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Anwen, Ryder, Adley, Leah, Mike, Lanna, and young Lucas taking a nap during a fun-filled day at the Summer Festival on Edson's Main Street. photo Deanna Mitchener

# **Edson Chamber's** Summer **Festival**

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson and District Chamber of Commerce hosted an amazing Summer Festival for the community from July 10 to the 12th.

The hope is always for good weather, but this year the weather was just a little too good with temperatures rising above 30c.

Darlene Chouinard, President of the Chamber of Commerce, said, "The rides this year included the Alien, Berries, Budgies, Carousel, Cliffhanger, Convoy, Gondola, Hampton, Hog Rally, Kite flyer, Mardi Gras, Peter Paul, Scooters, Sizzler, Tilt-o-Whirl, Wacky Shack, Zipper, and the Ferris Wheel. Our ticket sales were comparable to last year.

"We had more businesses that set up on the street this year which was awesome. The weather was great,

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# **Edson Chamber hosts Summer Festival**

although it was very hot the first day of the festival," said Chouinard.

The festival stayed open till 10:45 p.m. on Wednesday and 11:30p.m. on Thursday. Unfortunately, they had a minor problem with a generator for about an hour on the first day, which was promptly fixed.

Many individuals are still asking why the change of dates and why certain rides no longer come to Edson. Chouinard responded, "Many years ago we partnered with West Coast Amusements. As we were a smaller centre that could accommodate larger rides due to our Main Street width and length. We have been a perfect stop off place between larger cities. I remember the first year I attended in 1982. It was the last week of August. The structure of West Coast Amusements changed from four groups to three."

The Chamber had to change the date for 2016, when one of the owners from West Coast Amusements passed away. West Coast Amusements made the decision to restructure and decided to have three touring groups instead of four.

West Coast contacted the Chamber and the festival was rescheduled for the middle of July, so the Chamber made the decision to change the name to the 'Summer Festival'.

"We continue to check out our options for different dates and reputable companies that can bring in the larger rides. However, once you are in a loop with a carnival it is hard to change dates without losing your time slot altogether. The rides need to be set on hard ground, with little to no slopes and with enough room around them to operate safely and effectively. Of course, bigger centers and cities get the bigger rides with far more selection. We also require specific insurance requirements that must be met by the provider," said Chouinard.

The Chamber had 32 prizes that were generously

donated for the mini raffle this year from local businesses.

"The kiosks for ticket sales are in their second year now and went a lot smoother than last year. Money is put on the wristbands which can also be used for food and games. Any monies left over on the bracelet can be used again next year," said Chouinard.

"There have been issues with parking as the festival uses up five blocks of main street, and some side streets. It is the Chamber that hosts the event, not the Town of Edson, so for any concerns it would be greatly appreciated if we are contacted personally," Chouinard said."The Chamber facilitated more safety measures this year on the highways coming up to the traffic lights both east and west. We hope this helped to warn vehicles and pedestrians to slow down and pay attention while crossing the streets."

When asked why the event is important, Chouinard replied, "First and foremost any activity on Main Street brings people down to shop local and maybe even see some businesses that they did not know were there. They may not buy anything that day, but they will remember seeing a store or what they offer. It is also great to have some fun with family and friends and to raise revenue as we are a not-for-profit organization."

"We had approximately 2000 people who enjoyed the rides this year. Comments from business owners were mostly positive. Most of the business owners we heard from say the event brings in increased revenue for them and some businesses say it stays the same. Overall most are happy with the Summer Festival," said Chouinard.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #51 held their annual Jail and Bail. Local RCMP come and 'arrest' prominent locals. They must then find the means to make their 'bail' (seek donations) before being released from jail at the Legion. All proceeds from this event go towards new flooring in the Legion Hall.

The Edson Friendship Centre was handing out free popsicles during the peek high temperatures. So it was a very welcoming and refreshing way to cool off.



These kids were having a fun ride on the Sizzler during the Summer Festival hosted by the Edson and District Chamber of Commerce. photo Deanna Mitchener

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These two boys were enjoying the Kite Flyer ride during the Summer Festival in Edson . photos by Deanna Mitchener



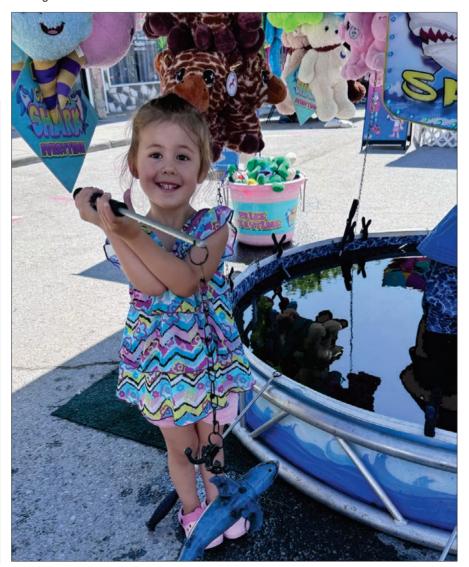
Two young motorcycle enthusiast enjoying the ride on Main Street Edson during the Edson and District Chamber of Commerce Summer Festival.



Tilt-a-whirl was another big hit with the kids during the annual Summer Festival.



Amanda Galloway with little Dexter (1.5) enjoyed their ride on the Merry-Go-Round during the Edson and District Chamber of Commerce Summer Festival.



Quinn (3.5) was pretty excited to hook a shark with her little fishing rod during the Summer Festival.

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# Red Brick Centre kicks-off summer program

by Niki Luymes

The Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum kicked off their summer programming on July 10, with the 'Sports Day' day camp. This is the first of six day camps that the museum has planned for the year. Kids were dropped off at 9:30am, and then enjoyed sport-themed activities until pick up at 3:30pm.

To start off the day, the kids walked to the public tennis court on 8th Ave, and played a couple games of badminton and volleyball. After that, the group returned to the Red Brick for some games of kickball, soccer, and obstacle courses. Then, to take a break from the sun, the activities moved inside for some baking. Kids got to decorate cupcakes and cookies with their favourite spots teams.

In the afternoon, they moved back outside for some games of ultimate frisbee, capture the flag, and other track and field style competitions. The day ended with sprinklers and popsicles outside. "They loved it. We've never done a sports day, so this was a first for us. I know a lot of kids were interested, and you get to see their competitive side come out. They had a ton of fun," said Soleil Lee, summer program coordinator with the Red Brick.

"It's nice for kids to get out of the house, try something new, and get active in the summer. They learn and are able to cooperate and interact with their peers and us and do activities they might not try at home," said Lee.

Each day camp features a different theme, with corresponding activities. Some themes include, Mad Scientist, Bakers Dozen, and Blast from the Past. Each day camp maxes out at 16 kids. There are only a few open spots left in the remaining day camps.



The Red Brick kicked off their summer programming on July 10, with the 'Sports Day' day camp. photos submitted



Kids walked to the public tennis court on 8th Ave, and played a couple games of badminton and volleyball at the Red Brick inaugural day camp.

WILDFIRE DANGER

# **EXTREME**

July 17, 2024 FIRE BAN

Hot, dry weather across
Alberta will likely lead to
increased wildfire activity in
the Forest Protection Area
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for the entire Forest
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The ISDAB listens to appeals on decisions made by the Town's Subdivision Authority and Development Authority in both the Town of Edson and the Town of Hinton. Board members are responsible for issuing decisions based on evidence presented by the parties at a hearing, while also adhering to any applicable and current legislation.

To learn more, and submit an application, please visit the Town of Edson Website, <u>Board Opportunities: The Town of Edson</u>.





### NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

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

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



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# **Drowning Prevention Week**

Drowning is a silent and swift killer, claiming the lives of 450 Canadians each year according

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to the 2020 National Drowning Report.

According to the Lifesaving Society Alberta, many of these deaths are often preventable with simple, proactive steps. During 2024 National Drowning Prevention Week, Alberta Blue Cross and the Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories are encouraging Albertans to take action to protect themselves by understanding the risks and practicing water safety.

"As an organization that is committed to promoting wellness, Alberta Blue Cross has an ongoing focus on injury prevention—and as we are well into summer, we are keenly aware of the danger of drowning and the importance of promoting water safety," says Brian Geislinger, senior vice-president of Corporate Relations and Community Engagement with Alberta Blue Cross.

National Drowning Prevention Week (July 21 to the 27th) is the third full week of July every year, coinciding with Canada's peak drowning period. This week promotes awareness of the need to take action in an effort to save lives.

Alberta Blue Cross and the Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories would like to share drowning prevention tips:

- Fatal drowning: according to the World Health Organization, drowning ranked as the third leading cause of unintentional death worldwide, but what does drowning really look like? Unlike the movies, where the victim splashes and flails wildly, drowning is often silent and can occur within seconds.
- Non-fatal drowning: non-fatal drownings refer to cases where the victim survives but requires treatment due to injury, loss of consciousness, swallowing water or having difficulty breathing. As stated in a recent 20year drowning analysis by the Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories and the Injury Prevention Centre, in Alberta for every fatal drowning, there are 6 nonfatal drownings.
- Backyard pool and open water safety: private pools and open waters both come with hazards of their own—especially for young children.

As private backyard pools typically do not have lifeguards on duty like public pools, it is important to control and restrict access to the water through multiple layers of protection, such as fencing, self-closing gates and active supervision.

As stated in the 2020 National Drowning Report, on average 70 per cent of fatal drownings in Canada occur in open water, such as lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and ditches.

From the Publisher's Desk Dana McArthur

Check local weather conditions and make sure you know your own limits before

going in.

- Tearn to swim/Swim to Survive®: most drownings occur close to safety, and often the victims had no intention of going into the water in the first place. Could you survive a sudden fall into deep water? Swim to Survive® is a Lifesaving Society program that focuses on developing the skills to survive a sudden fall into deep water through the following 3 simple techniques:
- 1. Roll into deep water—this skill teaches you how to recover and reorient yourself should you take a sudden fall into deep water.
- 2. Tread water for 1 minute—this skill trains you to support yourself above the water while you catch your breath and get your bearings.
- 3. Swim 50 metres—this skill helps you build up the endurance needed to swim back to safety.
- Supervise children: the 2024 Alberta Drowning Report states that from 2015 to 2019, 100 per cent of fatal incidents involving children under 5 years of age occurred because of a lack of or distracted supervision.

The Lifesaving Society encourages parents and caregivers to practice active supervision when in, on and around the water. Active supervision requires parents to be within sight, earshot and arm's reach of a child at all times. Parents are the first and best supervisor of children—if you are not within arm's reach, you've gone too

• Boating safety and PFD (Personal Flotation Device) wear: choose it. Use it. Lifejackets are like seatbelts: they only work if you're wearing them. By the time you need a lifejacket, it is often too late to put one on.

When choosing a lifejacket, look for one that is brightly coloured so that boaters and other swimmers can see you. Make sure that it is Transport Canada approved and that it fits you properly—read the label to check the weight range and chest size.

Lifejackets should be worn by everyone while boating, during aquatic activities such as paddle boarding and in hazardous aquatic environments such as on ice or around rivers. Weak swimmers or nonswimmers should always wear a lifejacket when in, on or around the water. Better safe than sorry!

• Alcohol and substance use: alcohol consumption is a major risk factor in many boating and swimming fatalities. Both alcohol and cannabis can impair balance, judgement and reflexes with their effects heightened by environmental factors such as sun exposure, wind, waves and dehydration, making it more difficult to get out of trouble. Stay sober in, on and around the water.











# **Edson RCMP Occurrences**

For the week of: July 8 to July 14, 2024

Assistance calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 09 calls Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 02; Alarms/False Alarms 05; Animal Calls 0; Assault 02; Cause Disturbance 07; Fail to Comply with Conditions 0; False/Abandoned 911 Call 08; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 02, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 0; Lost or found property 02, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 0; Information File 02; Mental Health Act 3; Mischief or Damage 03; Municipal Bylaws 03; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 2; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 01; Suspicious persons 05; Theft Complaints 04; Traffic Violations 06; Traffic Complaints Trespassing 06; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 06.

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# Ranch Rodeo-Sunday Funday

by Deanna Mitchener

Have you ever wondered if there are different types of rodeos? Yes, there are many variations of rodeos. Travis James owner and CEO at Element Zone showcases a variety of different styles of rodeos throughout the season. This gives spectators an opportunity to experience different types, skills, and even allowing the brave ones to take part in some of the events.

On Sunday July 14, Element Zone held their annual Ranch Rodeo - Sunday Funday. Now, if you are wondering what is a Ranch Rodeo? It's an event showcasing things the average working cowboy, cowgirl or rancher has to face in a normal working day. It is a traditional type of rodeo where teams from different ranches compete against each other in events based on the type of work they do every day.

54011 Range Road 171
Yellowhead County is where all the action took place, starting at 1:00 p.m. The sun was shining bright and the hoofs were kicking up dust.
Team competitors included the Haywire Ranch, Cowboy Beef Co, F Bar S, Kicking A Ranch, Anchor K, Go Hard Ranch and the DMA Ranch. Overall best score of the whole day went to DMA Ranch (Dickson, Muldoon and Acorn).

The afternoon consisted of some Team Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking, Cow Riding, Rope One and Load One, Horses Got Out and some Bronc Riding.

Two beautiful branded picnic tables were auctioned off to the highest bidders. One sold for \$400

and the other sold at \$575. A Life Time Membership was given in recognition to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. This is the second time James has given out a Lifetime membership. "Without their help, there is no way I could put these events on," stated James.

The Edson Lions Club looked after the 50/50 draw. Some lucky winner went home with an extra \$380 in their pocket. Haiden Muldoon was awarded the Top Hand award this weekend. Dom St. Amand was the Rodeo Announcer for the day.

A lot of hard work leading up to the event with work bees ensuring upgrades got done and everything safety checked and ready for the main event. It doesn't end there either, there is still the cleanup afterward.

It takes many volunteers to help run these rodeos, something Travis is very grateful for. "I would like to thank each of our volunteers, sponsors, contestants, and fans in the stands. I appreciate all of you."

When asked what his favourite childhood memory was, Travis said, "That's a tough one, probably when my brother and I were really little and my mom would call us over the intercom and say, 'Can Travis and Jesse James please come to the concession stand'. She misplaced us as we were off playing away."

On what he would like to get done next, Travis said, "I'd really like to add a roof over one set of bleachers and give the spectators some shelter from the elements."

Remember to mark those calendars for August 16, when Element Zone hosts the Rank Mini Pony Reunion. See you there.



There was plenty of Bronc riding action on July 14, during the annual Ranch Rodeo that was held out at the Element Zone. photos by Deanna Mitchener



This cowgirl was showing her skill at Bronc riding on July 14, during the annual Ranch Rodeo that was held at the Element Zone.



The Edson Lions Club looked after the 50/50 draw on July 14th at the Element Zone's annual Ranch Rodeo.



Mrs. Colleen and Mr. Kevin Wilson were humbled when Travis James awarded the couple with a Lifetime Membership to Element Zone on July 14. Colleen said, "We were quite surprised. We went out for an enjoyable afternoon at the Element zone and we were taken aback to be honoured with a lifetime membership. We have always enjoyed supporting local events.



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D24-100	Plan 1222415 Blk 4, Lot 3 SE-32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Sign - Variance for Size & Front Yard Setback	Jul 17/24	Aug 7/24
D24-096	Plan 7622234 Blk 2, Lot 22 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick Resort	Fence - Variance for Height	Jul 17/24	Aug 7/24
D24-098	SE-2-54-10-W5 Chip Lake Area	Accessory Building (Shop) - Variance to Side Yard Setback	Jul 17/24	Aug 7/24

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Yellowhead County is once again hosting its annual

# **County Garden Pride Contest**

and we're looking for YOUR garden photo submissions!

Get your camera and start snapping pictures of your beautiful yards! The public will get a chance to vote on which yard is their favourite in order to determine the winners for the 21st Annual County Pride Contest & Tour - Virtual Edition!

### **Contest Submission Rules:**

1. Submissions: July 12 – July 26 Voting: July 27 - August 2 Winner Announced & Virtual Tour: August 12 2. Open to residents only (county-wide). 3. Maximum 4 photos can be submitted. 4. Photos must be of your own yard.

1st - \$100 gift card to your favourite local green house 2nd - \$75 gift card to your favourite local green house 3rd - \$50 gift card to your favourite local green house

\*In your email you must include your full name, phone number, and the legal land description or physical address of your property. Please include a couple of sentences about why you're proud of your yard/garden, or why you love gardening or living in the county. Your personal information will only be used for staff to verify your residency.



PLEASE NOTE: When taking photos, choose an overview of your entire yard, along with the things which you like best (flower beds, water features, vegetable gardens, etc.). Do not feature any photos that identify your valuables or any individuals.

he contest will be hosted on our county Facebook page, go to our page to see full details

www.YHCounty.ca for more details!



Yellowhead County summer camps are designed to keep children active and engaged throughout the summer.

Each week features hands-on activities, leadership opportunities, a chance to socialize with peers and learn new skills.

July 8-11 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Wildwood Complex

July 15-18 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM Marlboro Community Hall

July 22-25 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM **Entwistle Community Hall** 

July 29-August 1 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Niton Community Hall August 6-8 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM **Brule Community Hall** 

**August 12-15** 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Peers Multiplex

**August 19-21** 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM **Robb Multiplex** 

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This camp offers a chance for children to try new activities, explore their creativity, and build confidence while away from their parents.

\*Children must be potty trained to attend.



Are you ready to explore the miniature a new perspective through creativity and imagination as we take you on a journey into a bug's life!

Peers Multiplex Niton Community Hall

July 23 Entwistle Community Marlboro Community

July 16 July 25 Wildwood Complex Robb Multiplex

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historical era as we take you on a journey through time as you navigate your way through this ancient world! August 8

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Peers Multiplex Niton Community Hall August 13

August 1 Entwistle Community Marlboro Community

August 6 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wildwood Complex Robb Multiplex





August 15

# Community Care Foundation subcommittee to help recruit healthcare workers

by Niki Luymes

The Care Foundation of Edson and District (CCF) presented their plan to Town Council on July 16, for a sub-committee to pursue the recruitment and retention of healthcare workers in the Edson community.

The CCF is a non-profit, charitable organization, with a mission centered on enhancing the quality of life for residents of Edson and area. Ms. Marsha Jensen, President of CCF in Edson and District, presented the plan and request to council.

"On behalf of the Community Care Foundation, I am requesting support of a subcommittee dedicated to the attraction, recruitment, and retention of healthcare workers, with a specific focus on physicians, within our town. As we continue to face challenges in ensuring adequate healthcare services for our community, this initiative aims to address the critical need for a sustainable healthcare workforce," said Jansen.

The specific objectives of the Sub-Committee include:

- Attraction: Develop strategies to attract physicians to our town by highlighting our community's strengths, lifestyle benefits, and professional opportunities.
- Recruitment: Establish partnerships with medical schools, residency programs, and healthcare organizations to actively recruit physicians who align with our community's needs.
- Retention: Implement initiatives to support and retain physicians already practicing in our town, including professional development opportunities, mentorship programs, and community engagement activities.
- Collaboration: Foster collaboration among local healthcare providers, educational institutions, and community stakeholders to create a cohesive approach to healthcare workforce development." Explained Jensen.

Plans for the creation of this subcommittee have been in the works since June 15th 2024. The subcommittee will consist of a mixture of healthcare professionals, representatives from the healthcare foundation, and community leaders. CCF also requests that either a member of Town council or a town administration member join the subcommittee. "This subcommittee requires the support and collaboration of the Town of Edson,

as well as Yellowhead County, to effectively address the healthcare workforce challenges we are facing. By supporting this initiative, the Town Council and administration demonstrates its commitment to the health and well-being of our residents, ensuring access to quality healthcare services now and in the future." Added Jensen.

The plan is for the subcommittee to operate on an ongoing basis with monthly progress reports and annual evaluations to assess the effectiveness of strategies and initiatives. "We urge the Council to prioritize the attraction, recruitment, and retention of physicians in Edson. To initiate this effort, we request an initial \$10,000 in seed funding for the sub-committee. These funds will support start-up costs, including advertising campaigns within Alberta and potentially abroad. This initiative aims to promote Edson as an ideal location for physicians to practice, ensuring our community's healthcare needs are met effectively," said Jensen. "We look forward to discussing this proposal further and working together to build a healthier future for our community."

Councillor Krystal Cacka said, "Council knows I have been speaking with a doctor on recruitment and also an immigration consultant as well. The Government of Alberta has recently introduced a new program a few months ago to help with physician recruitment in rural Alberta. What support and collaboration are you doing with the County? "We haven't met with them [Yellowhead County] yet," explained Jensen. "That's our next step."

Councillor Cacka then asked if they think the seed fund of \$10,000 will be enough money. She explained that if the subcommittee runs out of funds they would need to come back to council and go through the process of requesting more. This may delay or even halt, the recruitment process. Receiving more doesn't mean they will need to spend it all.

Jensen answered that while she wouldn't reject more money, CCF does plan to take most of the recruitment costs. "As a foundation we do have reserves to put towards this. So this would just be a part of that."

Councillor Greg Pasychny said, "Your letter asks for an initial \$10,000. Are you thinking this will be an annual budgetary type item, or is this just a one time fee for this to get set up?"

Jensen replied, "This was a number that we discussed when we first struck the committee. And I personally though that going forward the Foundation would be able to absorb the cost of it. This is all very new to us as well, so we're just trying to basically open the discussion."

Councillor Trevor Bevan asked about making sure that the subcommittee will be properly communicating with Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the doctors about what they are doing. He added that a lots of groups and individuals are attempting recruitment right now. Jensen answered that they already have a doctor slated to join the subcommittee with hopefully one more retired doctor to join later. They also have two AHS members. This would hopefully keep everyone on the same page.

Council Informed CFF that they wouldn't be approving the request at this meeting and the topic will be discussed and then finalized at a later meeting.



It was a scorcher of a day with temperatures in the 30's. What better way to stay cool than at the Spray Park in Edson. Pictured here on July 15 are Charlie Hunt, Blakely Bilawey, Mckinley Rovang, and Nate Hunt. photo Deanna Mitchener

# Q2 physician growth highest in 10 years: Minister LaGrange

(AB) July 17: Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange issued the following statement about the latest physician numbers from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta:

"All across Canada, we are seeing a shortage of health care workers, including here in Alberta. To help address this shortage, we launched the Health Workforce Strategy in 2023, aimed at retaining and recruiting health care workers in Alberta.

"I'm pleased to see that, according to the latest quarterly statistics from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, our strategy is producing results: the number of physicians in Alberta has increased by almost 500 from the second quarter of 2023. This is an increase of 4.4 per cent from the same time period last year, and is the highest growth rate in the second quarter over the last decade. This means Alberta is now home to 11,756 physicians, the most we have ever had.

"At a time when rural Albertans are experiencing difficulty in accessing physician care, I am especially pleased to see significant year-over-year growth in the number of practising physicians in rural Alberta. The Central Zone had the fastest

growth, with an increase of 59 physicians from the same period last year, for a 7.5 per cent increase, followed by the South Zone, with an increase of 31 physicians, a 5.4 per cent increase.

"This increase is incredibly positive, but we're not stopping our efforts to attract more physicians. As part of the Health Workforce Strategy, we are working to increase the number of spaces in our province's medical schools, residency positions and training opportunities for international medical graduates.

"Additionally, work continues with the Alberta Medical Association to finalize the family physician compensation model to encourage more physicians to practise in Alberta. When it's fully implemented, we expect it will make Alberta a national leader in recruiting and retaining primary care physicians.

"We are also working with Alberta Health Services, health care providers and communities all over the province to strengthen our health care system so it can properly support our physicians and overall health care workforce.

"Our physicians and health care workers do

excellent work every day, and I'm thankful that this vital work is being shared by more professionals."

### **Notice to Creditors and Claimants**

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# **Universal Broadband Project update for County**

by Dana McArthur

The Yellowhead County Broadband project is a hybrid broadband system supplying either fibre or wireless internet to individual homes in the county.

The project requires fibre to be installed and towers to be constructed for the wireless side to capture the maximum number of households. Towers that Yellowhead County has already constructed as the backbone of the system will also be included in this project for coverage.

Albert Bahri, General Manager of Protective Services, stated, "The current broadband project is well underway. Construction began on the 29th of May. Equipment and supplies are arriving daily. Our Obed section of the project for fibre —the conduit is in the ground complete. Millers Lake is moving forward, as well as being complete for conduit."

"The tower design, the wireless side, has been completed. Tower locations have been selected.

Based on our policy, we'll go out and consult with residents in a two kilometres of the tower locations. We'll be sending out letters to each one of those individual residents to set up either a faceto-face or a town hall so they can come in and we'll discuss the tower, where it's going, what it does, and how it works. This process has to be completed before any construction can take place," said Bahri"

"And then we're working with the provincial government regarding the hamlets of Marlboro and Evansburg to see if we can actually challenge the ruling that they already have the proper 50 and 10 [Mbps download/upload speed]," Bahri explained.

Local residents and area councillors have raised concerns regarding a lack of connection and that minimum internet speed requirements are not being met by other providers. The County needs a sample of internet speed tests from residents in those areas to help substantiate the current connects are insufficient.

The project's completion is slated for December

of 2026, and will reach just over 3,000 homes. Excluding the Marlboro and Evansburg area, which could increase if those are attached.

Councillor Dawn Mitchell said, "I know for a fact in Marlboro the internet is extremely poor or non-existent in some cases. Can you tell me how we're going to obtain speed tests from these two areas? Bahri responded, "The only way for us to obtain a speed test is for the residents that lives in the area to do one. We don't need everybody in the area to do one, but we need several so we can compare." The County's website will have an explanation on how to do the speed test and how to send it in to them.

Councillor David Russell added, "I did a speed test at my internet provider's site and it showed relatively normal speeds. I went to three different aftermarket speed testers and all three showed that my internet connection was very poor. I just wanted the general public to be aware of that."

Council for Yellowhead County accepted the Universal Broadband Project update as information.



Canlin Energy has made a generous donation of \$2000 to the local non profit group, Surprise Lake Society. With such a wonderful backdrop, the following board members graciously accepted the cheque: From left to right, John Jones, April Keighan, Colleen LaForge-Griebel and Doug Bracewell, Canlin Energy. This donation will be used to upgrade the camp for future campers and events. Photo by Jordan's Photos & Films



Eileen Maxwell was happy to have a visit from her daughter and the rest of the crew at Parkland Lodge recently. Barb and Mitch Jones were with dogs Maggie and Oscar. photo Deanna Mitchener



Amra Ann Procter (10) and Vanessa Arndt (7) were serving up lemonade recently in Glenwood. It was so tasty one fellow came back for seconds. photo Deanna Mitchener



### PUBLIC NOTICE BLUE RIDGE LUMBER INC.

Vegetation Management Program

Blue Ridge Lumber Inc., on approval from Alberta Forestry and Parks, will be conducting our vegetation management program on or after August 10, 2024, until September 10, 2024. Approximately 1200 hectares of harvested area will be treated with Vision Max via aerial or ground operations. The purpose of the chemical treatments is to manage competing vegetation.

All treatment locations are listed in the following townships:

**Legal Locations of planned Herbicide Treatments** 

Legal Locations of planned Herbicide Treatments				
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56	17,18	5		
51	12	5		

Access to all areas will be posted with signs and all applications will be conducted in accordance with Alberta Forestry and Parks regulations. For more information regarding our Vegetation Management Program, please contact us by email at <a href="mailto:brl-woodlands-tending@westfraser.com">brl-woodlands-tending@westfraser.com</a> or call 780-648-6266.

Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

# Historic signing drives Alberta towards decarbonization

Carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) in Alberta takes a big step forward as the Atlas project signs a carbon sequestration agreement with Alberta's government.

The Atlas carbon storage hub, a partnership with Shell and ATCO EnPower is the first hub project to convert Phase 1 of their evaluation agreement into a sequestration agreement. This allows them the right to inject and store captured carbon dioxide on their lease, approximately 45 kilometres east of Edmonton.

Alberta already produces the most ethical energy in the world, but this is a critical milestone for Alberta as the province works to decarbonize the industry. CCUS projects in the province have already sequestered carbon dioxide equivalent to taking more than 2.5-million cars off the road. This project, when complete, will accelerate the province's goals.

"This is a historic agreement for CCUS development in our province. We're moving as quickly as anywhere in the world to develop CCUS, which is a critical tool in meeting our emissions targets. I am confident other hub operators won't be far behind Atlas to get their projects moving in this new and exciting energy sector." - Brian Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals

With the agreement in place, Atlas can now apply for necessary regulatory approvals,

including Directive 65 project approval from the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) for carbon capture, transportation and subsurface injection activities. Part of this approval process also includes addressing concerns from potentially impacted stakeholders. The AER only approves projects that meet Alberta's rigorous safety and environmental standards.

"Carbon capture and storage is a key technology to help reduce emissions from our own operations. Alberta is a leader in developing regulations to support CCS development and investment, and this leadership was critical in reaching today's agreement which enables us to take the important next steps in advancing the Atlas carbon storage hub along with our partner ATCO EnPower." - Susannah Pierce, president and country chair, Shell Canada

"Carbon capture and storage is vitally important in ATCO's pathway towards net zero and advancing the Atlas Carbon Storage Hub is proof that Alberta is leading a progressive and balanced energy transition. The ongoing support of the Government of Alberta and the deep expertise of our partners at Shell underscore the joint dedication needed to actively create a lower carbon future." - Bob Myles, chief operating officer, ATCO EnPower

When fully developed, sequestration hubs will allow operators to safely collect, transport

and permanently store captured carbon dioxide. Carbon storage hubs will help diversify the energy sector, including development of clean hydrogen, support a shift towards a cleaner electricity grid and help Alberta reach the goal of a carbon-neutral economy by 2050.

Carbon storage hubs also support plans to reduce emissions in oil sands operations and other industries such as power generation, petrochemical manufacturing, cement and steel manufacturing, biodiesel production and natural gas processing.





Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

# **ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION**

# Coal continues to play a crucial role

**How is Coal Made?** 

Coal, a fossil fuel, originates from plant remains that date back millions of years. Over these vast periods, layers of plant debris were subjected to intense heat and pressure, triggering a transformation process. This process involved the consolidation and compression of plant matter between other rock layers, known as strata.

These conditions, over time, metamorphosed the plant matter into a dense, carbon-rich substance we now identify as coal. The creation of coal seams, essentially layers or bands of coal embedded within other rock strata, is a result of this prolonged geological process. This process is referred to as 'coalification', and the rank and quality of coal are determined based on the degree of metamorphosis it undergoes.



The energy we extract from coal today is stored solar energy from millions of years ago. During their lifespan, plants absorb sunlight through photosynthesis, converting it into chemical energy. This energy was then stored in the plant matter, eventually transforming into coal. Hence, when we burn coal, we harness and utilise this ancient solar energy.

# Coal abatement technologies capture up to 99%

The existing coal abatement technologies are a range of efficient technologies that support power and heat utilities, while end-of-pipe or inboiler emission control systems can capture up to 99% of emissions. These include high-efficiency and low emissions (HELE) plants such as Ultra-supercritical (USC), Combined Heat and Power (CHP), electricity production from coal gasification (Integrated Gasification in Combined Cycle (IGCC)), and co-firing coal with biomass. To achieve these high rates of emission control, sulphur dioxides (SOx), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and particulate matter (PM) can all be captured, and the waste byproducts reused in industry and construction.

Even other emissions, such as heavy metals, can be captured.

# Coal provides energy supply to over 80 countries

Coal continues to play a crucial role in the energy supply of over 80 countries, not only in terms of electricity but also heat production. It is projected to remain the world's largest single source of electricity by 2040, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA). In many countries, coal is used for residential heating during colder months from district heating systems supplied by coal power and heat plants. Therefore, while the focus is often on electricity generation, it's important to remember that coal's contribution to global heat supply is also significant. - Future Coal



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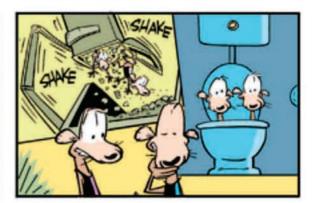
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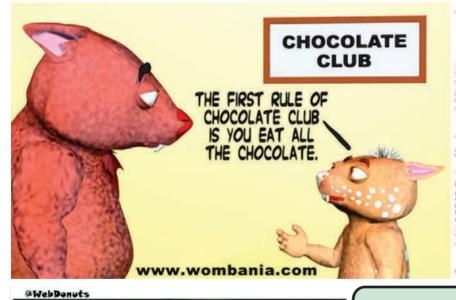






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by PETER MARINACCI







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July 24,31 Aug 7,14: Life Skills Boot Camp Peers Multiplex 11:00am-2-:30pm for ages 14-18 register by calling 780-325-3782 or email showe@yhcounty.ca July 23: Red Brick Arts Centre & Museum. Blast from the Past 9:30am

July 24: Skate Park Luau ages 12-17 7pm-11pm Youth only Free BBQ

July 27-28: Edson Renaissance Faire. For more info visit edson.ca/renfaire

July 31: YIA Wild Wednesday: River Slides & Mini Golf @ Whitecourt Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Location: Meet at Griffith's Park Centre. County pickup/dropoff available at Fulham School. Registration:

July 30: Red Brick Arts Centre & Museum.Bakers Dozen 9:30am

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**July 31:** Bring your Children to play at the park 12-2pm Light Snacks and a cold treat in Marlboro Visit yhcounty.ca/registration for more information.

**August 1:** Teddy Bear Picnic, Time: 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Location: RCMP Centennial Park. This is a FREE event, bring the family!

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# Farm & Field News and Views

# Rebuilding the Alberta cow herd

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"A burning question for many is when will the Alberta cattle sector see a rebuild of its cow herd," says Ann Boyda provincial livestock market analyst with the Alberta government. "Typically, what is needed are high calf prices and adequate precipitation. Both factors seem to be currently working in the sector's favour, but the sector sits in limbo."

Moisture has been direly needed after compounding years of drought. The June 27, 2024 Agricultural Moisture Situation Update had forecast widespread rain for much of the province for the first week of July. The 30-day trends in precipitation patterns were reported to have been near normal and many areas have received adequate moisture, except for a dry area west of Red Deer. Although July may still see the return to hot drier conditions, typically more so in the south, pasture and tame hay conditions are rated as 66% good to excellent, according to the July 9, 2024 Crop Report.

"Improved moisture conditions are but one supporting factor needed to trigger a sector rebuild," explains Boyda. "Prospects for future profitability are essential. High calf prices should theoretically stimulate new or expansion of cattle herds, but recent record high prices have not had this effect."

The average price of 550-pound steers for the first half of 2024 in Alberta is estimated at

\$420.69/hundredweight but cow inventory levels seem unaffected. With a smaller calf crop anticipated, strong prices are expected to continue.

So, what else is at play? Revenue is part of the equation. Expenses are the other. Hay prices reached over \$270/ton in the spring of 2024 and remained well above the 5-year and 10-year average of \$195/ton and \$155/ton, respectively.

"Rebuilding cattle herds can take 5 to 7 years," says Boyda. "The last beef cycle was lengthy, nearly 14 years, from 2008 to 2022. Western Canadian slaughter climbed back to levels of 2.6 million by 2022. Live cattle imports contributed over 200,000 head to help sustain the capacity. Year-to-date (YTD) (May 2024), Alberta live cattle import volume was 190,173 head, 26% over a year ago, valued at \$630.8 million or 49.4% higher than YTD 2023."

"Another indicator of whether the sector is entering a rebuild phase is that of the female slaughter ratio (percentage of heifer and cow slaughter to total cattle slaughter)," says Boyda.

The average female slaughter ratio for the period 2005 to 2023 was 49.5% for West Canada. The pattern for the first 5 months of the year (apart from the COVID market disruption in spring 2020) has been similar for the last few years ranging from 49% to 59%. Where patterns differ is during the following 6 months. July 2015 and July 2016 show evidence of expansion with lower female slaughter ratios of 34.1% and 33.5%, respectively. In comparison, July 2023 witnessed female slaughter ratios of 43%.

"Although there are more incentives for producers to retain heifers and rebuild their herds, the journey is likely to be gradual," explains Boyda. "With June fed heifer prices exceeding \$260/hundredweight and the average 2024 spring bred heifer price of \$3303/head, over 42% higher than last year, letting go of heifers has been a favoured option by some producers."

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