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by Deanna Mitchener

The kick-off to Seniors Week was a huge hit which started with a free barbecue at the Edson and District Leisure Centre on June 3.

Mayor Kevin Zahara said, "Seniors are the foundation of our community and it is important that we take the time to celebrate and recognize their contributions to the Edson area. The events being hosted this

week help to recognize the importance of seniors to our community." Amanda Wills, Parkland Lodge Activity Coordinator, said, "We are really excited with the amount of community

involvement we have this year for our seniors. Edson Pharmacy Remedy's Rx has an information centre set up so if seniors had any questions they could assist. JRF donated all the

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Holy Redeemer High School Rebels Football team provided the volunteer help with setup and take down for the kick-off event for Senior's Week hosted at the Edson and District Leisure Centre June 3. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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meat for our barbecue, and Peyto donated the use of their BBQ."

The Edson and District Leisure Centre donated the space to host the event. HRH Rebels Football team provided the help to set up all the tables and chairs which was a huge help. "Many thanks to all our volunteers who helped to make this kick off so spectacular; we just couldn't have done it without you," said Wills.

The barbecue from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. was well attended. Guests enjoyed some tasty food starting with their choice of either a cheeseburger, plain burger, or hot dog. There were two very delicious salads, along with some refreshing beverages.

The band Pluckin Holler Boys entertained the audience while they enjoyed their meal. Often



There was a steady flow of seniors lining up for the free Seniors Week Kick-Off Barbecue for seniors on June 3, hosted at the Edson and District Leisure Centre. photo Deanna Mitchener

people were getting up to dance as the music was so catchy.

The week has a pretty full schedule of free

events for all seniors to enjoy. See our following issue for more photos and information on Seniors Week events.

Lots of unique treasures at Edson Friendship store



Janice Gauchier and Keira Gomuwka sat the Edson Friendship Centre community store. photo Deanna Mitchener

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Friendship Centre recently opened a store where you can find some unique treasures either online or in person. It's a great place to shop for authentic indigenous treasures, along with many skin care products, and aromatherapy.

Janice Gauchier, Executive Assistant, at the Edson Friendship Centre, said, "All of our items are made by local artists and are handmade."

The store is open on Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday the hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The store has been doing really well and staying busy. They did really well at the Trade Show too," said Gauchier.

"We also have our annual golf tournament coming up on June 22. All the proceeds from the golf tournament go towards the Back to School program. We try to get enough money for 100 students that need some help with their school supply list. We shop local to get 100 backpacks and fill them with school supplies," Gauchier said.

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3rd Annual EARS/YAS Dog and Pony Show

by Niki Luymes

It was a large turnout of people of all ages at the Yellowhead Agricultural Grounds for the 3rd Annual Dog and Pony Show on June 2.

The event functions as a joint fundraiser for the Edson Animal Rescue Society (EARS) and the Yellowhead Agricultural Society (YAS). Actives, shows, and games were running from 10 am to 2pm.

In the arena there were both dog and horse show events. There was a dog agility demonstration and horse jumping demonstration in the morning. In the afternoon attendees could compete in either a house or dog jumping event. Each contestant would complete a jump pattern, either dog or horse size, with the fastest time receiving a prize. Even the kids had a chance to get in on the competition with the stick horse race. The last arena event for the day was the mini pony chuckwagon races. In this event 4 mini chuck teams competed in heats for the fastest time.

"It's a combination of having events in the arena to entertain people and then all sorts of other activities. It's designed for family fun," explained Lisa Wilkinson, event organizer and volunteer with EARS.

There were lots of activities

going on for kids and families. Signature K Ponies was giving kids pony rides and there was a farm animal petting zoo. Volunteers from both EARS and YAS were running the stick horse making booth where kids could create and then decorate horses for free before the race.

There was also lots of fun going on for parents. As part of the fundraiser, EARS and YAS put together a silent and live auction. The live auction was for three big-ticket items and took place in between the arena events. The groups also invited local artisans to set up booths to display their various products. There was also chicken bingo, quad raffle, an adopt a stuffy booth, and concession running throughout.

"It was a really good day. I'd say about 200 to 300 people were there. It was definitely really well attended. People were there as soon as the gates opened. It looked like lots of people had fun," said Wilkinson.

"It was for a fundraiser, but we also wanted to make it a fun family event because we really appreciate how much the town supports our causes." said Wilkinson. "I hope that's something that we're creating now. We've been doing it three years and it seems to be really well received as a good family event."



Young Lillian West enjoying the Signature K Pony rides at the 3rd annual Dog and Pony Show on June 2. photo Niki Luymes



One of the many family focused activities at this year's Dog and Pony Show on June 2, was the free farm animal petting zoo. photo Niki Luymes

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Henry Family Vision Celebrates Eight Years



Henry Family Vision is celebrating eight years in serving Edson and area. photo submitted

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by Deanna Mitchener

This June marks eight years of Henry Family Vision Care serving Edson and area. Dr. Krista Henry and her husband Colin founded Henry Family Vision, which opened on June 6, 2016.

“Amid record low oil prices and fires in Fort McMurray, we opened our doors, said Krista. “I grew up in Edson, graduating from Parkland Composite High School before moving to Edmonton and then Puerto Rico for my post secondary education. Following graduation I began practicing in Calgary where Colin worked in finance. Together we had two beautiful daughters, and began to plan opening our own practice. Edson was a logical choice for a new clinic due to proximity to family, friends, and the need for a full time clinic in the community.”

Eight years in and Henry Family Vision is still going strong and has created lasting ties to the community. “We have become a part of the community, ferrying our growing kids to sports and extracurricular activities, and often volunteering to coach or help where possible. During the winter months, it is a good bet you'll see us at the arena any given day of the week,” said Krista.

“The clinic has also grown over the last eight years. Our wonderful staff include three licensed Opticians, Nicole Staves, Nikki Coulstring, and Carissa Sidor. One Optometric Assistant, Sabrina Swartz and one Medical Aesthetician, Tracy Scheffelmaier. Healthcare in general has had massive transformation with the COVID 19 pandemic, but also a growing patient base has necessitated changes to make the clinic operate efficiently and on time,” Krista said.

“We have focused on making your eye exam more than just a prescription for glasses. From the onset Henry Family Vision has offered comprehensive eye exams utilizing OCT and retinal imaging to ensure that patients' ocular health is at the forefront of each exam. On top of routine eye exams for the entire family, we manage ocular emergencies, co-management of cataracts and LASIK surgery, and much more. Additionally, we observed that many patients struggled with symptoms of dry eyes on a daily basis. Eye drops and hot compresses could only get patients so far, thus leading to the opening of our Dry Eye Clinic,” Krista explained.

“The ability to watch local families and children grow from year to year at their routine eye exams has been an absolute pleasure and an experience that only a small community can provide. We here at Henry Family Vision are thankful to the community for the welcoming spirit, the support we have received, and the many memories made over the last eight years,” concluded Krista.

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The new version features a darker background icon, making it easy to distinguish from the old version. Please note that the old app (with a white background icon) will be discontinued on July 2, 2024.

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Letter to the Editor

Family pleas for faster Mutual Aid calls for home fires

In the early morning hours of April 20, 2024 the Westgrove neighborhood was awakened to the sights and sounds of a tragic house fire.

Obviously, many residents are not used to seeing this type of tragedy unfold before their very eyes. It was traumatic (to say the least) watching this event unfold and the stress and agony inflicted upon the victims as they watched their lives as they knew them, come crashing down so quickly.

Kudos to the Edson and Yellowhead County Fire Departments for their response. I don't think our community understands the intricacies of a volunteer model like Edson's. There is NO guarantee of a response if there are no members available. Volunteer departments also don't have the same response times as those found in the bigger centers with full-time, staffed departments—and often don't have the resources to acquire all the apparatus that can assist in different types of emergency situations.

As the events of that early morning incident unfolded, everyone present acknowledged that 'time' was the enemy. A lot of destruction occurs from the time a call for assistance is made, the time a hall is appropriately staffed to respond, the time to travel to the incident, and ultimately, to the time to get assets in position to extinguish the fire.

This was a challenging event and it did have its complications for the responders. In the end, the fire was extinguished. However, the damages included three families being displaced from their homes.

As with any major incident, a review should be undertaken to determine the things that worked well and things that could be improved upon. The observations of many witnesses that morning were that the immediate implementation of Mutual Aid from the County would have likely had a more positive outcome for the situation. This is in no way a slight to the brave men and women of the Edson Fire Department. A Mutual Aid call to the County was eventually enacted. In this particular instance, having access to additional fire fighters and the aerial truck proved instrumental in putting out this type of two story home fire. Unfortunately, a significant amount of time had passed, and subsequent damage, before this request occurred.

To clarify, there is an existing Mutual Aid Agreement in place between the Town and County for this very reason—to share resources and personnel in times of emergency, at no expense to the jurisdiction in need. The issue is that the implementation of this agreement is a judgment call of the Chief (or his/her designate) in the jurisdiction requesting aid.

Our argument to Town leadership (political and administrative) is that the resources available under this agreement should be an automatic call-out from the 9-1-1 call center when a structure fire is reported within town (as much of the County's fire equipment is already housed in Edson, including the aerial). This gets the assets moving in a timelier way than waiting on the judgment-call of an individual who may be under extreme stress, depending on the nature of the incident they are attending.

Alternatively, the Town could consider acquiring its own aerial unit, however, the cost may make it prohibitive at this time, and likely unnecessary.

It is better to have the early arrival of

manpower and equipment and not need it, as opposed to needing it and not having it.

To date, the town does not wish to enact automatic mutual aid for residential structure fires, but is discussing a joint response for what they call commercial and highlife hazard structure fires. We are not sure why they wouldn't want the best possible outcomes available for our entire community.

The Mercer Family

Editor's note: *The Edson Fire Department currently has one full time Fire Chief, a volunteer deputy, training office, chaplain, and 36 other volunteer members who strive to protect the community should an emergency arise.*

Yellowhead County fire/rescue services are provided 24/7 by a composite fire services model made up of full-time, casual, and paid on call volunteer members. The County's Central Fire Station is in Edson, and they operate six other stations throughout the Hamlets.



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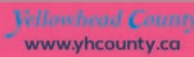
Have your questions answered, gain insight, and increase your knowledge.

Learn signs and symptoms, plus tips for how to deal with various aspects of the disease.

Presented by the Alzheimer Society of Alberta & NWT.

Snacks and refreshments provided.

Register at the YC Wildwood office at 780-325-3782, or email kschatz@yhcounty.ca or online at www.yhcounty.ca/registration



Heritage Bus Tour YELLOWHEAD COUNTY EAST JUNE 22 9a.m. to 3p.m.

\$35

Lunch included

Pick up in: Edson/Niton Junction/Wildwood
Register at yhcounty.ca/registration or call 780.325.3782



PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 03.24 & 02.24

PURSUANT TO SECTION 692 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 692 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BEING CHAPTER M-26 R.S.A. 2000 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO:

Notice is hereby given that all Public Hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on June 25, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to the proposed Bylaw No. 03.24 and Bylaw No. 02.24 being a Bylaws to amend Yellowhead County's Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw

WHAT: Proposed Bylaw No. 03.24 and Bylaw No. 02.24 Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw

WHEN: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 25, 2024

WHERE: Yellowhead County Administration Building Council Chambers 2716 1 Ave. Edson

WHY: Council will hear submissions from interested persons or their representatives in respect of the proposed Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

Submissions can be email to planninginfo@yhcounty.ca or dropped at the Yellowhead County Edson office. **Deadline for submissions to be included in the agenda is Friday June 14, 2024.** Submissions can still be received after this date but will not be included in the agenda.

All written submissions will become public information upon receipt by the Yellowhead County Council.

Copies of Bylaw no. 03.24 and 02.24 are available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County office located at 2716 - 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at 780-723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.



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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Facility Fleet Maintenance (Term Position)

Location: EDSON, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-031

Reporting to the Manager of Transportation Services, Facilities and Fleet Maintenance is responsible for the maintenance and care of County owned buildings, grounds and other facilities, and vehicle fleet in Yellowhead County.

The salary range is currently \$71,688 to \$88,893 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

This position is a Term Position for 12 months with the possibility of extension.

To apply please submit resumes at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs/

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

The competition will remain open until June 7, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Human Resources
Yellowhead County
Email: jobs@yhcounty.ca

The personal information obtained as a result of this advertisement will be utilized for these employment opportunities only, and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Project Engineer

Location: EDSON, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-030

Reporting to the General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Services, the Project Engineer will assist the General Manger in managing the County's engineering and construction program, and will be responsible for the oversight of the delivery of assigned infrastructure projects; including the County roadway infrastructure, bridge structures, Jasper/Hinton Airport, the County drainage system, water treatment and distribution systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, and solid waste management.

The salary range is currently \$86,711 - to \$107,522 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

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A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

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GRAZING LEASE AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSE

A lease on the subject property has recently become available for grazing purposes. In anticipation, Yellowhead County Administration is seeking letters of interest for the 2.5 acres coming available in Wolf Creek. Lease pricing will be established by current Yellowhead County policy. Administration is requesting letters of interest for this opportunity which will be shared with Yellowhead County Council for evaluation and a decision. As such, prospective lessees should include statements as to why they feel they should be selected by Council for this opportunity.

If interested please submit request by 12:00pm on June 19, 2024.



For more information contact Yellowhead County at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030, or email planninginfo@yhcounty.ca.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

General Manager of Infrastructure & Planning Services

LOCATION: EDSON, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-029

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer, the General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Services is responsible for managing, directing, coordinating, and supervising the delivery of service in the areas of Engineering, Transportation, Public Works, Solid Waste, and Planning. The area of Engineering, Transportation, and Public Works includes the County roadway infrastructure, bridge structures, Jasper/Hinton Airport, the County drainage system, the water treatment and distribution systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, and facilities and fleet. Solid Waste includes the management of County transfer sites, the West Yellowhead Regional Landfill Authority, and physical plants. The area of Planning includes all land planning and development functions.

The incumbent works reasonably independently within established guidelines and parameters on a variety of assigned tasks and must have a working knowledge of the maintenance and operation of a variety of field equipment, water treatment and sewage lagoon facilities, transfer sites, as well as land planning and development. The incumbent must be fully conversant with road construction and maintenance practices. The incumbent is required to prioritize workloads and applies a general knowledge of the department to respond to general and routine inquiries regarding the department's operation.

The salary range is currently \$155,807 - to \$193,201 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

To apply please submit resumes and cover letters to www.yhcounty.ca/jobs/

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

The competition will close on June 14, 2024 at 4:30pm.

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Events begin at 5:30 PM
Ages 3-13* \$15
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BEAR CHASE TRIATHLON July 18 at Bear Lake
2024

Register by June 28th to get a FREE T-shirt!

Register at yhcounty.ca/registration, or in-person at Yellowhead County offices, or call 780-723-4800.
For more information, email jmateri@yhcounty.ca

PADDLE BOARD Yoga

TUESDAYS 7PM - 8 PM
JUNE 25, JULY 9 & 23
AUGUST 13 & 20

SATURDAYS 11 AM - 12 PM
JULY 6 & AUGUST 24

Classes are weather dependent. The instructor will contact you 1.5hrs before the start of class if cancelled.

MILLERS LAKE (WEST END DAY USE AREA PLAYGROUND)

\$10 PER CLASS

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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



INVITATION TO TENDER
2024 West Vegetation Mowing
for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2024-840**
Project: 2024 West Vegetation Mowing

Will be received until: **2:00 P.M., June 19, 2024**

At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: **Approximately 580 kilometers of Vegetation Mowing of local roads throughout Yellowhead County as well as 1 Storm Pond, 1 Lagoon, 1 Freshwater Pond and the Hinton / Jasper Airport.**
 Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after **12:00 P.M., June 5, 2024**, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a **ten percent (10%) Bid Security** as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact **Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services** for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



INVITATION TO TENDER
2024 East Vegetation Mowing
for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2024-842**
Project: 2024 East Vegetation Mowing

Will be received until: **2:00 P.M., June 19, 2024**

At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: **Approximately 513 kilometers of Vegetation Mowing of local roads throughout Yellowhead County as well as 2 Lagoons.**
 Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after **12:00 P.M., June 5, 2024** at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

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INVITATION TO TENDER
2024 Central Vegetation Mowing
for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2024-841**
Project: 2023 Central Vegetation Mowing

Will be received until: **2:00 P.M., June 19, 2024**

At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: **Approximately 521 kilometers of Vegetation mowing of local roads throughout Yellowhead County as well as 1 Storm Pond and 3 Lagoons.**
 Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after **12:00 P.M., June 5, 2024** at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

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2024 COMBINED ASSESSMENT & TAX NOTICES

Yellowhead County mailed the 2024 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices May 17, 2024.

The deadline for paying is **June 30, 2024**.

Payment Options:

- **Edson or Wildwood Yellowhead County Offices (drop box available after hours at Edson location only)**
- **At your Chartered Bank or Credit Union**
- **Telephone Banking**
- **Internet banking (Your Tax Roll Number is your Account number)**
- **Courier or Canada Post (postmarked on/or before the 2024 due date.)**

A penalty will be applied to all 2024 tax levies that are outstanding after the due date.

If you have not received a notice, or have further questions, call the Yellowhead County office at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

For more information, please call **1-800-665-6030** or **780-723-4800** or email info@yhcounty.ca



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-078	Plan 9525039 Blk 1, Lot 2 NW-30-50-25-W5 Maskuta Estates	Short Term Accommodation	May 27/24	Permitted Use
D24-076	NW-1-51-26-W5 Entrance Area	Work Camp Expansion - Discretionary	May 27/24	June 17/24
D24-077	SW-29-53-11-W5 Nojack Area	Work Camp Expansion - Discretionary	May 27/24	June 17/24
D24-073	Plan 1923398 Blk 1, Lot 2 SW-18-54-16-W5 North of Edson	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage	May 27/24	Permitted Use
D24-079	SE-2-54-10-W5 Chip Lake Area	Manufactured Home (Additional) - Variance To Side Yard Setback	May 27/24	June 17/24
D24-081	Plan 9021925 Blk 5, Lot 19 SW-15-50-27-W5 Brule	Home Business Small - Reiki & Woodworking	May 28/24	Permitted Use
D24-082	Plan 1722838 Blk 1, Lot 3 NE-32-54-15-W5 Bear Lake Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage and Covered Porches	May 28/24	Permitted Use
D24-083	Plan 0740649 Blk 1, Lot 5 NE-29-53-15-W5 Pinedale Area	Accessory Building (Cold Storage Shed)	Jun 4/24	Permitted Use
D24-080	Plan 1222415 Blk 4, Lot 3 SE-32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Short Term Accommodation - Discretionary	Jun 5/24	June 26/24
D24-070	NE-19-54-15-W5 Drostan Area	Secondary Suite - External (ATCO Trailer) - Variance To Front Yard Setback	Jun 5/24	June 26/24

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board** or **Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal** dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$500.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision.

Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

50 Year Milestone for Edson Veterinary Clinic

by Deanna Mitchener

2024 marks a special milestone for Edson Veterinary Clinic as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

It has been a journey filled with dedication to animal care that has included many veterinarians and support staff along the way. The staff is immensely proud that this clinic has been serving the Edson community for half a century.

The clinic currently operates as a partnership with three owners.

Dr. Eiry Spence, said, "We are supported by two dedicated associates and one part-time locum (travelling doctor). We have an incredibly talented team of support staff that works tirelessly behind the scenes as well. Our team is passionate about providing comprehensive veterinary services to our community. We take pride in being a mixed practice, where the variety of cases ensures that no two days are ever the same."

"This diversity allows us to continually expand our skills and knowledge, providing the best possible care for our patients. We provide a large array of services including [but not limited] to preventative care, surgery, treatment and hospitalization of medical cases, bovine and equine reproduction and care, and dental care for horses, dogs and cats. We have a large in-clinic pharmacy and supply high-quality pet foods for our clients. We are also currently the only clinic in the area that provides consistent emergency coverage for our clients after hours," said Dr. Spence.

When asked what is the most rewarding part of being a veterinarian, Spence responded, "One of the aspects I find most rewarding is the

opportunity to build meaningful and lasting relationships with our clients. Whether it's building them through routine care, supporting them during challenging times, or celebrating the joys of pet ownership. These connections are at the heart of what we do. The trust and rapport we've built with our clients over the years have been a cornerstone of our success. As we approach this significant anniversary, we are excited to reflect on our journey and express our gratitude to the community that has entrusted us with their pets care."

"The Edson Veterinary Clinic was established in 1974 by Dick Temple, with incentive from the provincial government which built and owned the initial building. Trevor Jackson graduated in 1977 and purchased the clinic in 1978. Dave Holroyd started in 1980 with Brent McLeod starting a few years later, Brent and Dave bought into the practice in 1984. Trevor left in 1990. The building was purchased from the provincial government in the 1990s and there have been several major renovations since. A satellite clinic was previously held in Hinton but was sold in 1990. Although the clinic initially focussed on farm animals it has shifted over the years to a larger portion of small animal clients with horses and cattle making up less than 50% of the current client base," explained Spence.

"The clinic has been locally and privately owned since its start with partners buying in and out as they start their profession, move, or retire. This is becoming unique in a world where corporate ownership of veterinary clinics is becoming more common and veterinarians no longer have the worries or the benefits of business ownership," said Spence.

"Over the years the clinic has had

multiple partners and associates that have each left their special touches on the clinic that we see today. Although the practice has been around for many years our standard of care, knowledge, equipment, and practices have kept up with current advances in veterinary medicine. Some major changes that we have had over the years include changing from a single vet practice to a multi-vet practice, shifting focus from predominantly large animal to small animal patients, updating all medical records to a computer-based platform, digital radiography including full body, dental, and mobile for horses, ultrasound for small animal diagnostics and reproductive work in cattle, full in-house blood work, and better tools for monitoring patients while under anaesthesia," Spence said.

"We keep updated with new techniques through yearly continuing education, courses, online veterinary forums, and volunteering on veterinary councils. You will often see veterinary students around the clinic as we are part of the University of Calgary Distributed Veterinary Learning Center where veterinary students spend a portion of their final year experiencing mixed animal practice," Spence added.

The current owners are Doctors Anne Rogers, Jordan Laird, and Eiry Spence. Other associates Doctors are Megan Russnak, Mallory Goodmanson, and Patti Sinclair.

In an interview with Dr Anne Rogers we asked at what age did she decide to become a veterinarian. "I wanted to be a veterinarian since I was a young

child. After attending UBC Faculty of Agriculture and then the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, I graduated there with my DVM in 1999. After three years working in southern Saskatchewan, I moved to Edson where I started in February of 2003. My husband and I have raised our two boys here. Edson has been a great community to raise our family. I enjoy the diversity of the work that we do. No day is ever the same. I also value the long-term relationships with clients that I have developed over the last 21 years."

Dr. Jordan Laird said, "I grew up in the Edson area and was an active member in the local 4-H and agriculture community throughout my grade school years. With a background in cow/calf and a mom who worked in vet medicine, I was interested in veterinary medicine from a very young age. After attending the U of A, I went on to complete my veterinary degree at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 2014. I spent five years working in the Mayerthorpe area before coming back to Edson in 2020, where I now farm with my husband and two boys near Shiningbank Lake. I very much enjoy my role as a partner at Edson Veterinary Clinic. The veterinary industry is a fantastic one to be a part of and keeps us well connected to our agriculture roots."

Edson Veterinary Clinic will be hosting their 50th Anniversary Celebration on Weds, June 19 from 12pm to 4pm, everyone is welcome to drop in and wish them a happy anniversary.

Reflections welcomes new management

by Deanna Mitchener

Reflections is very excited to have Carole Haubi join their management team. Carole is actively involved in the community and brings with her a wealth of experience in working with the various organizations and clients that Reflections collaborates with. Reflections looks forward to a bright future.

Haubi said, "I have a passion for bringing awareness to and supporting our vulnerable individuals, while emphasizing how needed Reflections is as a resource for our community. I am very excited for what the future holds for both myself and Reflections."

"It's going to take some time to get where we need to be in the community. I'm very hopeful and ambitious that we will take baby-steps moving forward. I hope Reflections can offer in the future more programming, grow a strong community support, and



Carole Haubi is the new manager at Reflections in Edson. photo Deanna Mitchener

enhance connections and resources that will help support all our individuals facing barriers, whether that be homelessness, FASD, or low income. Everyone is welcome to access what we offer in our community," said Haubi.

Celebrating 50 Years

Please Join us at
The Edson Veterinary Clinic
to Celebrate 50 Years
Serving Edson and Area!
Wednesday June 19th
12pm - 4pm





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

Yellowhead County

Adventure Play Camps!

Cost: \$5 **Ages 3-5***

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.*

A BUG'S LIFE

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

DINO WORLD

Are you ready for a back-in-time adventure? Get ready to explore this historical era as we take you on a journey through time as you navigate your way through this ancient world!

July 9 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Peers Multiplex	July 18 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Niton Community Hall	July 30 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Peers Multiplex	August 8 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Niton Community Hall
July 11 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Entwistle Community Hall	July 23 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Marlboro Community Hall	August 1 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Entwistle Community Hall	August 13 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Marlboro Community Hall
July 16 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Wildwood Complex	July 25 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Robb Multiplex	August 6 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Wildwood Complex	August 15 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Robb Multiplex

Registration is required. Go to www.yhcounty.ca/registration
 Registration opens June 10

COUNTY KIDS

AWESOME ADVENTURE CAMPS!

Camps are for ages 6 to 11!
Cost: \$20 per week

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.

Registration opens June 10th at www.yhcounty.ca/registration

WILD WANDERERS!

Embark on an exhilarating adventure like never before with our summer camp, where the wonders of nature await! Join us as we delve into the heart of the diverse ecosystems, from lush rainforests to arid deserts and everything in between.

Every day brings a new and thrilling experience, so pack your bags, gather your courage, and prepare for the journey of a lifetime at our wilderness exploration camp!

July 8-11 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Wildwood Complex	Aug 6-8 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM Brule Community Hall
July 15-18 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM Marlboro Community Hall	Aug 12-15 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Peers Multiplex
July 22-25 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Entwistle Community Hall	Aug 19-21 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM Robb Multiplex
July 29-Aug 1 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Niton Community Hall	

What should you bring to camp? Here's a checklist!

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen	<input type="checkbox"/> Bug spray	<input type="checkbox"/> Towel
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Hat	<input type="checkbox"/> Swim suit
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy snacks	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive attitude!
<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes (in/outdoor)	

www.yhcounty.ca

Grizzly Bear Research

fRI Research is working with Mountain View BearSmart Society to monitor grizzly bear populations in this area

To do this, we would like to set up sites with a scented lure surrounded by barbed wire.

Curious bears leave tufts of hair that we collect for analysis.

DNA in the hair lets us identify bears and understand how the population in the area is changing. We also extract hormones for indications of the bear's health and reproductive status.

The scented lures contain no food reward, so after investigating the site, bears move on and generally do not return once the lure is removed. The scents travel a few hundred meters at most, only drawing bears that are already nearby.

A site can yield hair samples from just 1 or 2 grizzly bears over the entire summer. While many sites don't yield any grizzly bear hair, this is also important information.

For more information, contact Paul Fraser
 (403) 638-6406
info@mountainviewbearsmart.com

CRACK-SEALING YELLOWHEAD COUNTY SUMMER ROADWORK PROGRAM

Between May to Early July

Please follow all posted construction signs.

Please slow down around flagging crews to allow work crews and vehicles the space needed to complete their work.

This work extends the life and usage of these areas and will result in a better road system and safety for traffic on these routes.

Learning about Indigenous Culture

by Deanna Mitchener

The local Friendship Centre offers a lot of interesting programs and opportunities for the surrounding community. If you are interested in learning more about the culture or have questions, feel free to stop by and ask.

Ben Woelfing works for the Culture Program at the Centre. He is eager to help whenever he can.

The centre has some courses being offered including an advanced beading class. They have a language program for elementary students to learn some of the Indigenous language and culture. Reconciliation and Indigenous days are also important celebrations.

"The way I look at things, every day can be a reconciliation day," said Woelfing. "It doesn't have to be just one day, it can be every day."

"We also assist individuals that need extra help applying for a job or help with registration for courses. If youth are not sure what they need to do or if they have barriers we can definitely help with

that. We can help with status cards and applying with the government. We can offer help to all ages," said Woelfing.

"We have social workers here to help families with new babies. I specifically work with the Elders. Treaty cards do expire and in some cases Elders need some extra assistance. If they need help to reapply or they have questions, I can help them through the process," Woelfing said.

"The one thing I have noticed—we need to be proud of who we are. My day looks different from day to day and some days I might get called out. Some days we are here at 6:00 a.m. and other days here until late at night. It all depending on the help and support someone is in need of," added Woelfing.

Cultural awareness is up to each of us. Being sensitive and understanding when it comes to an unfamiliar culture is a learning opportunity. Learn how you can help or become involved by taking the first step and asking questions from those who know and are ready to help.



Stop by the Edson Friendship Centre and meet Ben Woelfing. Ben works Culture Program. photo Deanna Mitchener

Yellowhead County Libraries To Offer CAEC Preparation Course This Summer

(YC) Recently introduced, the Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) is a high-quality, made-in-Canada education credential that meets industry standards as a replacement for the GED®. The CAEC is for adults who do not have a high school diploma but need an education credential to open new doors to educational or employment opportunities.

"More and more jobs in our area are requiring candidates to have a high school diploma or an equivalent. Looking at the data, there is an average need for this in

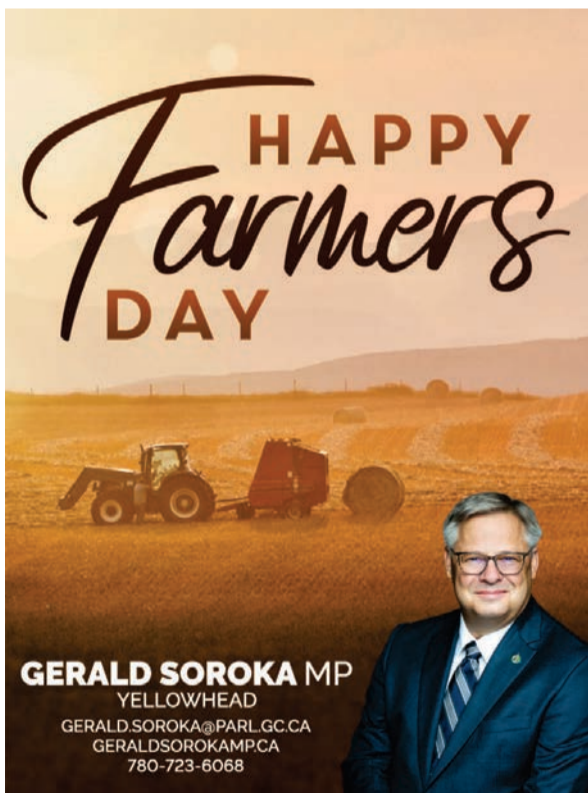
our community. We are well positioned as public libraries to organize and host a preparation course for those who want to write the CAEC tests and advance their careers" says Robert McClure, Director of Yellowhead County Libraries.


The CAEC tests cover five subject areas: reading, writing, math, social studies, and science. The preparation courses will be informal, with attendees able to receive subject specific help from a qualified instructor. "We recognize that everyone preparing to write the CAEC tests will have different education levels, different strengths and different areas where they require more coaching" McClure continues.

The sessions are scheduled to take place in the evenings to accommodate those who work during the day and will take place at all three Yellowhead County Libraries. The sessions


will begin on July 2nd and run until August 8th.

The sessions will be at 7 PM on Tuesdays in Wildwood Public Library, 7 PM on Wednesdays in Evansburg Public Library and 7 PM on Thursdays in Niton Public Library. To register, residents can call 780-325-3882 or visit their closest Yellowhead County library.





Thank You...



On April 28th 2024 my husband Howie Johnston died at home surrounded by his family. He had been ill for a long time and this was his wish ... to die in his own bed.

It was through the efforts of his physician, Dr Rudi Gous, the exceptional compassion, care, and friendship of the nurses in the infusion unit at the hospital and our amazing Home Care nurses, Kim, Kathy, and Charlene led by Marilyn Oishi, that we were able to comply with his final wishes.

Our family will be forever grateful to you. In this climate of concern and criticism of the health care system in Alberta, it is reassuring to find that compassionate, professional, and loving care is alive and well in Edson.

*A sincere THANK YOU to all.
Gail Johnston and family*

Edson Food Bank Society

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Community Gardens filled with activity

by Deanna Mitchener

Volunteers and staff from the Edson Recycle Depot have been working on phase one which will add raised beds at the Community Gardens, all while keeping the labyrinth pattern intact. This change will make the gardens more accessible and easier to maintain.

The ground has been prepared and the raised beds have been assembled and put in place.

Grade 9 students from Parkland Composite High School will be helping fill the new raised planters, laying cardboard, adding wood chips, and topsoil.

Student doctors are volunteering while on locum or practicum.

Once again, students from Mary Bergeron School will be partnering with seniors from Parkland Lodge to plant and maintain several raised beds, this offers a wonderful intergenerational opportunity.

Anne Auriat, Community Garden Manager, said, "We are starting a new program this season in June. The 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. we will host 'Coffee in the Garden for Seniors'. We want to provide an opportunity to reminisce about gardening, share gardening tips, and work in the garden. And of course, have coffee or tea along with a treat. We hope to get seniors to come and spend some time with us at the Community Garden."

A lot of school tours are being offered at the community gardens. The tours involve exploring the garden, learning about the

vegetation, doing an activity, and having a snack. These tours are being offered Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the school year. If teachers are looking for a field trip to the Community Gardens, please contact Barb via email communty@edsonrecycle.com.

"On June 24 we are hosting a Community Garden Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the gardens new look, and we hope you will join us at the garden," said Auriat.

On May 30, the Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School visited the Edson Community Garden. The grade one and two class were bussed to and from the garden. While at the garden students took part in building their own bird house. They painted and decorated them to take home. Auriat led the students on a tour around the garden. When first entering the garden there is a beautiful illustration board that has a few different QR codes that present local bird sounds on your phone. There are photos from around Fickle Lake, Dog Park Pond, and Yellowhead County of many native plants and animals.

Students also got to enjoy hot dogs and watermelon before they headed back to school.

Over the past few years many of the trees and shrubs have grown to create a beautiful oasis.

Some community members have rented plots to do their own gardening. While others come to volunteer and help with planting and harvesting for the local food bank, others come just to enjoy the beautiful area.



On May 30, Belinda Froese had grade one and two students from Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School at the Edson Community Garden for a field trip. photo Deanna Mitchener



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June 12: EDRS Coffee in the Garden for Seniors @ the Community Garden 816-46 St, Edson.

June13: Renew & Rejuvenate Women's Conference. 9am-3pm
Registration deadline June 10 register at the Wildwood Community Hall.

June13: Social Services Resources Fair. 3:00pm-5:00pm free to attend learn about different social resources to you. Wildwood Community Hall.

June 18: Northern Metallic Tent and BBQ event. Everyone welcome. 5540 3 Ave, Edson. Proceeds to Edson Public Library.

June 15: Grief Support Group 9:30am-11:30am at Griffiths park centre questions contact Sarah at 780-712-3500 or email sarahm@edson.ca

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June 19: First Link Connection Brain Presentation 6 to 8pm. Register 780-325-3782 or Visit yhcounty.ca/registration.

June22: Eddies Big Run. Register Now at edson.ca or runningroom.com or in person at Edson District Leisure centre. 1021 49 st Edson.

June 22: Shandy's Dream for a Cure, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, RCMP Centennial Park. This is a BBQ fundraiser created in memory of Shandy who passed away from a brain tumour.

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Gag order on petroleum industry must be stopped

When dealing with public sentiment there's an old adage that goes, "Whoever controls the



From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
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message controls the masses". What that means is that no matter what lies behind a situation, getting enough people to believe your version is all that matters.

In February this year, federal NDP MP Charlie Angus introduced a bill that threatened fines and jail time for Canada's oil and gas industry if they tried to defend their record on the environment.

Albertans, along with many Canadians, were immediately outraged, but the bill was laughed away as just plain silly. After all, free speech in Canada is guaranteed, right?

A few months later though, through last-minute amendments to Bill C-59, MP Charlie Angus managed to sneak his bill in through the back door.

Minister of Environment and Protected Areas of Alberta, Rebecca Schulz, stated in an Op/Ed, "Supported by the federal Bloc Québécois, NDP and Liberals, the bill will clear the way for environmental activists to sue oil and gas companies over 'misleading

environmental benefits.' "Environmental activists will be able to bring claims against

oil and gas companies under so called 'anti-greenwashing provisions.'

"Companies that wish to defend their environmental record will have to prove that their claims can be substantiated by an 'internationally recognized methodology,' a vague and undefined phrase that creates needless uncertainty for businesses.

"Any company not willing to risk millions of dollars in fines and legal fees will be forced to stay silent.

And that is exactly the outcome that Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault and the federal Liberal-NDP-Bloc Québécois alliance wants to happen."

C-59 is currently in third reading in the House of Commons and may pass as early as this week. After that it will head to the Liberal-dominated Senate, where it will likely be rubber-stamped.

"C-59, put plain and simply, is an undemocratic gag order. It must be stopped," concluded Minister Schulz.

Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of: May 27 to June 2, 2024

Traffic violations calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 21 calls. Other investigations included: Assistance 16; Abandoned Vehicles 0; Alarms/False Alarms 0; Animal Calls 0; Assault 3; Cause Disturbance 2; Fail to Comply with Conditions 3; False/Abandoned 911 Call 13; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 1, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 3; Lost or found property 4, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 1; Information File 1; Mental Health Act 5; Mischief or Damage 7; Municipal Bylaws 0; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 2; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 0; Suspicious persons 14; Traffic Complaints 16; Theft Complaints 08, Trespassing 5; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Check 1.

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