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FAMILY DAY UNPLUGGED GOING AHEAD

Event will take place February 8 to 15 at Willmore Park

by Deanna Mitchener

During the week of February 8-15th, Town of Edson Community Development Coordinators Ali Broda, Krysta Hawboldt, and Sarah McDonald invite families to

visit Willmore Park for a Family Day Unplugged event. "We've been working together with the Canadian Parents for French group here in Edson to bring back Bonhomme and French aspects into celebrations this year, like

maple candy and of course activities will ensure that you are able to stay safe, maintaining distance from others while having so much fun!" Broda recommends checking out alberta.ca/covid19 prior to

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photo Deanna Mitchener

A group of Students from Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School walked over to McPhee Construction on January 19, for a field trip. Students were thrilled about what they saw and heard from the employees there. They were told they love their jobs and have fun at work, that it's kind of like still being a kid playing in a sandbox. Each of the students received a T-shirt from the company before heading back to school.

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Family Day Unplugged going ahead

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the event for the most up-to-date COVID-19 restrictions.”

“We continue to celebrate Family Day Unplugged because it is so important to get outside and disconnect, to connect with one another,” explained Broda. “Disconnect from the internet and connect with your family.”

Plans for Family Day Unplugged include a French-English Scavenger Hunt through the trails and a Snowathalon. “Both of which have opportunities to win family fun prize packs!” said Broda.

What is a Snowathalon you ask? “We challenge you to play outside and ice skate at one of the rinks or on a lake (if it's cold enough and the ice is safe), toboggan at one of the hills in and around town, and snowshoe! If you don't have snowshoes, we challenge you to go for a nice, long winter walk,” explained Broda. “Be sure to snap a picture of your cohort completing each activity for a chance to win.”

Families can also join the Scavenger

Hunt for Family Day Unplugged. This activity is designed to be done with your cohort, able to maintain distance from others. “Keep in mind you have all week to visit the park to participate,” said Broda. “We have a trail outlined out at Willmore for an interactive Scavenger Hunt we've created alongside Canadian Parents for French. With your cohort, grab a paper sack from the Green Shack out at Willmore, and find directions inside.”

There's a chance to win prizes, so be sure to read the directions carefully! More information and details about the Snowathalon, Scavenger Hunt, and event in general can be found at edson.ca/familyfun.

If you have any questions, you can connect with the team on Facebook at Town of Edson Community Services or call their admin at 780-723-4403 and she will direct you to one of the coordinators. “Stay safe and have fun!” said Broda.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE Mint Homes Ltd.



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Yellowhead County considers extension of expired Revenue Sharing Agreement

by Shaylyn Thornton

On December 31, 2020, the Revenue Sharing Agreement between Yellowhead County and the Town of Edson expired. As part of YC's strategic plan, one of the items under "Good Governance" involves investigating a potential new Revenue Sharing Agreement.

However, as discussed at the January 19 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting, both municipalities are currently recruiting new CAOs and the pandemic continues to cause a number of disruptions.

These issues, as well as the upcoming municipal election in October 2021, prompted Administration to ask Council if extending the expired agreement would be more beneficial for all involved. "Council may wish to offer a two-year extension to the expired Agreement, which will allow both parties to work to a better common goal after the October election," said current CAO Jack Ramme.

"The expired agreement did work well for both parties in the past, and an extension provides a reasonable bridge to allow both parties to work on a new agreement in the near future," Ramme said, mentioning that the provisions of the expired agreement did offer protection to the County relative to things such as Provincial changes to assessment. Ramme also mentioned that Hinton's agreement doesn't expire until 2029.

Administration brought up some concerns regarding the need to get an agreement in place. "Trying to get a new agreement in place may be challenging in the near term as both municipalities are recruiting new CAO's, and there is a general municipal election in October

that could potentially see changes to both Councils," Ramme said. Additionally, "Without said agreement, the financial viability of the Town may be strained and cause other undesirable outcomes that could affect the County in a negative way."

Councillor Dawn Mitchell stated her support for the extension. "I agree with Administration's recommendations," she said. "I think our current agreement has worked, and this allows our new CAO and Council time to settle in. We don't have the proper time to focus on a new agreement."

Councillor Penny Lowe stated she was in 100% agreement with Mitchell. "This needs full attention," she said. "We'd be better off to reinstate this for the time being."

Councillor Anthony Giezen asked about a one-year extension instead, just enough to get through the election and get a new agreement in place. Mitchell said that she didn't feel that would be enough time with a new Council that would be working on budget during their first few months and a new CAO that wouldn't yet be here a year by that point.

Councillor Sandra Cherniawsky also spoke up in favor of one year, adding, "Our new CAO better be ready to hit the ground running."

Councillor Wade Williams said that with the provisions in the expired agreement, he didn't "see anything wrong" with a two-year extension. Councillor Lavone Olson said, "I would be okay with one year. It gives time to renegotiate."

Ramme said that after getting Council's positions on the matter, he would bring the discussion over to the Town of Edson. "I haven't talked to Edson yet," he said. "If they seem agreeable, I'll bring it as an item to Council for a vote."

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\$9M debenture bylaw passes first reading

by Adrienne Tait

Town Council voted in favour of passing the first reading of the Debenture Bylaw which would allow the municipality to borrow up to \$9M to fund the construction of the new Multi-Use Recreational Facility during their regular Council Meeting on January 19.

After a brief recap of the conversation held at the Committee of the Whole Meeting the week prior, interim CAO Sarah Bittner told Council that Alberta Capital Finance did not feel it necessary to reword the bylaw regarding repayment, as payment could come from multiple sources.

Councillor Janet Wilkinson reiterated her desire to use the \$2M earmarked for a future arts centre which currently sits in an unrestricted reserve. Wilkinson said she would also like to see the steering committee hire someone to spearhead naming rights and sponsorship opportunities.

Mayor Kevin Zahara, who sits on the steering committee for the development, said the \$9M proposed in the debenture bylaw was the maximum amount that would be borrowed, and the numbers would change as the project gets closer.

The steering committee has already discussed the need for a fundraising plan including grants and sponsorship opportunities according to Mayor Zahara, who said the first steps were to hire the project manager and get the debenture bylaw in place. Bittner said that other avenues will be explored prior to drawing down the debenture.

The bylaw will need to pass second and third

reading and will not come into effect until 30 days later. Passing the bylaw enables the municipality to borrow the funds required for the project but does not impose time limits

regarding when the money must be drawn. "Once passed there is not a time limit," said Bittner. "There can be quite a bit of time between when it's passed and drawing down."

Edson utility rates and fees set to rise

by Adrienne Tait

Town of Edson residents and business owners can expect to see an increase in their utility bills.

Council passed an amendment to the Fees, Rates, & Charges Bylaw at their January 19 meeting which will see the base rate for residential waste and organics collection go from \$17.50 to \$17.85, and the recycling base per month will change from \$9.00 to \$10.00 for residential and from \$15.00 to \$17.00 for commercial properties. All residents will also see a \$2.00 stormwater management fee added to their utility bills.

User-pay rates are also increasing per cubic meter from \$1.11 to \$1.21 for water and from \$1.26 to \$1.38 for sewer.

"I know the asset management plan requires us to increase utilities by 2-4% to keep up with our assets, but can you explain why we are increasing by 9%?" Councillor Troy Sorensen asked CAO Sarah Bittner.

Bittner said the water was 2% and the sewer was 4% but the rest of the increase was to keep the system a user-pay system, and the increase was required to cover operational costs as well as the asset management plan requirements.

"When we say it is user-pay the infrastructure costs are not included in that," Mayor Kevin Zahara said.

Zahara asked what amount needed to be in reserve in order to cover the asset management plan. Administration responded that the question was complex and that they will come back to Council with the information at a later date.

"When it comes to our asset management plan we are failing on the financial side of things in almost all categories," said Zahara. "Nobody wants to see their fees increase but everyone wants to have running water and sewer systems."

Zahara pointed to the breaking of the outflow sewer pipe as a major infrastructure failure and said, "It speaks to how important it is that we do have that financial capacity."

The breaking of the sewer outflow pump earlier in 2020 resulted in an unexpected deficit of approximately \$532,000, according to the fourth quarter budget report, with the site requiring 24/7 supervision while being pumped out. The issue was also cited as an example to highlight the importance of maintaining the Town's infrastructure.



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PUBLIC NOTICE 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
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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:

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The Town of Edson is thrilled to share that Velvet Energy Ltd. has made a \$1,000 contribution in support of the Griffiths Park Centre renovation project. The Velvet Energy team is passionate about being good stewards of the environment, creating jobs for local residents and providing financial support to community agencies in which they operate. We are extremely grateful for their contribution to this project that will benefit residents of all ages, and more importantly, we appreciate their commitment to our community!

(Pictured above: Lonny Pillage presents the cheque to Town of Edson Community Development Manager, Tanya Byers on behalf of the shareholders, Directors and employees of Velvet Energy)

Public Notice to Electors



Multi-Use Recreational Facility Debenture Bylaw

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Edson, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing Bylaw No. 2252 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper offices of the Town of Edson to borrow monies from the Province of Alberta by way of debenture issue, to pay for the cost of the following municipal purpose, namely the Multi-Use Recreational Facility.

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to \$70,000,000. After deducting from this cost the amount of \$61,000,000 to be funded from Yellowhead County, the Province of Alberta, the Government of Canada, and reserves of the Town of Edson, the net amount to be borrowed on the credit and security of the municipality at large by the issue of debenture is \$9,000,000. The debenture is to be repayable to the Province of Alberta in 60 equal consecutive semi-annual installments of combined principal and interest, the annual interest not to exceed six per cent, or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Province of Alberta.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Edson that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw No. 2252 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

All person interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

Information for Electors

Pursuant to Section 1(n) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means: a person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councilor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person is at least 18 years old, is a Canadian citizen, and resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day.

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Edson by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10 per cent of the population in accordance with the provisions of Section 233 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in Section 224 of the Municipal Government Act).

Bylaw No. 2252 can be read in full at www.edson.ca/bylaws

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Covid confusion...

Feeling a bit confused and frustrated with the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out?



by Dana McArthur
publisher/Editor

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production hitch was not entirely unexpected... and then we learned that Canada will receive zero doses of the

Pfizer vaccine in the last week of January!

Feeling more confused and frustrated? We are.

Adding again to the confusion, some Alberta family doctors were frustrated that their offer to help administer Covid-19 shots had gone unanswered. It wasn't until the first week of January that Dr. Deena Hinshaw issued a directive allowing doctors, nurses and pharmacists (who are not AHS employees) to deliver the vaccine. Even the province's dental hygienists, who are trained to administer local anesthetic, had to reach out to AHS recently to offer their services to help distribute the vaccine. Apparently, administering a vaccine is a restricted activity under the Government Organization Act —and this red-tape is a current hold-up to their offer.

Healthcare workers have gone above and beyond, and some have paid the ultimate price putting patient care first. Having the support they need in place, when they need it is crucial to saving lives.

Supply chain hitches notwithstanding, it seems Alberta Health Minister Tyler Shandro has had since March 2020 to make sure that a province-wide vaccination team and the logistics infrastructure were in place to quickly deliver these lifesaving vaccines to our frontline healthcare workers, seniors, and all Albertans. So why weren't these systems and plans ready, tested, and waiting well in advance?

In a media report, a new poll from Maru/Blue stated the Alberta's government got the lowest mark in the country with only 34% of its citizens agreeing the UCP are doing a good job regarding the vaccine roll-out.

It's not surprising that many people are wondering what's going on. And for those who aren't yet, they will be very quickly it seems as reports persist of healthcare workers unable to book their second shot.

Note: Hinshaw stated that second doses for people who already received their first dose in long-term care or supportive living facilities remain the priority as that demographic makes up two-thirds of Alberta's Covid-19 deaths.

Well, you're not alone.

A recent Angus Reid poll found that 57% of respondents believe Jason Kenney's government has done a poor job in its response to the Covid-19 emergency. And Alberta politicians travelling on vacation during the crisis, has only made that situation worse.

On the bright side, all residents and staff in long-term care and designated supportive living facilities in Alberta have received their first vaccination (except those who declined or had medical contraindications). However, it certainly seems that along with this good news —there's been a lot of disorganization happening in the roll-out process.

Many healthcare workers who were eligible for the vaccine didn't receive their email to book, or received an email to an invalid link, or were told there were no vaccines, and then told there were. This confusion resulted in what seemed like mass finger-pointing as Dr. Deena Hinshaw resorted to twitter posts claiming there were 16,000 appointments in the province that somehow healthcare workers were not taking advantage of.

Apologies quickly followed as the blame eventually focussed in on a faulty online booking system.

The province confirmed that its computer booking system suffered technical difficulties and that those were fixed within a few hours. However, on Tuesday, January 19 during an update from Dr. Deena Hinshaw, she admitted that the legacy booking tools that existed in December were still being used for the vaccine appointments, as the new single online booking tool was not ready yet. The new system has since been deployed.

Adding to the confusion, in what seemed to be a surprise announcement, Pfizer-BioNTech stated that it's cutting back on deliveries of its vaccine over the next four weeks as it works on expanding production. In response, Premier Kenney announced the province would run out of supply by January 20, for any first doses of the Pfizer vaccine. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau later stated the vaccine



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County considers implementing Transfer Station Cards

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the January 19 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting, Yellowhead County Council discussed the possibility of implementing a transfer station card system for County residents.

Back in 2018, the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority (WYRWMA) retained Sonnevera International Corp. to develop a five-year waste management plan to help reduce waste to landfill. Their report provided six recommendations for Yellowhead County's waste management.

At the May 19, 2020 GPC Meeting, Council discussed the six recommendations. Four of the suggestions were updating and upgrading signage on recycling trailers and collection containers at all sites, increasing tracking and accurate reporting of diversion and waste to landfill, having site attendants record number, type, and source of loads, and having transfer site staff identify the material as being from Yellowhead County transfer stations when dropping off material at the Edson Recycling Depot.

All four of these suggestions have been implemented, and the County is now looking at the remaining two: to have transfer station attendees request proof of residency from users of the sites, and the implementation of a minimum fee for site users.

County Administration has investigated the systems that other municipalities are using and found that Lac Ste. Anne County introduced transfer station cards for its residents in 2016. Administration made a site visit to Lac Ste. Anne County to discuss the card system and found that it seems to be working well for them.

Administration suggested that a similar system would work well in Yellowhead County, and although the cost of implementing the system is

estimated between \$30,000 and \$50,000, once the system is in place there would be minimum cost to maintain it. The card system would also allow for easy implementation of user fees in the future.

Director of Infrastructure Services Don O'Quinn presented the idea and opened it to Council for discussion. Councillor Dawn Mitchell asked about a flat user fee, giving the example of the difference in waste seen from a single-person household vs a four-person household who doesn't recycle. "I'm not sure it gives our residents the incentive to recycle and I'm not sure that a flat fee is necessarily appropriate for a situation like that," she said, asking about a punch pass system instead.

O'Quinn said that the transfer card system they saw at Lac Ste. Anne was very "user friendly." "It's the size of credit cards, something you can keep handy in your wallet. You wouldn't have to worry about a punch pass," he said.

O'Quinn also explained that the transfer card system would give the County room to make future decisions on user fees. "We could also limit the amount of usage based on a card. So we could have similar to a 10-punch where you get scanned 10 times and now your card is not activated unless you come back to the County and pay more money to activate it," he said. "So we could have similar, it's just rather than the punch, it's a swipe card system."

CAO Jack Ramme acknowledged Mitchell's concerns about recycling. "The only way you can start to encourage recycling is by weight and if you're charging by weight you have to get a scale system," he explained. "[The transfer card system] is really the first step to moving towards some form of cost recovery and control of the sites."

Ramme discussed the potential rollout of the system, explaining that at first there would not be a charge. "It's just getting people used to the

whole concept of accessing sites with this card," he said.

With non-County residents currently using County transfer sites to dump, having this adjustment period would stop the unwanted usage and give the County a better idea on actual costs, and a user fee system could then be phased in. Councillor Shawn Berry said he agrees with Ramme's plan of a slow implementation of the system.

Councillor Sandra Cherniawsky spoke in favor of the system. "I love it. I think it's a great idea," she said.

Councillor David Russell asked about different use cases for residents, such as a location where there is only one tax bill but two blue sign addresses. Ramme explained that the County would have to identify that and find ways to make certain situations work. "There's going to be some hiccups," said Ramme.

Russell also inquired about whether someone without a card could use the transfer site for a fee. Ramme said that potential users would be turned away if they did not have a card, but spoke highly of how the system is working for Lac Ste. Anne County. "They have a phenomenal success rate," he said.

O'Quinn said that currently Lac Ste. Anne County charges \$154/year for use of their transfer sites, although at this time the County does not have an amount in mind. When a fee is implemented, it would be charged as a utility fee for County residents.

Councillor Penny Lowe asked about provisions for those who rent dumpsters as opposed to using transfer sites. "It is a utility so you have a choice, but if you don't pay for a card you can't use the transfer sites," Ramme said. "There are tweaks we'd have to work through."

The issue will be brought to a future Council Meeting.

THANK YOU

Edson community for embracing our family these last six years. We have made memories and friendships that will endure a lifetime.



To the staff and Councils I was fortunate to work with, thank you for your trust, dedication and hard work. Edson is in good hands.



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Winter Walk Day

We challenge you to get outside for a refreshing walk this Winter Walk Day and submit your kilometers to see just how active we get around here!

Winter Walk Day encourages people across Alberta to be active outdoors during the colder weather. This year we are challenging residents to work together to walk the entire distance of Yellowhead County!

Head out for a walk/hike/run/ski/snowshoe on Wednesday, February 3 and submit your total kilometers travelled here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHH6W73>.

Cross-Country Ski & Snowshoe Rentals

Skis: \$30/week
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Yellowhead County Parks & Recreation is offering cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals this winter! Rentals will be booked on a first-call, first-serve basis. Absolutely no walk-in rentals. Reserve in advance by phoning 780-723-4800.

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NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS, & FAMILIES

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

FEBRUARY 11

» WEBINAR: 1:00 PM OR 6:30 PM
» Please register by February 8.
» Requires computer and internet connection. After registration, a link will be emailed to you to access the webinar. A video camera is not required to participate.

Find out what you can do when you see signs of older adult mistreatment.

Learn about the issues of older adult abuse, neglect, and self-neglect in communities by engaging bystanders. This presentation will equip you with tips on how to initiate a conversation with someone you are concerned about.

DID YOU KNOW?
Approximately 8% of older adults experience one or more forms of abuse at some point during their senior years.

Wellness Wednesday Webinars

Yellowhead County FCSS is hosting FREE Wellness Wednesday webinars which offer practical advice for managing your mental health during difficult times.

Jan 27 1 - 3 PM	ARISE: Cannabis / Vaping, Addiction & Mental Health: Practical Strategies for Mental Wellness. Presented by Curtis Lockinger (Prevention & Recovery Facilitator).
Feb 3 1 - 3 PM	ARISE: Supporting our Children's Mental Wellbeing. Presented by Trevor Haas (Mental Health Promotion Facilitator).
Feb 10 1 - 3 PM	ARISE: Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times PART II. Presented by Alberta Health Services certified professionals.

Webinars will be facilitated via Zoom. Please call 780-325-3782 to register.

APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit Number	Location	Proposal	Notice of Approval
D21-002	Plan 9620365, Lot 1 SW 14-53-16-W6 East of Edson	2 Existing Accessory Building's (Washrooms), Existing Accessory Building (Administration Building) with Covered Deck and Lean To, Existing Accessory Building (Shop), Existing Manufactured Home, Existing Recreational Cabin, Existing Accessory Building (Garage)2 Existing Accessory Building's (Barn's) with Lean To Structures	Jan 6/21
D21-005	Plan 0829184, Blk 1, Lot 5 SW 04-54-15-W5 Rosevear Area	Existing Manufactured Home & Accessory Building (Garage)	Jan 15/21
D21-006	Plan 0314530, Blk 1, Lot 1 SW 32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Accessory Building (Studio)	Jan 15/21

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. Any other questions or concerns please contact Yellowhead County Planning Service. 1-800-665-6030.

REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2021 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2021.

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- Pool Manager
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- Parks Labourer
- Vegetation Management Technician
- Senior Weed Inspector
- Weed Inspector
- 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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- Eliminate traditional steps
- Judge the setting point
- Choose your fruit
- Avoid mold
- And more!

Don't let the winter stop you—there is still so much to jar! Please Register by calling 1-800-814-3935. Deadline to register is January 29.

Yellowhead County farmers can recycle AG-FILM and TWINE.

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It's free and easy! Visit www.cleanfarms.ca or call the county office at 780-325-3782.

At Home workshop: BEE HOTEL BUILDING

Diy at home! February 13 - 15

\$15 per bee hotel kit (max 2 kits per family). How it works:

- Call in to pre-register and purchase kits (780-325-3782).
- Pick up your kit at either county office (Edson or Wildwood).
- Pick up times: February 8 - 12 during regular office hours.
- You'll receive a link to the instructional video on February 11.
- The video includes step-by-step instructions on how to build your kit, as well as educational videos to teach you and your children about the importance of pollinators.
- Note: The videos will not be taken down, you can choose when you'd like to sit down with your family to build your bee hotel over family day long weekend.

What you'll need:

- Drill with a #1 square screwdriver bit.
- Set of 3-6" long drill bits in sizes ranging from 3/32 - 3/16.

NOTE:

- All of the wood and screws required for building is included in the kit.
- Printed instructions will be included with the step-by-step video.

Kits are limited so register ASAP! Deadline is February 5. Call 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.

County Council prepares for Provincial ASB Conference

by Shaylyn Thornton

At Yellowhead County's January 19 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting, Council discussed positions on ten resolutions that will be brought to a vote during the January 21 Provincial Agricultural Services Board Conference.

Only two delegates from each municipality have voting rights, and in Yellowhead County the two delegates are Councillors Anthony Giezen and David Russell.

Each of the ten resolutions require a vote separately during the resolution section of the Conference. Council, acting as the Agricultural Services Board, needed to confirm their positions on all resolutions ahead of time so that the voting delegates were prepared to represent Yellowhead County at the Conference.

The first resolution up for discussion was 1.21 and involved the request for "appropriate legislation and standards to protect landowners from undue hardship as a result of oil and gas company neglect of oil and gas site maintenance issues, namely weed control."

Russell spoke on his support for the resolution, referencing an elderly neighbor of his who had to deal with this issue. "Oil and gas companies should be

held accountable," said Russell. Ag Services Supervisor Jennifer Benson voiced her support for the resolution as well, stating, "We need oil and gas companies to take responsibility for their sites." Council as a whole supported the resolution.

Resolution 2.21 involved the development of "an empty pesticide container program that places the responsibility of collecting pesticide containers in Alberta with the Agricultural Retail/Dealer and removes the responsibility from the municipalities."

Councillor Wade Williams asked about the containers being a municipal responsibility, and Benson explained that the containers are recycled at transfer sites and that the County is 100% responsible for costs. Russell brought up the concern that, for some producers, returning an empty pesticide container to a retailer may mean having to travel, even as far as Saskatchewan. Overall, Council as a whole supported the resolution.

Resolutions 3.21 and 4.21 were somewhat similar and were discussed in conjunction. They both involved the use of Strychnine in the control of Richardson Ground Squirrels (groundhogs) in

Alberta, with 3.21 requesting extended registration of the product to allow more time for research of alternatives, and 4.21 requesting a lobby group to be formed to encourage Health Canada and the PMRA to reinstate the product on a temporary basis.

Councillor Dawn Mitchell spoke up. "I agree with both resolutions," she said, mentioning that the groundhogs are known to cause issues with livestock and horses such as breaking their ankles. Councillor Sandra Cherniawsky brought up the other side of the issue, mentioning that other animals such as hawks were being poisoned, but stated that she was in support of both resolutions. Council as a whole supported the resolution.

Resolution 5.21 requested "that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada revise the labeling requirements to include "Fusarium Free" seed, in that the sample is taken at the

seed plant after it is cleaned by the seed plant operator in order to ensure the quality of

the certified seed, and test results, same as the germination test, will have to be provided to

the buyer." Council as a whole supported the resolution.

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- Performs netback analysis
- Adhoc data analysis, as required

Key Skills and Knowledge

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

Candidate Profile

- Adaptable to changing priorities and able to work in a rapidly evolving, dynamic team environment
- Flexible and willing to take on new tasks and responsibilities
- Keen attention to detail with a passion for data integrity

Additional Information

- This is a temporary, contract position based in Repsol's Edson, Alberta field office
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To apply or for more information, visit the Repsol Careers website and look for posting 56707 or follow this path: https://repsol.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Repsol/job/Edson/OPERATIONS-ANALYST--CONTRACT-_56707

Edon Management is currently seeking a



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County Council prepares for Provincial ASB Conference

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Resolution 6.21 requested that “Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council create the option for producers to allocate check-off dollars directly to their local Applied Research Association or various approved Agricultural Research and Development Organizations or Agricultural Service Board.”

Giezen stated that he would support the resolution which would allow producers to put their check-off dollars back into the areas the money is generated from. Council as a whole supported the resolution.

Resolution 7.21 requested “that the Commodity Groups and Agricultural Associations listed below be contacted and requested to have an Agricultural Service Board (ASB) representative chosen by the ASB Provincial Committee and a technical advisor chosen by the AAAF to be present as a delegation during policy and legislative discussions at their Board/Director meetings and/or Annual General Meetings & Special Meetings.” Council as a whole supported the resolution.

Resolution 8.21 requested “that the Ministry of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry reinstates funding for extension staff that will assist agricultural, apicultural, and horticultural producers throughout Alberta.” Russell said that he was in support of the resolution, and that it was an “admirable resolution” that held a lot of “merit”, but that he doesn't believe the Province will reinstate staff. Still, he and Council as a whole supported the resolution.

Resolution 9.21 requested that “Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada abandon the proposal to implement the adoption of End Point Royalties or farm saved seed “trailing royalty contracts” and

pursue investment options for globally competitive crop variety development that have direct and tangible on farm benefits.”

Council discussed the issue at length, with members of Council citing issues such as breeder's rights, heirloom/family seed, companies wanting royalties, etc. After much discussion, Williams said that the issue would likely get a lot more discussion during the Conference, and that Council should “trust these two fellas to make the appropriate vote,” referencing voting delegates Russell and Giezen.

“Council as a whole found more reasons to support this resolution than to be against it,” explained Benson in a post-meeting interview, saying that further information and discussion at

the Conference would help guide Russell and Giezen towards their final decisions.

The final resolution, 10.21, requested that “Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Environment and Parks, and Alberta Energy jointly lobby the Government of Canada alongside Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) to provide an exemption for all consumption of propane and natural gas for all recognized agricultural production, including, but not limited to grain farming, greenhouse, and other similar practices.” Council as a whole supported the resolution.

The ten resolutions will all be officially discussed and voted on during the Virtual Provincial ASB Conference on January 21.

Edson RCMP arrest male for break and enter

Edson RCMP arrested a male in relation to a break and enter at a storage yard that occurred in Sept. 2020.

On Sept. 13, 2020 at 8:27 a.m., Edson RCMP responded to a break and enter at the Comfortable Country Storage yard in Yellowhead County, Alta. Several trailers within the yard were broken into and thousands of dollars in damage were reported.

As a result of the investigation, police identified a male suspect and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

On Dec. 5, 2020, police located the suspect during a traffic stop and was arrested on the outstanding warrant. Police also located what is believed to be methamphetamine during a search incidental to arrest.

A male (32) of Yellowhead County, Alta. has been charged with:

- Break and Enter
- Mischief over \$5000
- Mischief under \$5000
- Theft under \$5000
- Possession of a controlled substance.

The individual was released following a judicial hearing and is scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on Jan. 19, 2021.

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.

(with files Edson RCMP release)

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universal and targeted support, in person and virtually, since the start of the pandemic in March through the summer months and into the new year. Digital resources, virtual mental health lessons on mindfulness, how to cope with anxiety and online counselling sessions have been developed and accessed by teachers and students across the division. These digital

platforms have allowed for greater accessibility in our large physical geographic school division.

To access FSLC support, please contact your child's school principal for contact information. To find out more about the BEST program, please connect with Amanda Denton at amament@gypsd.ca

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Say hello to Bruin DePee! Bruin is almost four months old and is an absolute sweetheart. Bruin loves bath time and playing in his activity centre. Bruin was born into a hockey rivalry, with his Mom a big Calgary Flames fan and his Dad always rooting for the Edmonton Oilers. Bruin hasn't picked his own favorite team yet, but he still loves sitting and watching hockey with them. Bruin has two dogs named Ginny and Aero that love him very much. Born in the middle of a pandemic, this smiley guy also has a lot of family who can't wait to spend more time with him once things get back to normal.



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~ Obituary ~

Mary Haubi

February 15, 1952 – January 18, 2021



It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Mary Pauline Haubi on January 18, 2021 at the age of 68.

Mary was born in Edson, Alberta and had lived here all her life.

Predeceased by her loving husband Fred Haubi, (2019), her father (1981), mother (2006) and her brother Peter (2012).

Mary will be sadly missed by her son Patrick and Sheri; grandchildren Desiree, Jordon, Carole, Hugh, Noah, Cortney and Nickson; great grandchildren James, Kingsley, Rocky and Haeveen; siblings Joe (Martha) Romaniak, Ken (Josie) Frid, Lorne (Barb) Osborne and Mark (Donna) Preece.

Mary will be sadly missed by all of her family and numerous friends.

Thank you to all for all the wonderful years at Mary's Coffee House.

We will not be having a Service at this time, we will be holding a Celebration of her Life at a later date.

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~ Obituary ~

DUNCAN, Mary Gertrude

31 October, 1932 – 31 December, 2020



Mary Gertrude (Trudy) Duncan passed away in the early hours of December 31, 2020. She was 88 years young, a proud mother of four children – Susan (Richard), Rod, Lori (Andy), and Glenn (Lorna); six grandchildren – Jonas, Natalie, Zackary, Samuel, Martin, Donovan, and four great grandchildren. Trudy is also loved and remembered by her sister Maxine; nieces and nephews, and Paschak cousins. She was predeceased by her husband John Allen (Al) Duncan; mother Pearl Angus; mother-in-law Mildred Bunyan, and daughter-in-law Ann Duncan.

A woman of contrast and spirit, Trudy loved family life as well as work accomplishments outside of the home, and she enjoyed both city and country life. She was proud of her Ukrainian heritage. She enjoyed reminiscing about early years spent on the homestead of her Ukrainian immigrant grandparents overlooking the MacLeod River, and later attending a one room schoolhouse (Drostan) in the Edson area.

While she and Al raised their family, Trudy held a strong and dedicated work ethic, working tirelessly in and out of the home in retail, government and industry positions in Edmonton and Calgary. A devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she was also caregiver to family members who faced health challenges.

Trudy returned to her country roots later in life, living at the Reflection Lake home in the Edson area. She loved her life with family and friends, the birds and wildlife, and feeding the squirrels and her beloved chickadees in winter.

The family is grateful for the excellent care Trudy received while living at Glastonbury Seniors Residence in Edmonton over the past 3 years from dedicated and skilled staff including Nurses and Health Care Aides; their continuous care enabled her independence, comfort and safety.

Trudy, Mom, Grandma, Friend, Aunt, Cousin will be greatly missed and her memories cherished by those who knew her and were inspired by her humour, song, care, dogged determination, kindness, flair, cooking and love.

The family will gather with friends to celebrate Trudy's life when it is safe to do so.

Rest in peace and love dear Trudy – we will look to your spirit and soul "out home" in the Reflection Lake timbers and sunsets.

In lieu of flowers and in Trudy's memory, the family suggests you may wish to support your local Humane Society or Food Bank.

Expressions of sympathy can be forwarded to the family via the website, www.hainstockedmonton.com

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~ Obituary ~

Carl Spreen

December 22, 1933 – January 17, 2021



On Jan 17, 2021, Carl Spreen Jr passed away peacefully in the Edson hospital at 87 years.

Carl was born in the Edson Hospital to Carl & Kathie Spreen, December 22, 1933 a whopping 13 lbs. He was 1st born followed by Ernie, Bonita, Chris, Bob and Ben.

On April 16, 1960 he married his forever love, Marjorie Ragnhild Teigen. Together they raised Lillian, Teresa, Allan and Elizabeth in the home they still reside in today on HWY 748N.

Carl went as far as completing grade 7. Even though not formally educated he was a businessman & hard worker at heart. He worked various jobs, one being with Parks Canada as well as building HWY 16. Once married he worked at Valley Dairy delivering milk door to door. Most milk was delivered to the door, however some requested to be put inside the door. When he was met with a woman in a bathtub he then took the position of Manager the next day. He was the manager of dairy for a time, until the company started hauling milk between Evansburg and Jasper, as there was more money to be made that way. He left the dairy when they wanted him to move to Evansburg. His home was Edson. He then purchased a truck from Charlie Sparks January 1968 and from then on was known as Carl Spreen Light Hauling. He delivered freight all through town and became very well known, well liked, and respected for his honesty and integrity. Together with Marjorie, Edson Bottle Depot was leased then purchased on September 19, 1976 until August 1996. Every Thursday was a trip to Edmonton with bottles bringing back full loads of orders for businesses in town, delivering on Fridays. To earn extra coin he often did furniture moves on Weekends. His children would take turns going on the Edmonton trips and furniture moves as Dad stopped for coffee and lunch in restaurants which, back in those days, was pretty much unheard of, not like it is today. So it was a real treat even if we had to work for it.

Dad was an avid bowler in the Thursday 9pm league, he and mom would be off. He also went to several tournaments. Trophies line up in his office of his accomplishments. Dad also loved reading Westerns, the Edmonton Journal nightly, a good old movie, cribbage, waterskiing and sledding. He taught all his children the game of crib. Much fun was had with family and friends on the sledding trips. He did not care much for music but did attend family dances at Pine Grove Hall. Visiting both sets of parents was a weekly trip. Many visits were also with the Nyssen's. Never were kids left behind and were always included.

Later, once the kids were out on their own or late teens, they purchased a motor home taking Marjorie's senior parents to Ontario to allow her mom to visit relatives. Many trips were to Jackpot Nevada with Gary & Tein Young, Bill & Betty Reid, Frank & Marion Stone. The second last motor home trip was in 2006 with his oldest daughter Lillian & her family. In 2008 Carl suffered a stroke which left him unable to continue driving. As a side seat driver he knew every road, location & speed limit to keep Marj on her toes. He was especially happy with his Lincoln and the smooth ride compared to other vehicles and liked to tease many on that matter. Many health related trips were taken, driven the majority of the time by his youngest, Elizabeth and on occasion her siblings. Elizabeth was a tremendous help and caregiver who spent many hours caring and being an advocate to dad as well as mom. His daughter Teresa also kept them stocked in meals to make things easier for mom. His life was full of ups and downs, defying death in accidents and in health and living life within his means. He lived his life with no regrets and was most happy in the company of his wife and children.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 60 years Marjorie Spreen; 4 children, daughter Lillian (Dale) Nero, Teresa (Ed) Tailby, Allan (Lisa) Spreen and Elizabeth (Wade) Craig; grandchildren: Stephen, Brittney, Jessica, Samantha, Kaitlyn, Kyle, Kendall, Shannelle, Rachel, Morgan, Dawson, Jason and Danny. He also leaves behind 11 great grandchildren, and 4 extended great grandchildren. He also leaves behind his sister Bonita and her family and many other family members.

He was predeceased by his parents Carl & Kathie Spreen, father and mother-in-law, Ray and Muriel Teigen, brothers Ernie, Chris, Bob, Ben Spreen and grandson Derek Tailby.

He was an awesome husband and dad to his family and will be missed deeply. We are also certain that many gals young and old will miss being called George. Should they hear it? It likely is his clone, his son, Allan.

Due to Covid there will be no formal Service. In lieu of flowers please donate to charity of your choice. The Spreen family thanks you for all your condolences and memories you have shared. It means the world to us all.

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~ Obituary ~

Beverly Louise (Pulishe) Thomas

June 18, 1967 - Dec 31, 2020



Beverly has lost her 21-month long battle with a rare and aggressive form of cancer at the young age of 53.

She passed away peacefully in the Cariboo Memorial Hospital on Dec 31, 2020 at 2.30 pm, with her husband Bruce and daughter Hayley at her side.

Beverly leaves behind her loving husband of 28 years Bruce Thomas, her daughter Hayley and 2 sons Adam and Nathan. Her mother Shirley Pulishe, sisters Debbie, Janice, Kathy, Susan, Joan, Barbara, Brenda and brother George. Her many brothers in law, nieces, nephews, aunt, uncles and dear friends from the Edson, and Edmonton Alberta areas, Williams Lake and Dawson creek BC.

Beverly was born and raised in Edson Alberta where she met her future husband Bruce. The young couple married on Sept 4, 1993 and embarked on their journey of life together. Their twins Adam and Hayley were born in Edson. Life changes and work took the couple to Fort McMurray, where their son Nathan was born, after a few years the family moved on to Williams lake BC.

It was in Williams Lake that Beverly found her career as letter carrier for Canada Post. Beverly enjoyed everything about being a "posty". She truly cherished the interaction with her customers on her many routes around town and with her friends and co-workers in the office.

Beverly loved the annual family camping trips to Shuswap lake, boating and tubing around, swimming in the lake, lounging on the beach in the sun. A nice ice cream cone after supper at the camp store. Marsh meadows over the fire at night. She was an avid golfer and downhill skier, she was musical and artful. A great dancer. Beverly was a lifelong bowler and in the last few years volunteered for YBC organizing and coaching until her illness caused her to retire.

Beverly will be remembered as having a ready and cheerful laugh, as being a true friend, a fierce and loving mother to her 3 children. The best friend, loving wife and soul mate to her husband.

The loss of Beverly will be forever felt in our family. The pain of loss will eventually be replaced with happier memories. Her future grandchildren will be kept warm and cozy under the blankets she has made for them, they will taste the meals prepared from her recipes. Cook with love she always said. Her legacy in life was love and will live on forever in our hearts.

Beverly's wishes were to be cremated and her ashes spread where her family had created beautiful memories together. In lieu of flower's please donate to the charity of your choice. A celebration of life will be held in Edson Alberta at a time in the near future when we can all get together again.

Rest in Peace Beverly, we will meet again.

The Importance of Good Roots



*Pastor
Bryan Walter*

I recently took down our Christmas tree. This year's tree, a pine from the woods near our home, was the best tree we'd ever had, and it was a shame to see it go. We obviously couldn't keep it forever though; even if it wasn't strange to keep a pine tree in the living room year round, we had cut it off from its

roots, and it wouldn't have lasted too much longer indoors.

The reason I bring this up is that our tree is an interesting metaphor for the values that govern our culture. What does it mean to be, or do, good?

When we ask that question, the sorts of concepts that come to mind are ideas like "justice," "integrity," or "generosity." How do we measure whether or not we're exemplifying those values though? Our particular ideas of what is "good" in the West were originally founded upon biblical principles. Those roots are becoming hard to locate in modern society though. As a result, "goodness" is becoming an increasingly subjective ideal. What's good for me, might not be what's good for you; and although that may appeal to our sense of freedom and individuality, it's also creating a lot of conflict and distrust.

Philosophers have referred to this as a "cut-

flower" civilization. It may look pretty, and we can preserve its better qualities for a time, but cut off from its roots, eventually it will wither.

Our foundation used to be an understanding of the dignity of every human as a being lovingly

created in the image of God. We didn't always get it right, but we could always prune back our mistakes and seek new growth, drawing life from the true source. We need roots. They help us stand; and if we don't truly stand for something, we'll fall for anything.

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What's happening, when and where in the community - for monthly meetings see our classified page

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January 14 -Spring: Visit Wilmore Park for the Toboggan Hill. Pack some hot dogs and hot chocolate and enjoy the outdoors.

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 17-23: In Celebration of squirrel appreciation day. Eddie will be out and about. Snap a photo with him and enter the town facebook page @edsoncommserv to be entered in a prize draw. Visit Edson.ca/familyfun for an Eddie colouring game.

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: Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times. Free Wellness Webinar. 1pm to 3pm. Register by calling 780-325-3782.

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.

January 27: Supporting Children Through Covid. 9am to 12pm. Presented by Edson FCSS and Imagine Institute for Learning. Register at Edson.ca/fcss.

February 3: Winter Walk Day Get outside and walk. Submit

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February 11: Its not Right Webinar 1:00 pm or 6:30 pm. Learn about issues of older adult abuse. Register by Febuary 8 to register call 1-800-814-3935.

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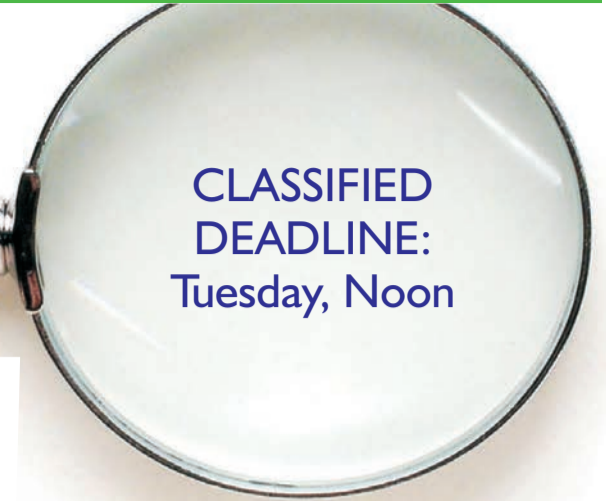
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