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Edson remains about 12% behind the provincial double-vaccinated average

On January 19, 2022, the Town of Edson temporarily closed both arenas at the Edson and District Leisure Centre. The closure was made effective immediately due to COVID related staffing issues.

The closure impacted the

arenas only. The pool remained open at this time.

Staffing levels were to be monitored and every effort made to reopen the arenas as soon as possible.

In the meantime, a deep clean and disinfection of the arenas

was to be taking place over the weekend.

As the town continues to deal with this latest challenge, they encourage all patrons to practice continuous masking in town facilities unless actively participating in an activity.

Masking and two metre physical distancing are mandatory in all indoor public spaces, workplaces, and places of worship.

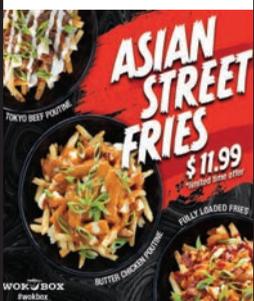
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Chad and Catherine Benko were heading out to do some snowshoeing on the trails at Willmore Park recently. Catherine said, "This is our fourth time out so far." photo Deanna Mitchener

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day isolation and no longer have symptoms, masks must be worn at all times outside of home for an additional five days.

Employees must mask in all indoor work settings, except while alone in work stations.

Masks are still required in places that implement the Restrictions Exemption Program.

Masks should fit well and be of high quality. People who are at risk of severe outcomes should

wear medical masks when in settings with people outside of their household.

As well, we encourage everyone to get vaccinated as they are eligible to do so. Edson remains about 12% behind the Provincial average when it comes to those 12+ with 2 doses. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccines, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>.

Faster response times achieved by Edson Fire Department

by Adrienne Tait

The average response time for members of the Edson fire department has decreased from 9 minutes to 6 minutes, representing a 33% faster response time, since the implementation of the green light program.

Fire Chief Tyler Robinson said that while the faster response time was not the goal of the program, "It has worked very well. It has allowed our responders safe and open travel to the fire station. It didn't take very long to educate the public. Even pedestrians, if they see that green light a block away, they wait and allow our people to get by." The result has been a positive impact on department response times allowing the responders to get to an emergency sooner.

Chief Robinson reported the 2021 Edson Fire Department statistics to Town Council at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening.

The local fire department saw a 10.7% increase in calls in 2021 compared to 2020 responding to a total of 411 calls (up from 167 in 2020). Fire department members logged 22,198 person hours, or the equivalent of 11 full time positions, in the past year. Those hours include weekend on call hours, response times, and training hours. The volunteer firefighters do receive an honorarium, but Robinson said most municipalities would consider the Edson fire department a volunteer fire department.

A significant increase in medical first response calls and outside fire calls has been noticed by the department since 2019.

44% (or 166) of the department's calls were Medical First Response (MFR) in 2019. By 2021 that number had increased to 50% as 206 of last year's 411 calls were for medical first response. Of those 119 were not drug related, 34 were undetermined, and 53 were overdose or drug related calls.

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURE

Mint Homes Ltd.



Features: Country Kitchen with access to the rear deck . The master bedroom has a 3 piece en suite. The kids bedrooms have been raised 36 inches to allow for headroom in the garage which is located below, there are window seats in both bedrooms 2 & 3. Angled stairs lead to a full basement with large daylight windows, the basement development plans come with the drawings. The garage size is 24x22, and there is access to the basement from the garage.

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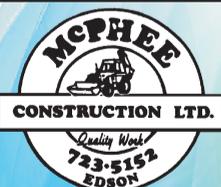


Say hello to 6 year old Casey Becker who is in Grade 1 at MBE.

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Chief Robinson said while the undetermined and non-drug related call numbers remain reasonably consistent year over year, “The drug and overdose calls is the concern area.” In 2019 the department responded to 17 of those calls; by 2021 that number had more than tripled to 53. “There has been an obvious spike in the drug related overdoses in the last three years. Many are repeat patients as well as fatalities unfortunately,” said Robinson.

The Edson fire department responds to all 911 “Delta” or “Echo” calls- those which are life and death. Those members within the department who wish to respond to medical emergency calls take part in monthly training sessions to ensure they maintain their level one first response qualifications. The department also responds to “Charlie” medical emergency calls - when an ambulance will be delayed for more than 15 minutes - in order to stabilize the patient prior to the arrival of EMS.

“Not all members are trained to that level,” said Chief Robinson, “But the ones we send on those calls are.” Robinson said the department recognizes that responding to life and death medical emergencies is not for everyone and the department respects those decisions, “We are ensuring that the members who want to respond to those calls are trained.”

Chief Robinson told Council that the department has a good working relationship with the local EMS. AHS has been supportive of the program and has even supplied some necessary equipment for the department.

The calls to outside fires increased from 6 in 2019 to 25 last year. 21 of those calls were caused by the vulnerable sector. Chief Robinson said

those calls “have really spiked” and the trend is concerning as it represents a 200% increase in vulnerable sector calls over the three-year period. Most of the calls were to fires in the trails or at non-authorized temporary shelters and all were within town limits.

Councillor Moore congratulated Chief Robinson on the faster response times. Moore then, referencing one of the graphics in the presentation, asked if the department still rescues cats from trees. Although responding to “cat in tree calls” may not be his first choice; Chief Robinson responded, “If it's your emergency that's our emergency...”

Town Council Highlights for January 18, 2022

Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Council has given first reading of Bylaw 2270, Land Use Bylaw Amendment. This bylaw provides clear direction, certainty, and efficiency when it comes to excavation, stripping, or grading in the Town of Edson. A public hearing will be held February 15th. More details on the proposed bylaw can be found at www.edson.ca/bylaws.

Cemeteries Bylaw: Council has given all three readings to Bylaw 2272, the Cemeteries Bylaw. The changes are meant to better align the bylaw with current operational needs, update definitions, and add disinterment guidelines.

Budget Adjustment: \$30,000 was approved to be transferred from the Revenue Sharing

Reserve to the 2022 Cemetery Budget for the purpose of columbarium repairs and mitigation of damaged cremains. This follows the discovery of a water penetration issue. Affected families have been notified and consulted on this process.

Edson Eagles Requests: Approval was granted for Administration to adjust the existing facility rental payment terms with the Edson Eagles Jr. A Hockey Club. The new terms require payment a minimum of one month in advance. A request for an exclusive locker room space was denied at this time.

Provincial Budget Consultations: Council has approved a written submission to be sent to the province regarding their budget consultations. This correspondence will include five priorities: infrastructure and stable funding for municipalities, homelessness, downloading services/expenses to the municipal level, policing, and funding for healthcare.

Personnel Matter: Council approved the terms discussed in camera regarding a personnel matter.

Next meetings: The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The next Committee of the Whole meeting is February 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm. While the Council Chambers remains closed to the public at this time, public and media are able to register for virtual attendance for regular Council and Committee Meetings. Registration links and agenda details are normally available by Monday morning on the Town of Edson website

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As part of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, 12 new pump stations are being added to the pipeline system. Ten of the new pump stations will be added at existing facilities. At the Edson Pump Station west of town, work takes place within the existing footprint of the pump station and includes; clearing, installing fencing, installing piles and pouring concrete, installing mechanical equipment, piping and welding, construction of structural steel and buildings, electrical installation and instrumentation, and restoration of the site.



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Tai Chi



Tai Chi is an ancient practice of gentle martial arts movements. It was first developed in the 1600's as a form of combat, defense and exercise for the Buddhist monks.

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Instructor Sandie Cale has taught 24 Form, Simplified Tai Chi for over 10 years. Her unique style of teaching has enabled participants to learn and enjoy her classes quickly and consistently.

Anyone can participate. Caution is given to those with hip, knee or moderate to severe balance issues.

**Feb 1st-March 3rd
Tuesday/Thursdays**

**Tai Chi Daytime
1:30-2:30 pm**

**Tai Chi Evening
5:00-6:00 pm**

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**Feb 1st-March 3rd
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Land Use Amending Bylaw No. 2270

Feedback is Welcome!

Council will hold a Zoom Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 **on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm through Zoom Meeting online**

If approved, Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 will be amended to clarify requirements for excavation, stripping or grading activities within Town.

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

You may submit written comments by emailing: legislativeservices@edson.ca; by mailing: Legislative Services—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 con-sideration.

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 subject 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 January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_o8KgWE2KR1yei4SvcN81DQ

or contact legislativeservices@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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Closing Date/Time:
Friday February 4, 2022 at 2:00 pm (Alberta Time)
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Mike Thibault – Facility Maintenance Supervisor
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Business and Dog License Renewals



Business Licenses

Business license invoices have been sent out.

Business owners will receive their business license at half price if paid on, or before, February 15th, 2022.

Regular Price for a 2022 Business License renewal is \$100 for a resident business license and \$200 for a non-resident business license.

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

<https://www.edson.ca/business/business-licenses>.

Dog Licenses

Dog license invoices have also been sent out.

Dog owners will continue to receive their license at half price if paid on, or before, February 28th, 2022.

Regular Price for a 2022 Dog License renewal is \$40 for altered dogs and \$70 for unaltered dogs.

Dog License Application Form -

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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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Alberta Justice?

Alberta Justice Minister Kaycee Madu was pulled over by Edmonton police back in March of 2021, and fined \$300 for being on his cell-phone in a school zone, according to the ticket obtained by CBC News.



From the Publisher's Desk
Dana McArthur
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

independence of law enforcement. "Regular Alberta drivers do not have the ability to call

their local police chief and discuss traffic tickets. Madu used his position as minister to initiate this conversation, and regardless of whether he asked the chief to cancel the ticket, it is political interference for him to have discussed it all," the NDP stated in a news release.

Sgt. Mike Elliott, president of the Edmonton Police Association posted, "The audacity and arrogance is very clear and you are not deserving to be Minister of Justice who is suppose to represent all citizens in a fair and impartial manner."

Madu stated he regrets calling the police chief after the ticket had been issued. He also promptly paid the ticket in full.

As a result of the phone call, (and, little doubt, the added media and public attention) Premier Jason Kenney recently asked Justice Minister Madu to step back from his ministerial duties until an independent review into his conduct can be completed.

With Madu apparently choosing not to resign, it looks like a drawn-out process to decide his fate is the path that lays ahead for the UCP government. But questions remain, including why is this only coming out now after 10 months and who else in the government may have known?

The standard fine for Distracted Driving in Alberta is \$300 and three demerit points. So we can assume that Minister Madu also received the appropriate demerit penalty.

But is that where the unfortunate lap judgement on the minister's part ended?

Nope.

It took an even more serious turn when Justice Minister Madu decided to call the Edmonton Police Chief, Dale McFee, directly about the ticket.

It is critical to any democracy that the line between government political offices, and the administration of justice never gets crossed.

It is completely unacceptable for Alberta's Justice Minister to initiate a phone call to the Police Chief regarding a traffic violation charge against him, no matter what other topics were discussed during the call.

Chief McFee stated that Madu never asked to get out of the ticket. But the point is, even the perceived conflict of interest, or perceived pressure by initiating the call, is crossing the critical line that separates government and the

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Why judges can't preside over their husband's trial

Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Jan. 10, 2022 to Jan. 16, 2022

Assistance calls topped the List of Edson RCMP investigations at 82. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 3; Animal Calls 1; Assault 3; Cause Disturbance 1; Fail to comply w/Conditions 2; Fail to stop or remain at collision 1; Fraud 4; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 1; Impaired Operation Motor Vehicle 1; Information File 2; Lost/Found property 1; Mischief/Damage 7; Municipal Bylaws 1; Suspicious Persons or Vehicles 7; Theft Complaints 16; Traffic Collisions 26; Traffic Violations 5; Trespassing 4; Unwanted Person 2; and Wellbeing Checks 6.

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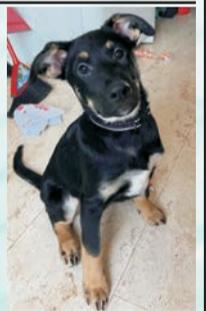
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County's Enforcement sees 450 investigations in 2021; new drone aids in situational awareness at incidents

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the January 19 Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting, Yellowhead County's Director of Protective Services Albert Bahri presented a 2021 Year End Report to Council.

Bahri said the report was "a basic overview of some highlights" of what his department had accomplished in 2021, which he described as "a busy year."

The report started with Emergency Management, stating that both Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) are fully functional and in a state of readiness. The EOC was activated twice in 2021, once for the Lobstick fire and then again for the train derailment in Brule.

The County has also set up new Fire Detection

Cameras which are already providing coverage, and DroneSense is up and running for situational awareness at incidents.

Yellowhead County's EOC Management Staff have also been named to the North Central Regional Emergency Management Team, and the Municipal Emergency Plan (MEP) was approved by Council after being inspected and approved by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA).

Regarding Enforcement, the report noted that the department is fully staffed with eight team members, and the staff hired this year come from "a variety of enforcement backgrounds" including fish and wildlife, rural county/farming familiarity, and post secondary institutions.

From an Enforcement Operations standpoint, the County saw 450 investigations, with the bulk of complaints regarding animal issues followed

by property-related issues. The County also took care of 40 property cleanups, all of which were Municipal Government Act (MGA) orders.

924 violation tickets were issued in 2021, along with 450 written warnings. The department also executed nine provincial warrants.

64 summons were issued, with 19 of those for speeds greater than 50km/hr over the limit, 1 for failure to remain at the scene of an accident, 17 for operating on a highway without insurance, and 8 for operating a vehicle while suspended.

E-ticketing was implemented in April which has led to faster traffic stops, which the report notes is "safer for everyone." There are also less errors on tickets, and they are easier to read for both the courts and accused. The system will later integrate into the administrative penalties system that is being introduced by the Government of Alberta.

Enforcement staff have also been increasing the patrol of the County's own properties and facilities to deter theft and to reduce issues of liability for the County.

The report noted that non-essential training in the department was reduced due to COVID, but two staff did attend and complete emergency vehicle operations training. The department also participated in 12 joint enforcement operations with other agencies, mainly the RCMP.

In addition, "We have increased our presence at emergency scenes which has greatly assisted in the security of those incidents with the added benefit of an increase in detection of individuals driving at excessive speeds past our fire

Writer thanks four "guardian angels"

Letter to Editor

On Monday, January 10, when returning from Spruce Grove Vicki and Mavis had the good fortune of an encounter with four guardian angels who came to their assistance.

Vicki's car engine caught fire west of Wabamun. As luck would have it four pipeline workers out of Edson stopped to help us.

They immediately grabbed their fire extinguishers and flew in to action. By the time YCFD and the RCMP arrived the engine was

down to just smouldering.

Vicki had to wait for a tow truck to arrive so I caught a ride with the supervisor of the pipeline named Mark. When I couldn't thank him enough, Mark said helping people in the community is part of their job.

So thank you again, you know who you are!! It could have been a much worse situation had you not stopped.

Mavis and Vicki

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER NOTIFICATION

Elk River Substation Telecommunications Tower Replacement

AltaLink has determined that an upgrade is required to the existing telecommunications tower at the Elk River Substation in NW-1-46-14-W5M, located in Yellowhead County. The existing telecommunications tower has reached the end of its life and is proposed to be replaced as part of AltaLink's ongoing maintenance program. The new telecommunications tower will be located within the existing substation fence line; no fence line expansion is required.

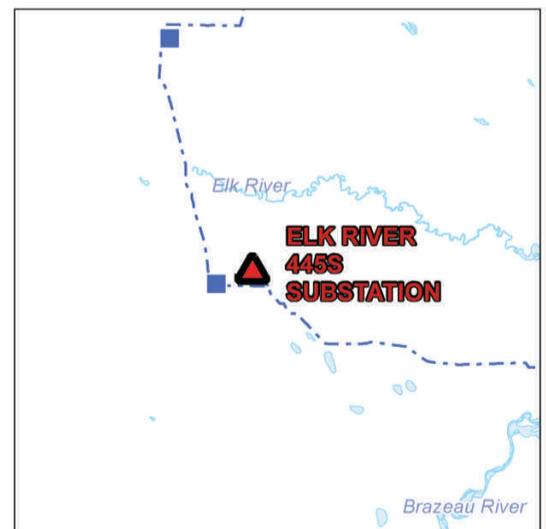
Telecommunications towers support the equipment that transmits data to our system control centre. This allows us to monitor the operation of the electric system and ensure the safety and reliability of the system for our customers.

The proposed new telecommunications tower will:

- be 36 metres tall (including the antennas and lightning rod)
- be a self-supported steel structure
- have a triangular base with each side measuring approximately 1.5 metres
- comply with Transport Canada's requirements regarding painting and lighting

Please visit www.altalink.ca/projects for more information about AltaLink's proposed Elk River Substation Telecommunications Tower Replacement.

For general information relating to telecommunications systems, please visit the Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada website at www.ic.gc.ca/towers



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- ▲ Proposed Telecommunication Tower Replacement
- Existing Substation
- Existing Transmission Line
- Water Body

If you have any questions or concerns about the tower, contact AltaLink within 30 days of this notice.

Phone: 1-877-267-1453 (toll free) Email: stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca

Mail: 2611 3rd Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2A 7W7



County's Enforcement sees 450 investigations in 2021

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personnel,” read the report. “On top of assisting at emergency situations, peace officers licensed to operate the County's drone assisted with the search of a drowned individual on the McLeod River and also assisted the Transportation Safety Board with aerial documentation of the downed helicopter at the Lobstick fire.”

The Fire Services department saw 517 incidents in 2021, which included 1 aircraft emergency, 67 alarms, 21 electrical hazards, 222 MVCs, 15 mutual aid calls, 107 outside fires/smoke/wildland, 23 structure fires, 32 vehicle fires, and 5 technical/water rescues.

The Fire Services training grounds had a new burn structure and burn system installed, and while COVID made training in 2021 “very sporadic” the department did complete some courses including a 2021 Recruit/Cadet Course.

In 2022, the main focus of the Training Division will be “going back to the basics and building the muscle memory back into the members,” read the report. “This will include Structural Firefighting, Vehicle Extrication, Wildland Firefighting, Basic Pump Operations, and Vehicle Fires.”

Under Dispatch, the report noted “2021 has been a year of progress and change.” A new primary center was established and a secondary center in Evansburg has proven to be a viable back up while the primary was being worked on.

Currently, YRECC dispatches for 20 Peace Officer agencies and in 2021 brought aboard the City of Wetaskiwin for 911 and fire dispatching. YRECC is also currently talking with two municipalities that have shown interest in moving their 911 call taking/dispatching over and the department “hopes that these talks lead to a contract.”

Regarding Information Technology (IT), the new Brule Tower (YH14) has completed their technology build out. The department also completed the implementation of a Service Desk ticketing software for Information Technology and extended its use to Facilities to keep track of repairs, requests, and projects.

The tower network infrastructure has also allowed the County to provide water treatment plants, fire halls, and other municipal buildings with shared network access on the County network. “[This] helped us to reduce monthly costs by sharing ISP services and terminating unneeded services,” read the report.

Most tower sites also saw the implementation of fire detection and surveillance cameras to help protect assets and warn forestry of possible wildfires.

Director Bahri noted that a new IT Manager will be starting with the department at the beginning of April 2022, which he said “will be a great help.”

Finally, the Safety department noted that it successfully completed a Core Audit and review of their current safety plan is underway. They also have ongoing joint health and safety meetings.

The Protective Services Department's Year End 2021 Report was accepted as information by Council.

Edson RCMP charge two males for theft of truck

Edson RCMP: On Jan. 17, 2022, at approximately 2:35 a.m., Edson RCMP members observed a vehicle driving on Edson drive with no tail lights illuminated. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle. Officers learned that neither the driver or passenger were the owner and they could not produce any valid documentation for the vehicle.

The vehicle was towed and the two suspects were released from the scene after the driver was issued three traffic tickets for driving without holding an operator's licence, driving an uninsured motor vehicle, and for the tail light infraction.

As a result of the ongoing investigation Edson RCMP confirmed, with the owner, that the truck had been stolen. Both the

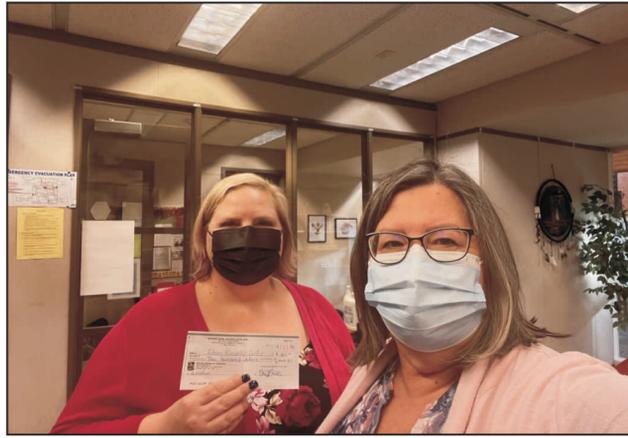
driver and passenger were arrested for theft of a motor vehicle in the evening of the same day.

The male driver, (27) of Edson was charged with the following:

- Theft of truck
- The male passenger, (24) of Edson was charged with the following:
- Theft of truck
- Fail to comply probation order

The two suspects were release from custody and are scheduled to appear in the Edson Provincial court on Mar. 1, 2022.

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



This year, the Woodland Rivers Alberta Teachers Association Local purchased orange shirts for all of their staff in Edson, Slave Lake and Whitecourt (this includes Holy Redeemer and Vanier) to wear on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. There was some money left over, so the Local decided to make a donation of \$200 to the Friendship Centre in each of the communities. Here, ATA Local President and HRH Teacher Kim Nahhimiak presents a cheque to Edson Friendship Centre Executive Director Kristie Gomuwka. Ms. Gomuwka said that the funds will be put towards their reconciliation fund.

MEET THE ORCAS!

SWIM CLUB TEAM



Say hello to 12 year old Calleigh Martin in Orca 3. Calleigh joined the club in 2015.

My favorite stroke? breaststroke
My favorite event to race? breaststroke 200M
My hobbies are: swimming, volleyball, biking, piano, crafting, and gardening.
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Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D21-173	Plan 9021558, Blk 1, Lot 20 NE 24-50-26-W5 Hinton Area	Two Existing Recreational Cabins (Discretionary - Variance for number of cabins)	Jan 4/22
D22-001	Plan 9920920, Blk 1, 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

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.

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Seasonal Positions 2022

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Yellowhead County is hiring for these positions:

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- Junior Lifeguard
- Agricultural Labourer
- Parks Labourer
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- Senior Weed Inspector
- Weed Inspector
- Youth Services Assistant
- Gravel Checker/Labourer

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Immunocompromised Albertans eligible for fourth dose

(AB) January 18, 2022: More than 80,000 Albertans will soon be able to receive fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccine to bolster immunity.

In line with recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and the Alberta Advisory Committee on Immunization (AACI), individuals aged 18 and older who have specific immunocompromising conditions can receive a booster five months after receiving their third dose.

Beginning Jan. 20, eligible individuals can book appointments for fourth doses online with AHS and participating pharmacies by using the Alberta vaccine booking system or by calling 811.

“We remain committed to protecting Albertans from the Omicron variant, and vaccinations continue to be our best tool in preventing severe outcomes. We continue to rely on the latest research to guide our decision-making, and with evidence showing immunocompromised individuals benefit from a fourth dose, we are pleased to provide them.”

—Jason Kenney, Premier

“I know that the approximately 80,000 Albertans who live with immunocompromising conditions will be relieved to receive these additional doses. At the same time, the best way for all of us to protect ourselves and one another

is to continue getting whatever dose we are eligible for. I encourage all Albertans to continue to sign up for their booster doses as soon as they can.” —Jason Copping, Minister of Health

“Individuals with certain immunocompromising conditions can benefit from a fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose. With the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, we want to provide these Albertans with additional protection against the virus.” —Dr. Deena Hinshaw, chief medical officer of health

Qualifying conditions

Immunocompromising conditions that qualify adults aged 18 and older for a fourth dose at least five months after a third dose include:

- Transplant recipients, including solid organ transplants and hematopoietic stem cell transplants.
- Individuals with malignant hematologic disorders and non-hematologic malignant solid tumors prior to receiving or receiving active treatment (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy or having received previous COVID-19 vaccines while on active treatment), excluding individuals receiving solely hormonal therapy, radiation therapy or a surgical intervention.
- Individuals being treated with an anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody such as Rituximab.
- Individuals with chronic kidney disease on

dialysis.

· Recipients of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T-cell therapy.

· Individuals with moderate to severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g., DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome).

· Individuals with Stage 3 or advanced HIV infection and those with acquired COVID-19 immunization.

· Individuals undergoing immunosuppressive therapies (e.g., anti-B cell therapies, high-dose systemic corticosteroids, alkylating agents, antimetabolites, or tumornecrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors and other biologic agents).

· Individuals on certain medications for autoimmune diseases, including rituximab, ocrelizumab and ofatumumab.

Youth ages 12 to 17 with the preceding conditions continue to be eligible for third doses. Fourth doses have not yet been approved for this age group.

Third doses have not been approved for youth under the age of 18.

Appointments for additional doses

Eligible Albertans can book appointments online for AHS or participating pharmacies by using the one-stop booking system at alberta.ca/vaccine. Albertans can also book an appointment by calling 811 or participating pharmacies.

More than 8M vaccine doses administered

(AB) January 14, 2022: More than eight million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered since December 2020, providing Albertans with critical protection against infection.

This includes 89.7 per cent of Albertans aged 12 and older who have received one dose, 85.7 per cent aged 12 and older who have received two doses, and 158,000 children aged five to 11 who have received their first dose of pediatric vaccine.

With the arrival of the Omicron variant, and increased booster eligibility for all Albertans aged 18 and older, vaccine demand has surged. Since Dec. 7, thanks to the widespread availability through Alberta Health Services and community pharmacies, more than 1.2 million third doses have been administered.

All Albertans are encouraged to get whichever dose of vaccine they are eligible for in order to further protect themselves and keep Alberta's health-care system from being overwhelmed.

“I am proud that AHS and pharmacies have responded to the increased demand for vaccine by quickly and safely delivering doses to the Albertans who need them. Vaccines are an important part of our efforts to prevent hospitals and ICUs from being overwhelmed with new cases of COVID-19, so it is critical that every Albertan continues to get each dose they are eligible for.” —Jason Copping, Minister of Health

Book your vaccine

Based on current evidence, it

appears that vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 infection wanes over time, particularly with the Omicron variant. Individual protection against severe outcomes remains strong after two doses for most, however, a third dose strengthens protection against both infection and severe outcomes.

Everyone 18 years and older can book appointments for a booster dose of mRNA vaccine at least five months after receiving their second dose. Albertans 12 years and older who are immunocompromised can also book an appointment for a booster but must wait at least eight weeks after their second dose.

First and second doses continue to be available across the province. Book online with Alberta Health Services and participating pharmacies by using the Alberta vaccine booking system. Albertans can also call 811 or participating pharmacies.

Edson RCMP investigate fatal single vehicle rollover collision

On Jan. 14, 2022, at approximately 1:45 p.m., Edson RCMP, RCMP Forensic Collision Reconstruction, Yellowhead County Fire Department, Yellowhead County Peace Officers and EMS responded to a report of a single vehicle rollover collision on Highway 16 near Range Road 150, east of Edson.

The preliminary investigation indicates a GMC Sierra pickup truck was travelling westbound on Highway 16 and lost control after a silver or grey older model SUV passed it. The truck entered into the median where it rolled before coming to rest.

The passenger was ejected from the vehicle. Witnesses stopped to assist and started CPR on the passenger until emergency services arrived. The passenger was flown by STARS air ambulance to a

hospital in Edmonton where; tragically, the 28-year-old female, from the Edson area, later succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased. The name of the deceased will not be released.

The male driver, a 48-year-old male, from Yellowhead County was transported by EMS to an area hospital for minor injuries.

The Edson RCMP and RCMP Forensic Collision Reconstruction continue to investigate this collision and want to speak with the occupant(s) of the reported grey or silver SUV.

If you have any information in relation to the collision, please contact the Edson RCMP at 780-723-8822. If you have information about this collision and you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com

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by February 14, 2022

Healthcare professionals call for action



Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA) President, Mike Parker is asking for three things to help ensure health care is there for Albertans in the fifth wave and beyond.

(HSAA) Health Sciences Association of Alberta professionals have been, and always will be, there when Albertans need care. But the current government needs to help. This past week there were 266 unfilled paramedic shifts and three labs in Edmonton are closed indefinitely due to there not being enough staff. There are over 1000 health care vacancies in Alberta, and steps must be taken to support the health-care professionals we do have.

“When you or a loved one need emergency care, we are there to answer the call for help,” began HSAA President, Mike Parker. “From the team of emergency communications officers who answer the call, assess the situation, and dispatch ambulances – the paramedics rushing

to give life-saving aid and get patients to hospitals – the people at the hospital that conduct and interpret tests – the highly skilled scientists in the labs – and the full range of therapists who treat and help with a patient's recovery... these are our members.

“No matter what we've encountered, health-care professionals will always be there for Albertans, but after two incredibly stressful pandemic years, many are struggling to keep going. They need help from this government so they can continue to provide us care.”

HSAA is asking government for three things:

1. Protect the physical health of health-care professionals. This includes more than just agreements to provide appropriate PPE – N95 masks must get to all those who work on the front lines of health care.
2. Protect the mental health of all health-care professionals. We will continue to be here for Albertans as long as we can. But we need a partner that will live up to its agreements and show compassion to make sure we can do that. Specifically, they need to get days off, have an appropriate workload and not face punishment if they can not come into work.
3. A plan to retain and recruit health-care professionals. Ensuring that we don't lose more health-care professionals to mental or physical illness with the measures above is a good start. But there are over 1000 vacancies, we need to keep the ones we have. The first step is government showing them they are appreciated while providing the supports they need to stay on the job. Alberta also needs a plan to keep our current professionals and to take whatever steps are necessary to attract new recruits from around the globe to fill vacancies.

“HSAA members know who they work for...

all Albertans,” continued Parker. “All we want is to be there when people need care. To do it our members need to be rested, they need to know they and their families are safe and that they are supported.”

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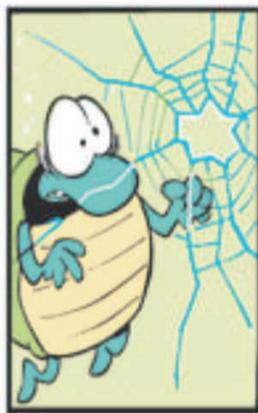
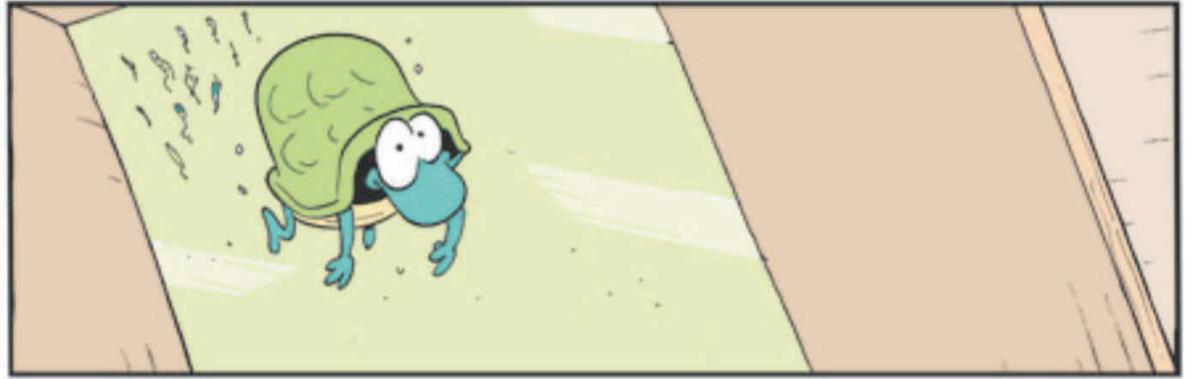
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SWAMP

by Gary Clark



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A: Dinner is on me.

Q: Should you have your whole family for Thanksgiving dinner?
A: No, you should just stick with turkey.



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Riders 4-H Multi Club host Public Speaking event

by Tayla Plunkie, 4-H Multi Club reporter

The Knight Riders 4-H Multi Club held our club level Public Speaking/Presentations on January 15, 2022.

Everyone did a great job with their chosen speech or presentations. Our senior members Tayden Dickson and Josslyn Miller were the MC's.

Winners included:

Junior speeches: 1st - Brooklyn Klut - midnight's story; 2nd - April Hurren - how we care for our animals; and 3rd - Tayla Plunkie - the moon and stars.

Intermediate Speeches: 1st Aurthur Hokanson - how to take a snowblower engine apart; 2nd - Dakota Dickson - four British tanks; and 3rd - Max Bauman - drills.

Junior Presentations: 1st - Evangeline Elzinga - silk worms; and 2nd - Jasmine Dickson - geocaching.

We would like to thank the Dunamis Center for allowing us to use your facility to do our public speaking/presentations. We would also like to thank our judges: Tracy Abbot, Pearl Grainger, Lexi Abbott, Tanya Domshy, Tina Hansen, and Stephan Domshy.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID LAWRENCE ALLEN, who died on January 6, 2022.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by February 28, 2022 and provide details of your claim with:

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What's happening, when and where in the community

Community Events

Good Neighbor: Snow Shoveling Program.

Nominate a Volunteer forms available at Yellowhead County office in Wildwood or Edson office or call 780-325-3782 or Email Karen at kschatz@yhcounty.ca

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

November 23 - June 28: Caregiver Support Group. Online Virtual Session. 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

January 28: Youth Interagency NERF

WARS 6:30-8:30PM Edson Tumbler Gymnastics Studio. Bring your own gun or use one of ours ages 11-17 register at Repsol Place or online at edson.ca

January 31: Talk.Ask.Listen Online Mental Health Session for Farmers 6-10pm Resgeration deadline January 25 limited spaces. Contact 780-325-3782 or wrobinson@yhcounty.ca

February 1- March 3: Tai Chi Day time 1:30- 2:30 Evening 5:00pm-6:00pm Register in person at the Leisure centre (formally 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 (formally known as Repsol Place)

February 2: Build your own Bee Hotel & Webinar 5-6:30pm Register ASAP 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782

February 6: World Snow Day. Bear Lake Park for an afternoon of outdoor fun Skating Sleigh rides! Camp-Fire, Cross Country Skis and Snow shoes! 1:00pm to 3:00pm

March 3: Grow your own Oyster Mushroom Workshop. Online class 7-9pm call 780-325-3782 to register. Register deadline February 21

First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 2 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge. See the Senior's Day Facebook Event for more details.

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Understanding canola basis can give clues to what's happening in the market

'Canola producers, particularly those with canola in storage, follow canola cash prices,' says Neil Blue, provincial crops market analyst with Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development. 'However, not all canola producers track the difference between the cash price and the futures price for canola. That difference is termed "basis". Following basis can give clues of what is happening in the market and provide pricing opportunity.'

The basis is found by subtracting the futures price from a cash price. For example, in this historically strong canola market, one canola buyer's March delivery cash price is \$1028/tonne. The March canola futures is at \$1021/tonne. Cash price of \$1028 minus futures price of \$1021 equals +\$7/tonne March basis.

'Sometimes this is referred to as an "over" basis, specifically \$7 over the March futures,' explains Blue. 'Other buyers set their basis level according to how aggressively they need to attract delivery commitments from producers. When considering a basis quote, it is important to know which futures month is being referred to. Note that all buyers will not necessarily reference the same futures month for their basis quote for a specific delivery month.'

To analyze basis, one should know some basis history for that commodity. For canola, basis levels range from a weak minus \$80 (or cash price \$80/tonne discount to a futures price) to a strong plus \$80 (or cash price \$80/tonne premium to a futures price). Canola basis levels can even be outside of this range.

'Recent marketing year basis levels are also relevant to current basis analysis, and so are seasonal basis trends. Basis is a reflection of "local" supply and demand in a market, so canola basis levels tend to be weakest at harvest when there is usually plenty of supply relative to demand. As the marketing year progresses, supplies tend to tighten relative to demand and that situation often results in stronger basis levels into spring. This year, with drought-reduced canola supplies and strong vegoil prices, price and basis volatility tend to be high.'

Blue points out canola trade is a margin business, so buyers will only pay high enough to obtain needed supplies. Lately, as canola futures prices have risen to new highs, many buyers have weakened their nearby basis levels.

'That may indicate that buyers are closer to contracting their near-term needs or perhaps just not passing on the entire higher futures price in their cash bids. However, the deferred old crop

basis levels have not changed much.'

With the futures market in a strong inverse with higher futures for nearby months relative to deferred months, buyers are applying a stronger basis to the deferred old crop delivery months to keep those cash prices competitive with nearby cash prices.

'For producers holding on to some canola waiting for an even more spectacular price, here is a strategy to consider,' says Blue. 'Like last year, as time passes to the next canola futures month, those prices have risen to approach the previous futures month's high. If that trend continues, consider contracting some of the stronger basis level for a later old crop month and leave the futures aspect of price open.'

If that deferred futures price rises as time passes and buyers also weaken those basis levels, you can take advantage of the higher futures price with your basis locked in at a stronger level. There are cautions. First, know the deadline that the buyer sets for pricing the basis contract against the futures. Second, ensure that your canola will remain in good condition during storage; and third, in this high priced canola market, almost anything can happen,' says Blue.

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