the old hospital to use for transitional housing and emergency shelter space. Gomuwka said they determined

using the building would not be viable. Exorbitant utility costs and the maintenance required, including the cost of replacing the aging boiler system, were prohibiting factors.

The old hospital, which was built in 1968, was most recently used as a senior's lodge while the new Parkland Lodge was under construction. Residents moved into the new lodge on November 20th, once again leaving the old hospital building vacant.

The Evergreens Foundation CAO Kristen Chambers said, "When we agreed to move into the building [the old hospital] we knew it was at its end of life. The state of the building was as expected but we knew going in there was approximately \$11 million in deferred maintenance that needed to be done."

Chambers said the risk of having something fail was a risk the Evergreens Foundation was willing to take as it was a short term move, it reduced construction time on the new lodge by approximately eight months, and it meant residents did not have to live in a construction zone.

When asked if it would have been feasible to remain in the building Chambers said, "We feel we exhausted the useful life span of the building." It was also noted that the design of the building does not allow for the isolation of one wing.

Chambers confirmed their basic utility bills

were approximately \$200,000 per year, and said those bills could have been much higher as the foundation qualified for a very low negotiated rate that would not be available to the average business or group.

Chambers added that in addition to mechanical issues, plumbing issues, and the presence of too many hazardous materials to make renovating feasible, AHS identified geotechnical issues as well.

The letter to Minister Shandro also states, "It should not be the onus of the citizens of Edson to take responsibility for another government organization's failing building or the consequences that will result should the building remain standing and uncared for. Edson Town Council is asking your Government to take responsibility for its building."

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURE Mint Homes Ltd.



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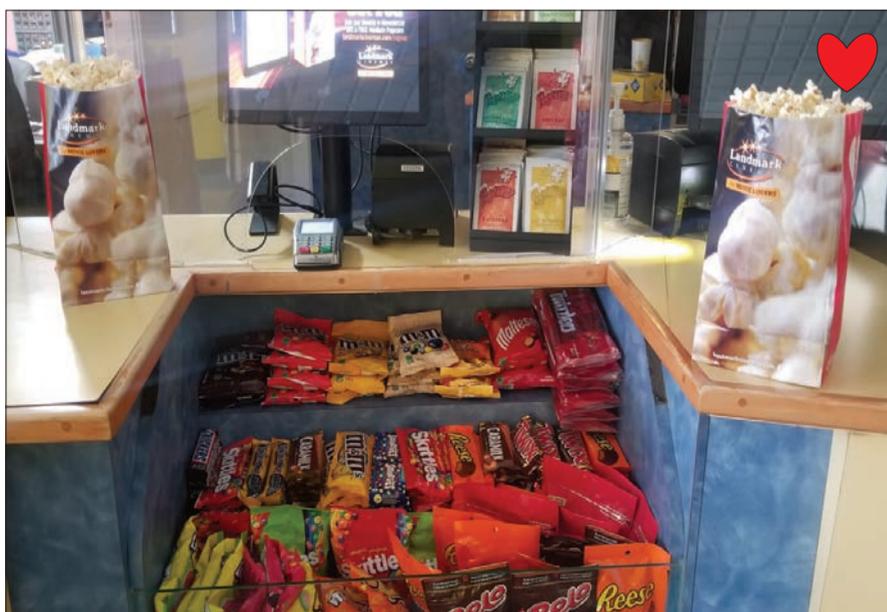
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MP Soroka discusses vaccine rollout and constituency concerns

by Shaylyn Thornton

In an interview with The Weekly Anchor, Yellowhead MP Gerald Soroka discussed the challenges that our region has seen in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the challenges seen across the country, Soroka noted that it has made fighting for his constituents on other issues even more difficult.

“At the same time COVID is happening, our oil and gas sector is suffering immensely,” Soroka said. “Try to get any leeway or progress on the oil and gas side when you’ve got a Federal government that does not support the oil and gas sector. They give the lip service saying they do, but they truly do not.”

“Besides oil and gas, it’s also the small businesses like restaurants and small clothing stores, these kinds of businesses. That’s also a struggle, trying to fight for them as well,” Soroka continued. “I know some of these restrictions are Provincial so it’s out of our jurisdiction, but yet that’s the challenge with this whole COVID, how it’s had such a detrimental effect on our whole economy.”

As a member of the Transport Committee, Soroka used airlines as an example of the trickle-down effect creating issues within the economy. “It’s not just Air Canada and West Jet, it’s 20+ other small providers, travel agents, staff at airports, staff at parking places, and it just goes on,” he said.

Soroka, who was elected in late 2019, said that his job, like many others, has also been changed in a big way. COVID has disrupted the typical MP schedule, which involves “going to the House every day for question period, having your committees, meeting with constituents or different organizations.”

“I can honestly say I’ve experienced that for three whole weeks,” Soroka said. “That’s how different it’s been compared to how we’ve run Parliament for the last 100-and-some years already.”

Still, Soroka continues to fight for his constituents however he can,

even if it’s on a Zoom call. “You try to speak out, you try to get your message across,” he said.

One issue felt across the country is the delay of vaccinations and whether the Federal government is doing their best to procure the doses needed.

“I think the big problem is the fact that the Liberal government hasn’t really done as well of a job as they could have,” said Soroka. “We’re basically a year into it now, and now they’re imposing these heavy restrictions for travellers that are coming back to Canada.”

“We’re doing all these severe lockdowns now, and yet the Liberals were counting on these vaccines, which they haven’t been able to supply according to what they wanted,” he explained. “Their attitude is, ‘Don’t worry, it’ll still happen. Just have faith, we’ve done it right, it’s all good.’”

For Soroka, that attitude just isn’t good enough. “Every week that goes by it’s, ‘Yeah, I know we didn’t get the doses

this week, but that’s okay because we’ll still make up for it. We’re still on track.”

“They’re very good at the wordsmithing. But yet it’s not comforting. Maybe for people in other parts of the country it is, but I know it’s not comforting for people here in Alberta,” Soroka said. “About the only people that it’s comforting for are people that aren’t interested in getting the vaccine.”

From what Soroka’s seen, the “vast majority” of Canadians do want to get the vaccine, and the constant back-and-forth of when a proper rollout might happen is just causing more stress.

“Everyone is so stressed out and confused,” said Soroka, noting that the Federal government has provided too much “mixed-messaging.” “It’s hard to get this information for residents when it seems like even the governing party is confused,” he added.

Soroka also discussed his concerns with the

worsening mental health that people across the country are experiencing. He had recently spoken in the House of Commons with NDP MP Gord Johns about the mental health crisis in Canada.

“There’s probably people out there that haven’t left their homes since March,” said Soroka, adding that even those who are able to leave their homes are experiencing the severe effects of isolation. In addition to that, many people are in “financial crisis.”

“It’s a bad situation all the way around, no matter what,” said Soroka. “This is the time to rely more on your family and friends, even if you can’t see them or be around them, you have to try and do phone calls and things like that.”

Soroka concluded the interview by expressing his “great appreciation” for frontline workers. “Healthcare professionals, teachers, first responders, and just everyone who has stepped up during this pandemic, I am very thankful,” he said.



PUBLIC NOTICE
TERVITA CORPORATION
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT
Notice of Application

In accordance with the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Tervita Corporation has applied to Alberta Environment for an amendment for closure of Tower Road Class II industrial landfill to the existing approval no. 203668-01-00. As a result of the amendment’s issuance, Tervita Tower Road Class II landfill will not be accepting any industrial waste. The Tower Road Landfill is for disposing of non-hazardous industrial solid waste. The landfill site is located within NW¼ of Section 27 Township 53 Range 13 West of the 5th Meridian (45 km east of Edson).

A directly affected person may provide input into certain regulatory decisions, as allowed by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (section 73). Specifically, any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a written statement of concern within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

Environment and Parks
 Regulatory Approvals Center
 5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza
 9915 - 108 Street, Edmonton AB T5K 2G8
Fax: 780-422-0154 | **email:** aep.epeapplications@gov.ab.ca

The written statement of concern should include the following:

- the application number 007-203668
- describe concerns that are relevant to matters regulated by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act
- explain how the filer of the concern will be directly affected by the activities proposed in the application
- provide the legal land location of the land owned or used by the filer where the concerns described are believed to be applicable
- state the distance between the land owned or used by the filer and the site in the application
- contact information including the full name and mailing address of the filer.

Please provide a telephone number and/or email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Parks will review each written statement of concern, seek more information if needed, and notify each filer by letter of the decision to accept or reject their written submission as a valid statement of concern. The Public Notice of this application will also be posted on the Department’s website at <https://avw.alberta.ca/PublicNoticesViewer.aspx>.

Statements of concern submitted regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public and the applicant. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

Tervita Corporation
 Attention: Tyler McDonald
 1600 140 10 Avenue SE, Calgary AB T2G 0R1
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Maintenance III
 Competition #S2041

Applications are invited for the available position of Maintenance III – Journeyman Plumber/Gas Fitter, based out of Edson. Duties will commence March 1, 2021.

A copy of competition number S2041 outlining the qualifications is available on the GYPSD website <https://gypsd.ca/our-division/working-at-gypsd> under “Support Staff”.

This competition will remain open until February 11, 2021.

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division appreciates all interest in this position, however, only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.

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Safer Internet Day

(YC) Yellowhead County FCSS is encouraging families to make note of their online interactions for Safer Internet Day on Feb. 9.

The internet has been a valuable tool over the years, and its overwhelming strength to inform and aid has been on display more than ever in the face a global pandemic. Put simply, the internet has opened the world to us. It allows us to make connections, find education, and seek opportunities.

Despite all the advantages the internet brings, it can also bring challenges. Issues of privacy, unchecked screen time, exposure to damaging content, cyberbullying, and cyber crime, to name a few, are all cause for concern when we, or our loved ones, go online.

That's why it's important to pause and take a critical look at our internet usage. This February 9th, Yellowhead County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) encourages you to pause for the cause: Safer Internet Day. The theme for this global campaign is Together for a Better Internet.

We all have a part to play in making the online world a safe

space so that everyone— children, youth, adults and seniors—can enjoy the benefits of being connected. Here are some things to consider when engaging in the online world:

- Check your privacy settings
- Report concerning behavior
- Limit personal information being shared
- Be mindful of the content you are sharing
- Strike a healthy balance of time spent online

We invite everyone to get involved and help promote a better internet! Keep an eye out on our FCSS Facebook page (@YellowheadcountyFCSS) for a better internet use exercise for families. You might be surprised by what you'll learn about your little ones' attitudes towards the internet.

Want to stay informed and find out best safe internet practices? Check out these free resources: saferinternetday.org, ProtectKidsOnline.ca, sossafetymagazine.com, and getcybersafe.gc.ca.



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TOWN OF EDSON

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT NOTICE OF DECISION

AMENDMENT TO EXISTING WASTEWATER SYSTEM

In accordance with section 70 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, the Town of Edson has been issued an approval by Environment and Parks for an amendment to an existing approval to operate a wastewater system. The operation is located in the West Half of Section 24, Township 53, Range 17, West of the 5th Meridian.

The Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act may provide you a right of appeal against this decision to the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board. You should note that there are strict time lines for filing an appeal dependent on the type of appeal. If you choose to appeal this decision, please contact:

Office of the Registrar of Appeals
The Environmental Appeals Board
3rd Floor, 10011 - 109 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3S8
Fax: (780) 427-4693

A Notice of Appeal must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this notice. Please quote Application No. 024-640.

The Public Notice of this application will also be posted on the Department's website at <https://avw.alberta.ca/PublicNoticesViewer.aspx>.

Copies of the amendment application can be obtained from:

Mr. Pat Fisher, Capital Projects Manager
Town of Edson
605 50 Street
PO Box 6300
Edson AB T7E 1T7
Telephone: (780) 723-4401
Email: patf@edson.ca



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Land Use Amending Bylaw No. 2251

Council will hold a Zoom Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2251 on
Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm through Zoom Meeting online

If approved, the Edson West Area Structure Plan comprises some **±1,019 hectares and contains portions of Section 7 and 18-53-17-W5M in the Town and portions of Section 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14 -53-18-W5M in Yellowhead County** (see sketch below) will be amended to align with higher level planning statutory documents.



To view details of the application, please see: www.edson.ca/bylaws

You may submit written comments by emailing: engineeringandplanning@edson.ca; by mailing: Planning—Town of Edson, PO Box 6300, Edson AB T7E 1T7; or by hand delivering to the Civic Centre drop off box at the front door entrance.

Submissions must be received by the Town prior to the Zoom Public Hearing for Councils consideration.

Any person, group, or person acting on behalf of anyone who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw, may make representation during a Public Hearing through Zoom online. Oral presentations are sub-

ject to a five (5) minute time limit and must be sent ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Zoom Public Hearing.

Registration will remain open until the beginning of the Public Hearing on March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Register here at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vgplaoE3TESaYD15Tbkt5Q or contact engineeringandplanning@edson.ca for meeting details.

Personal information contained in submissions are collected under the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act). This meeting will be recorded and shared.

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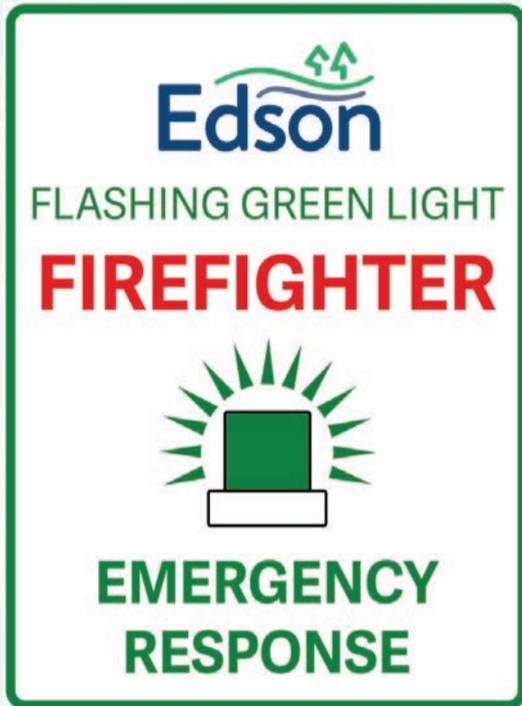
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Flashing Green Light Bylaw

The Town of Edson has implemented a Flashing Green Light Bylaw. Council gave all three readings to Bylaw 2253, the Flashing Green Light Bylaw at their February 2nd, 2021 Council meeting.

The Traffic Safety Act allows for a municipal Council to pass a bylaw allowing for authorized firefighters to display a flashing green light while responding to an emergency. In Edson's case, the green lights would be used for our volunteer firefighters responding to the firehall. There are no changes to the fire apparatus, which utilize the standard red lights.



The purpose of the bylaw is to enhance public safety and awareness by identifying Edson Firefighters who are in the process of responding to the hall. The bylaw does not give any special privileges or powers to those responding volunteers, but gives other motorists and pedestrians notice that there is an emergency taking place and to have the option to yield if it is safe to do so.

Please watch for our responders utilizing these new lights and keep our roads safe for all users.

RCMP VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

The Town of Edson and the Local RCMP Detachment are inviting you to a Virtual Town Hall Meeting on February 17th from 7PM to 9PM.



Detachment Commander S/Sgt Christian Delisle would like to discuss with the community and get their feedback on policing priorities for the year through a virtual Zoom meeting. If you would like to be part of the discussion, please join us on February 17th. Registration is required. Go to www.edson.ca/RCMPtownhall for more meeting details and a registration link. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

TOWN OF EDSON AND THE HEART OF EDSON GALLERY PRESENT:

WINTER 2021 OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Development Authority has authorized the issuance of the following Development Permits in accordance with the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw #2070 as amended:

Permit #	Address/Legal	Development Type	Use	Date Issued Online	Zoning
Week 1					
002-2021	524 50 Street/Plan 1494 AC; Block 27; Lot 6	Sign, except Billboard (Wall Sign x2)	Permitted	February 3, 2021	C-1
003-2021	63 Street & 2 Ave/Plan 952 1371; Lot 33 & 34	Billboard Renewal	Discretionary	February 3, 2021	C-2
004-2021	63 Street & 2 Ave/Plan 952 1371; Lot 33 & 34	Billboard Renewal	Discretionary	February 3, 2021	C-2
005-2021	111 Rodeo Road/Plan 012 2165; Block 1; Lot 9	Billboard Renewal	Discretionary	February 3, 2021	DC
006-2021	111 Rodeo Road/Plan 012 2165; Block 1; Lot 9	Billboard Renewal	Discretionary	February 3, 2021	DC
007-2021	111 Rodeo Road/Plan 012 2165; Block 1; Lot 9	Billboard Renewal	Discretionary	February 3, 2021	DC
008-2021	6823 4 Ave/Plan 5314 Z; Block B; Lot WH	Billboard Renewal	Discretionary	February 3, 2021	M-1A
009-2021	HWY 16 before overpass/NW-14-53-17-W5	Billboard Renewal	Discretionary	February 3, 2021	PR
010-2021	Tree nursery/NE-8-53-17-W5	Billboard Renewal	Discretionary	February 3, 2021	UR
012-2021	315 59 Street/Plan 802 2726; Block 198; Lot 2	Extension of Temporary Change of Use to Motor Vehicle Sales, etc...	Discretionary	February 4, 2021	C-2
013-2021	5904 3 Avenue/Plan 802 2726; Block 202, Lot 8	Extension of Temporary Change of Use to Motor Vehicle Sales, etc...	Discretionary	February 4, 2021	C-2
Week 2					

Any person who deems 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 (www.edson.ca/development). 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.

The Weekly ANCHOR

Comment



A little kindness...

I had the privilege to know a very learned Polish professor who once spoke on the topic of kindness.



by Dana McArthur
publisher/Editor

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puts the emphasis on 'we'. It doesn't even have to cost a cent. True kindness is offered without expectation. It is unconditional, unattached, and free.

As an older man he lived in Poland most of his life, a country that has seen more than its share of adversity and cruelty.

During his talk he asked if anyone had ever stopped to think about the English first-person pronoun, I.

Why do we capitalize it? He could not really find a satisfactory answer. In fact capitalizing 'I' is unusual —English is the only language that does it.

He made his point very well. Why do we insist on capitalizing this personal pronoun?

We do not even put that much importance on the word 'we' unless it's at the beginning of a sentence like this one.

Perhaps it is the importance we give to 'I' —along with the added pressures of the current pandemic situation we all find ourselves in— that makes it seem like there's such a lack of tangible kindness lately.

Rudeness and impatience in public is a growing trend, and online cruelty and abuse abound like never before.

As a species we are capable of so much more caring, loving, and concern. Not only for our family and close friends, but also for the many people we have not even met.

This is why Random Acts of Kindness Week is essential; it helps liberate us from 'I' and

Random Acts of Kindness Week takes place February 14 to 20th, with Random Acts of Kindness Day happening on Wednesday, February 17.

Edson's Community Engagement Action Team (CEAT) is ready to go with fun ways for everyone to share in the message of kindness.

Several virtual events are taking place including a presentation by the Saffron Centre titled "Bullying: Can we stop it?" on February 16 at 1pm and 7pm. The event is free with registration at Edson.ca/CEAT.

Another event taking place is a digital story contest with submissions being taken up to February 17. There will be prizes of \$100 and \$50 for the top two entries. More details on the contest can be found at Edson.ca/CEAT.

But the most important thing we can do during Random Acts of Kindness Week —and beyond— is to remember to be kind to others.

After all, every one of us shares in the struggles and pressures of this era we are living through. A smile, a thank-you, and a little extra patience goes a long way to making others, and yourself, feel a bit better and more hopeful of a brighter future ahead of us.

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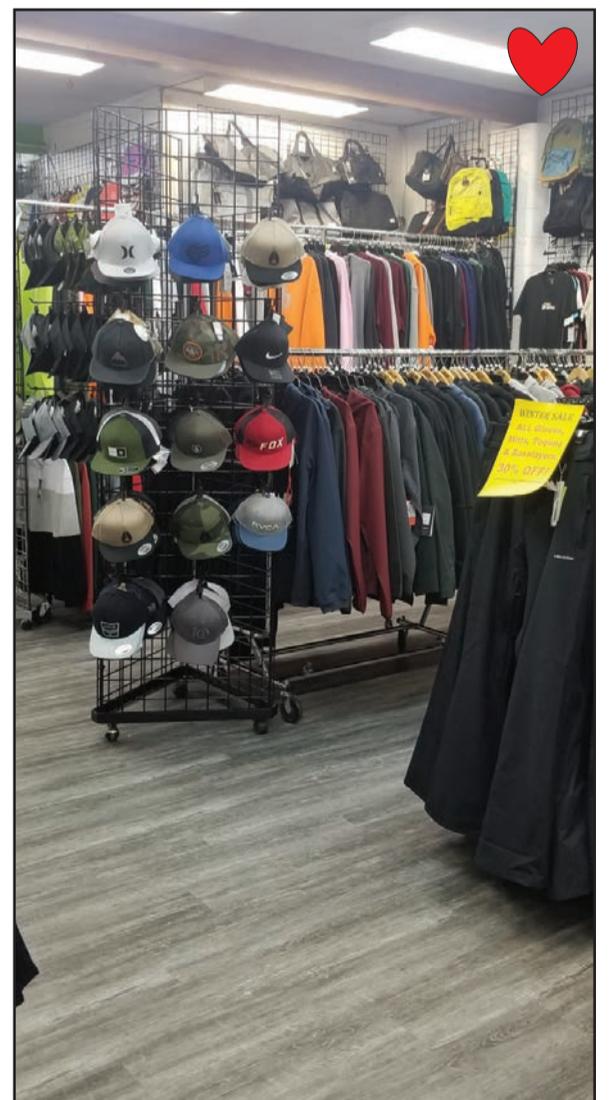
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Why We Volunteer: Yellowhead County Spotlight

(YC) Volunteering has always been a part of life for Yellowhead County's residents. Our first schools and churches were raised by the generous hands of our forefathers, who knew that solving the issues of the day required community cooperation.

And we uphold their legacy still. Countless community groups rely on the selfless work of residents like yourself to keep their groups going—to serve the needs of your community. Whether that's organizing a children's sporting league, a seniors' social club, a local food bank, the local community hall or a faith community.

The richness of our communities depends on these groups, and the volunteers that commit their time to make them run. It's not always obvious that volunteers are at work, but it is safe to say that when things are going smoothly in your community, there's a number of generous hands at work.

But we're running into hardships. In general, Alberta is seeing a decline in motivated volunteers. In 2015, 61% of adult Albertans indicated that they volunteered through an organization, a 7.5% decrease from 2014. We can be proud that nearly 2/3 of Albertans volunteer, but our volunteer force has been further impacted by an unforeseen health crisis.

As the pandemic continues, many community groups have now found

alternative ways to offer their services and include volunteers. They have a better grasp of how to organize in the face of a health crisis, and how to engage volunteers safely. Perhaps you too were once an eager volunteer, but are still put off by the uncertainty of this situation.

Then you should know that there are many ways to volunteer—not just in person. And there are many organizations that would love to empower your dedication, skill, or talent in a meaningful way. And so we at Yellowhead County's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) encourage you to take a second look at being a helpful hand.

If you're looking for a local organization to volunteer with, don't hesitate to call us for direction at 780-325-3782. If you're looking for general information about volunteering, visit www.volunteeralberta.ab.ca. If you've taken some first steps in organizing a volunteer-based group, and want to know more about organizing a board or running a non-profit, visit www.alberta.ca/board-development-program.aspx.

In the following months, Yellowhead County FCSS will be sharing some local stories and topics for thought on volunteerism. We invite you to offer your feedback and thoughts as we share these stories on our Facebook page, @YellowheadCountyFCSS. We want to know: Why do you volunteer?



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Construction begins February 1, 2021

Replacement of a culvert south of Robb on the Elk River Road [4 km east of the Forestry Trunk Road (Hwy 40)].

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For inquiries, please contact:
 David Gray, Yellowhead County Infrastructure Department
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APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit Number	Location	Proposal	Notice of Approval
D21-009	Plan 4997EO, Blk N SE 30-53-07-W5 Evansburg	Accessory Building (Shed)	Jan 27/21
D21-007	SE 28-55-09-W5 Wildwood Area	Home Occupation (Major) – Wild Woods Conservation Education	Jan 28/21
D20-191	Plan 0724082, Blk 1, Lot 1 NW 12-53-18-W5 Edson Area	Outdoor Industrial Storage – Dangerous Goods - Class 8 (Discretionary Use)	Jan 29/21
D21-003	SE 09-53-19-W5 Millers Lake Area	Telecommunications Tower (Discretionary Use)	Jan 29/21
D21-006	Plan 0324530, Blk 1, Lot 1 SW 32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Accessory Building (Studio) – Variance for Height	Feb 2/21

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw.

The land use bylaw provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by filing a written notice of appeal, containing reasons, with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for Yellowhead County accompanied with payment of \$300.00 within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given. If you have questions or concerns please contact Yellowhead County's Planning Department at 1-800-665-6030.

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Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2021.

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

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- Youth Services Assistant
- Gravel Checker/Labourer

PLEASE NOTE: Yellowhead County will not be recalling previous seasonal employees. To be considered for 2021 employment, please resubmit your resume. Visit www.yhcounty.ca/jobs to see full position details and to apply. Postings close February 15, 4:30 PM.

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Presented by:
 Charlene Sitar
 (Regional Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator)

FEBRUARY 11

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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.

- Once an agreement has been completed **no spray signs must be purchased** at a cost of \$5.00 for two signs, at the Yellowhead County Edson or Wildwood Offices. These signs must be placed by the landowner in a highly visible area as close as possible to the property line.
- Yellowhead County Agricultural Services requires each landowner who has signed the agreement to fulfill their obligations before the July 1st deadline. After the July 1st deadline, Yellowhead County re-assumes responsibility for weed and brush control and may apply herbicide adjacent to non-compliant roadsides if necessary.
- If you chose not to renew your agreement for 2021, we ask that you please remove your signs prior to the start of the spray season starting May 1st, 2021.

Residents who have any concerns or questions are asked to contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services at 1-800-814-3935 or (780) 325-3782.

Doing Your Taxes - What's in It for You?

Seniors - Tune in online to an information session about benefit and credit payments you could get from the Canada Revenue Agency if you do your taxes every year!

Sandra Paul from the Canada Revenue Agency will share information on:

- Why file your tax return? What benefits and credits are available (GST Credit, Disability Tax Credit, Age Amount)
- Don't Get Scammed!
- Authorizing a Representative
- Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

Online webinar hosted on Tuesday, February 16 at 3:00 PM. Registration is required.

To register call 780.325.3782 or email kschatz@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca to get the webinar link.

If you need assistance on how to access the webinar, please call us.

Aeros announce return to play and hire new Head Coach

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Edson Aeros Junior A Hockey Club has announced they will be returning to play and are now prepping for the 2021/2022 season.

Part of their preparation has included hiring a new Head Coach for the team. Corey Bricknell, originally from Port Perry, Ontario and currently residing in Meaford, Ontario, has signed with the Aeros for the upcoming season.

Bricknell was a player in the Ontario Hockey League, drafted 60th overall to the Newmarket Royals (now the Sarina Sting) at the Toronto Maple Leaf Gardens. His OHL career was split between the Royals and the Niagara Falls Thunder (now the Erie Otters).

After his time in the OHL, Bricknell had a very successful professional career playing for seven years in North America. In 2000, he retired from playing and began coaching immediately.

Bricknell has coached at every Junior Level including the OHL where he spent time as an Assistant Coach of the Barry Colts. He has also coached for the Northern Ontario Junior

Hockey League and the Greater Metro Junior Hockey League.

Bricknell even has international professional coaching experience under his belt, having served as Head Coach for the Dunaujvaros Steel Bulls in Hungary.

The Aeros organization recognized Bricknell's vast knowledge of the game would be a great asset to helping teach and develop their athletes. His first-hand knowledge of what Scouts at the next levels are looking for is also a huge positive.

Bricknell brings 20 years of experience to the table. He has spent time building a vast network of hockey contacts, and has experience communicating and negotiating with Junior, U Sports, NCAA, and Professional Hockey Clubs and their personnel.

For now, Bricknell is in Tampa Bay, Florida, coaching and scouting players, but he will be heading west to Edson this summer. The Aeros then plan to host their training camp in September with the season to begin in early October.

The WSHL has also announced a new team

signing on with the league, the Vancouver Devils who will be playing out of Fraser Valley, BC. "There are discussions with numerous other locations in Canada and the USA and announcements will be forthcoming over the next couple of months," added Aeros President/General Manager Axel Axmann in regard to other potential league additions.

Axmann also spoke about the Aeros organization's excitement for their return to play. "We are looking forward to getting back on the ice and representing Edson to the WSHL," he said.

Axmann said that the WSHL and the Aeros organization will be ready to work within any COVID-related regulations. "We don't know what hockey will look like in the fall. We hope to be back to some sort of normalcy, but we will of course adhere to any guidelines that are in place at that time," he explained. "We look forward to seeing the players and fans again come the fall."

"Furthermore, we look forward to entertaining our fans here and throughout Canada and the world, and moving players on to University/College and Pro hockey," Axmann said. "We truly can't wait to get back at it!"

Update from the Wildwood and District Agricultural Society

submitted Carol Riehl

Isn't it amazing how quickly time passes? We are already well into 2021 and still in lockdown.

We all have concerns about the whole COVID 19 issue. So, perhaps there will not be an annual fair in August of 2021. If things are opened up by May, the possibility of having a fair is feasible.

Not much is happening right now... but we had an annual meeting via Zoom. Certainly not very pleasant but workable. Some might think those types of meetings are like a Séance... Hello are you there! Is that you Carol? Lol.

Our president is Wilma Swinkels, Vice President: John Mochniuk, Secretary: Connie

Fahrion, Treasurer: Carol Riehl. Our Directors are Barry Fahrion, Donna Powell, Sylvia Martinetz, Gene Campbell, Rose Campbell, Tom Whaling. Advertising is Carol Riehl, Grounds Maintenance: Barry Fahrion, Fair Coordinator is Wilma Swinkels, Fair Coordinator Assistant: Donna Powell, Fair Coordinator Assistant: Melanie Drake (with Permission)

Thank you to all these people for Volunteering again. It is with great anticipation that we wait for the "go ahead" with a fair.

A Friend told me she has received her seed catalogue already so we know what's up ahead... gardening! Strive for those prize winning items. All our creative juices have been restored due to the need to stay home so I'm

sure some great projects are awaiting entry into the bench show.

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Mealshare and A&W Canada announce national partnership

Local participation to benefit Edson Food Bank

by Shaylyn Thornton

In what is described as a “momentous national partnership to help end youth hunger,” A&W Canada has paired up with national social enterprise Mealshare to make a difference across the country.

Mealshare is a Canadian charity which was founded in Alberta in 2013, starting with four partner restaurants. Since then, the organization has expanded to 1200+ restaurants across Canada, and their new partnership with A&W Canada is their “next milestone.”

Mealshare's goal is to end youth hunger. In Canada, 1 in 5 children are considered 'food insecure.' “We are committed to creating a world where it's easier to share with those in need, and every child and youth is fed as a result,” a press release on the partnership read.

Since inception, Mealshare has provided over 3.8 million meals, working on a “Buy One, Give One” model. The press release explains, “Canadians can purchase a Mealshare menu item at a participating restaurant and one meal will be donated to youth struggling with hunger through our network of local city charity partners and our international partner, Save the Children Canada.”

At A&W, customers can participate in Mealshare Mondays by ordering a Cheddar Bacon Uncle Burger Combo. For every one of these combos ordered, one simple, healthy meal will be provided to a youth in need.

Customers can also “Make it a Mealshare” any day of the week, simply by adding \$1.00 to their order. Doing this will also provide one simple, healthy meal for a youth in need.

Meals are provided through Mealshare's network of 450 local charity partners across Canada. 80% of Mealshare's financial support stays in local communities where the Mealshare item was purchased. 20% goes internationally to Save the Children.

In Edson, the organization supports the Edson Food Bank Society. “Both Mealshare and A&W wanted to ensure a local charity was involved in each community,” said Shree Govindarajan, Edmonton Community Leader with Mealshare. “Whenever we're looking for a new charity partner in an area, we look for community hubs that have a good impact, and a food component to their offering - the Edson Food Bank Society definitely offered that.”

Local A&W Franchisee Stacie Eldstrom spoke about the partnership as well. “Any time that we can support local charities and help children or help anyone in this aspect is a great idea,” she said. “This is what we do for a living so what better way to do it.”

All A&W locations are participating in the program, with over 1,000 across Canada and 201 locations in Alberta. The goal for the program is to share 1.25 million meals per year, and the hope is that 241,200 of those will be shared in Alberta.

Currently, there are not any other restaurants in Edson working with Mealshare, but the organization made it clear that they would be thrilled to add to their list of partner restaurants. “We hope that this partnership with A&W will inspire independent restaurants to reach out to be part of our program,” said Govindarajan. “We have been wanting to make a bigger impact in smaller communities across Alberta and Canada but didn't have the resources to do so prior to this partnership.”

“Partnering with a chain like A&W represents a major opportunity to make a big impact quickly!” Govindarajan added. “This partnership could take us to the next level and mean that Mealshare is feeding children and youth in almost every community in Canada, which is a dream come true.”

For more information on the Mealshare program and the work they are doing across the country, visit their website at Mealshare.ca.

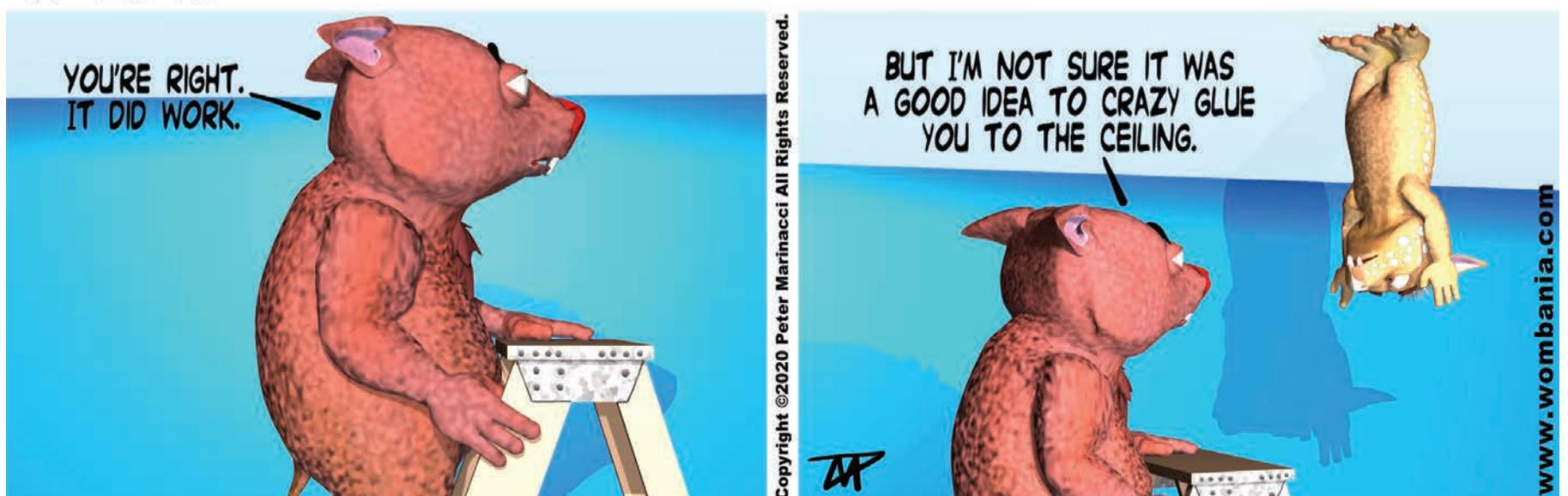


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Holy Redeemer Welcomes New Financial Secretary

(HRH) For anyone who travels into the school office at Holy Redeemer they will see a new face there to greet them. Although the face may be familiar to many as it will be Jena Power, HRH's new Financial Secretary.

"I worked with Jena for almost three years while I was Principal at Vanier," says HRH Principal Betty Churchill. "When I heard that Jena would be coming to work at HRH I was ecstatic."

Power has been the Financial Secretary at Vanier for the past five years. She will now be filling the role at both schools working at HRH in the morning and at Vanier in the afternoon.

"I'm excited for the new challenge," says Power. "The systems we work on are the same for both schools, but there are many different things that I will be getting used to since HRH is a junior and senior high school." Power says that she will be dealing with school's finances. Everything from school fees to fundraising to sports fees to ordering supplies, she will be taking care of it. "It's a very important job," says Churchill. "And I can't think of anyone better than Mrs. Power to take on this responsibility for our school."

Many students will recognize Power as she became a familiar face to many while they attended elementary school. "It's so great to see all of the students that I knew from Vanier and how they've grown," she says.

Throughout her first few days Power says she been treated extremely well by the staff as she transitions between schools. "Everyone has been so kind. It's a great work environment." On top of that, Power said that she really likes the students. "The students here



Holy Redeemer welcomes Jena Power as their new Financial Secretary. Mrs. Power will be working at both HRH and Vanier taking care of both school's finances.

are so nice and welcoming," she says.

Power grew up in Edson spending about 25 years of her life here. After moving away for a few years, her and her family returned to Edson seven years ago. Two years later she joined the Living Waters School Division staff and the rest is history.

So, the next time you call the school office or drop

by the school, be sure to welcome Power to the HRH Family.

If you would like more information on this article please feel free to contact the school at 780-723-7437 or holyredeemerhigh.ca. Feel free to visit our Facebook page, "Holy Redeemer High School" or our Twitter account: @holyredeemerhigh.

GYPSED: Future MLAs in Action



Students in the Grade 5/6 class at Niton Central School had some fun learning about governance by taking part in a Mock Legislation simulation arranged by their teacher, Thomas Meier, as part of their grade curriculum.

A mock legislature experience provides students with the unique opportunity to participate in the parliamentary process. The program is a fun and engaging way for students to learn about government and the legislative system. It guides them through the stages of passing a Bill and introduces them to the excitement, strategy and skill of debate.

Niton's Grade 5/6 students continued learning about the provincial legislature by making their own legislative mace. Students learned about the history and symbols of Alberta's legislative mace, and had to create their own with their own symbols. Students had a blast getting more in depth in the legislative process in these creative and informative exercises!

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Doing Your Part for Alzheimer Awareness

(YC) In honor of Alzheimer's Awareness Month, the Alzheimer Society has launched a 4-part short film series that follows Alicia, one of 1.1 million Canadians who is affected by Alzheimer's and dementia, as well as her daughter and caregiver, Judy, as they cope with the challenges and heartbreak they face—punctuated by moments of togetherness and laughter.

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible and progressive brain disorder that slowly weakens memory, thinking, skills, and eventually, the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. Currently, there are 25,000 new cases of Alzheimer's diagnosed in Canada per year. This number is expected to triple by 2050. As well, care giving costs are expected to balloon to \$12 billion by 2040.

Tragically, this disease affects everyone in one way or another. By working together to spread awareness, we can make a difference for those who are struggling and remind them that help is available. Like Alicia's daughter says: "I hope by sharing our story, it shows others who are going through similar situations

that they are not alone. Sharing and connecting with others is so important. It changes everything."

Helping is as simple as doing your part to educate yourself and raise awareness about the disease. To learn more about Alicia's story, the Alzheimer Society, and to see other ways in which you can help, please visit www.alzheimer.ca or call 780-488-2266 or 1-866-950-5465 (toll free). Kindly pass your knowledge on to your social network so others may learn of where to seek help and get the support they need. This is key to having a successful journey for those living with the disease.

Yellowhead County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) staff can also help individuals navigate the system and provide resources for Alzheimer's disease and dementia. We've launched Alzheimer and caregiver support groups that connect members of the community with similar experiences (the groups have suspended meetings for the time being due to the pandemic). Don't hesitate to call us at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935.

Notice of Thank You...

Thank you to all the staff at the Edson Hospital, Foothills Memorial Chapel, and E.M.S.

Thank you to JoAnne Fossheim for doing a wonderful eulogy and for the Tim Horton's coffee. Thank you to Tim Horton's for donating the coffee.

Thanks to all who sent flowers, cards, and food.

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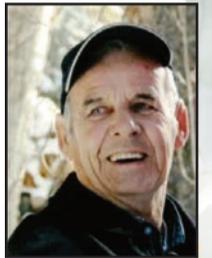
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Love Murray 2.0*

~ Obituary ~

Herbert (Bert) Merritt Smith

December 1933 - January 2021



Bert lived a full life. He enjoyed camping, fishing, playing guitar, and spending time with family and friends.

Bert leaves behind wife Kathy, daughter Christine, son's Herb, Bill, Bruce, and Terry. He is predeceased by his daughter Violet. Bert has 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Thank you to the nursing staff and aids at the Continuing Care in Edson.

Due to Bert's wishes there will be no service.

~ Obituary ~

Gerhard Paul Appelt

Feb. 14, 1930 - Jan. 28, 2021



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our father Gerhard Paul Appelt on January 28th, 2021 at the age of 90 in Edson Alberta.

Gerhard was born on February 14th, 1930 in Nennhausen, Germany to Stanislaus and Anna, he was the second oldest of 5 siblings: Erick, Irene, Hilda, Elisabeth and Charlotte of Germany.

Gerhard moved to Edson in 1954 with his wife Adele where he worked as a Carpenter. He retired in 1986, giving him time to enjoy the things that he loved the most: family, friends, fishing, hunting, camping and his garden.

Gerhard is survived by his Loving wife Adele of Edson, his two sons Garry (Joanne) of Edmonton and David (Brenda) of Edson. Gerhard had 4 grandsons: Corey (Amanda) of Edson, Andrew (Jodi) of Edson, Benjamin (Alyssa) of Edmonton and Eric (Devyn) of Edmonton. He also left 7 great grandchildren to mourn.

Gerhard was loved and will be missed by all that knew him.

A private family service will be held at the Foothills Memorial Chapel. Special thanks to Dr. Kruger and Nurses Barb, Katie and Debbie for the care and compassion that they showed to dad and his family.

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mentally, people are in crisis all around us.

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None of us are going to fix everything, it isn't our job to save the world; but all of us have daily opportunities to do just a little good. Look around at the people who have been placed around you and ask a simple question: "how can I be there for them today?" If you want others to be there for you, the best first step is to show them how.

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January 14 - February 25: Chair Yoga Active Living Class for Older Adults. Thursdays 4pm to 5pm. Zoom-based. Led by Brianne Benson. Register on-line starting January 5 at edson.ca.

January 18 - March 1: Better Balance Active Living Class for Older Adults. Mondays 11am to 11:45am. Zoom-based. Register on-line starting January 5 by visiting edson.ca

January 20 - February 24: Joint Effort Active Living Class for Older Adults. Wednesdays 11am to 11:45am. Zoom-based. Led by a certified exercise physiologist. Register on-line starting January 5 at edson.ca. For more info, call 780-723-4403.

February 1-21 Winter 2021 Outdoor photography contest. Open to residents of Edson and area of all ages. For more info please go to WWW.EDSON.CA/ARTSANDCULTURE

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County's Ag Services receives field visit report

by Shaylyn Thornton

Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Supervisor Jennifer Benson met with County Council at their January 19 Governance and Priorities Meeting to present their field visit report. The report was received in December of 2020, although the field visit was held on June 4, 2020.

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Program conducts field visits annually to ensure that ASB Grant dollars are being used appropriately to support the objectives of the ASB Grant Program.

Information gathered from field visits is used to assist other ASBs in the development and delivery of programs related to the ASB Grant and to provide evidence to the Office of the Auditor-General that ASB Grant dollars are being used effectively and efficiently to support programs related to the ASB Act and environmental extension and awareness.

In 2020, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) selected 15 municipalities in 2020 for the

field visit program. Yellowhead County was one of the three selected from the Northwest region. Benson estimated that they are selected for the field visit approximately once every five years.

Agricultural Service Board Program Manager Doug Macaulay met with Benson on June 4 and reviewed the programs and projects implemented under the various Acts the ASB is delegated to enforce.

The report's executive summary read, "Yellowhead County received funding under the Legislative and Environmental Funding Stream of the 2017-2019 ASB Grant. They were able to demonstrate that they had programs related to each of these funding streams indicating effective use of ASB Grant dollars to support activities related to the administration of legislative requirements under the Agricultural Service Board Act and enhanced environmental awareness."

Macaulay's report also notes that "The partnership between the Ag Fieldmen, their management team, the ASB and Council is strong and the County is engaged and supportive of programming."

The report cites the development of a new Agricultural Services Bylaw to re-establish their ASB and appeal committees as an example of this strong partnership, which had its first reading only two weeks after the visit on June 23, 2020.

The Yellowhead County ASB team's pest surveillance program is described as "proactive and effective." The report says, "It is impressive to see their surveillance system includes a 12-point matrix system that they use to manage and survey for issues in the entire County."

The report also discussed the Animal Health Act (AHA) and referred to the County's Livestock Emergency Response Plan and their work with the SPCA. The County was recommended to continue maintaining their relationships with the SPCA and local vets to support the Animal Health Act.

It was noted that the County does not have their own emergency carcass disposal site because "assessment work indicates that the municipal water table is too high." The report recommended exploring options for an emergency carcass disposal site in a neighboring municipality.

Benson discussed her good working relationships with Fieldman from other municipalities, and Councillor Penny Lowe asked if they might be willing to let Yellowhead County use their facilities in the event of a large-scale livestock emergency. Benson replied,

"Absolutely."

Councillor Dawn Mitchell commended Benson and her team on their hard work. "Ag Services is one of the hearts of Yellowhead County, and I love this report because I think it's your report card. Your team did a really good job," she said. "It is mentioned in there numerous times that suggestions were made and you jumped on it and got it done ahead of expected schedule, so congratulations to you. That was a job well done."

Overall, the report found that "the scope of the work that the ASB delivers meets the requirements of the ASB Grant Program."

Editor's Note: Fieldman is a term referencing county-level agricultural extension staff, a role increasingly held by women.

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