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EDSON EVACUATED FOR SECOND TIME

Pembina Wildfire reaches Willmore Park

by Niki Luymes

On June 9th at 6:22 pm Yellowhead County and the Town of Edson issued an Evacuation Order for the town and parts of Yellowhead County due to out of control

wildfires in the area.

The western boundary of the evacuation zone in Yellowhead County was Range Rd 200. The northern boundary was Township 570 to Range Rd 160, then north to Township 580 east to Highway 751, and

south to Township 520. This included the Town of Edson.

This was the second wildfire evacuation of Edson to occur in just over a month. The first wildfire evacuation occurred on May 5 and remained in effect until May 8.

Due to the increased fire activity, the wildfires were becoming extremely unpredictable. The fires were moving closer to more populated areas, including Edson with over 8000 residents. The wildfires

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The scorched remains of the overflow campground at Willmore Park. The Pembina Wildfire Complex spotted north over the McLeod River and into the campground on June 9 at about 11pm. photo Niki Luymes

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...Wildfires force second evacuation of Edson and area

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had jumped fire guards and posed a considerable risk of impacting roads and highways—potentially blocking points of egress for evacuation.

"We are seeing live embers and fire in Willmore Park," the Town stated in a June 9 release. "The fire has crossed the [McLeod] River. If you haven't evacuated yet, now is the time. Emergency crews are taxed with fire operations and will not be able to respond if you require assistance." On Friday night live embers from the

wildfire floated 500 meters across the McLeod River and ignited the overflow campground at Willmore Park near Edson. "We are very lucky that it didn't take out our main campground, but our overflow is completely destroyed. So this is something that we are pretty sad about for our community," said Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

Crews are continuing to work with Yellowhead County and the Town of Edson to patrol and set up

structure protection as required ahead of the fire in this area and will continue to work to ensure 100% extinguishment.

The wildfire, part of the Pembina Complex, began 5km northwest of Brazeau Dam and by June 12 had advanced to within 1.5kms of Edson. The fire is classified as out of control and was estimated to be 204,284 ha in size (as of June 13). The wildfire has three main 'fingers' that branch off to the north. The Willmore Park finger; the Fickle Lake finger, which was about 5 kms south of Marlboro; and the Carrot Creek finger which was approximately 6kms south of Highway 16 and approximately 10kms southwest of Carrot Creek.

Firefighters from Edson and Yellowhead County have been joined by firefighters from across the country and around the world, including the Canadian military. "The fires overall have been astronomically challenging," said Yellowhead County Director of Protective Services and Fire Chief, Albert Bahri. "Crews are tired. Crews are trying to come in from all over the Province, all over the world really. We have South African crews here, they are here from the United States.

Chief Bahri added that the fire crews are tired, but not yet frustrated. "It's all challenging, it's challenging terrain, it's challenging fighting the fire, everything about it just taxes everybody who is working on it. It's making sure we manage that to get them some time off, or at least get some down time, so they get a chance to recover. We've cycled through since the 29th of April when the first fire started, and we've been at it ever since. That's a long run."



Crews continue working on hotspots on Pembina Wildfire Complex. AB Wildfire



EWf031 had burnt past its wildfire boundary on the east side of the perimeter near Cynthia. The fire remained 18 km west of Cynthia (June 13, 2023). AB Wildfire

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... "Our first priority is putting the fire out." says Mayor Zahara

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"These fires are being fought by world-class firefighting crews from around the globe, and we're throwing everything we have at them." the Town stated in a release on June 11. "We are doing everything we can to keep our homes and communities safe, and to get you all home as soon as possible."

A reception centre for evacuees was set up at the Edmonton Expo Centre. Bussing was made available to Edson and County residents headed to the centre. The remainder of Yellowhead County remains on alert and residents were told they should be ready to evacuate.

While local officials had initially projected that residents maybe able to return home on June 14, that estimation has proved wrong. "We are not going to allow people back in until we absolutely believe it's safe to do so. We want to give people enough notice because we need to get essential services back in. This has been devastating to evacuate a community of 8400 people within just a few weeks of each other, twice. But these are the tough decisions we're willing to make in order to protect our residents," said Mayor Zahara.

"Our first priority is putting the fire out, and that's going to take a long time. This is a hot fire, it burned very hot. Our first priority is going to be the firefighting effort, which means when people come back there's going to be a lot of services that that town is not going to be able to provide. Our staff are maxed out and they are going to be focused on this for a long time," said Zahara.

"These decision are not easy," added Wade Williams, Mayor of Yellowhead County. "To make decisions to uproot people and evacuate

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The burnt remains of one of the caretaker buildings at Willmore Park due to the wildfire. photo Niki Luymes

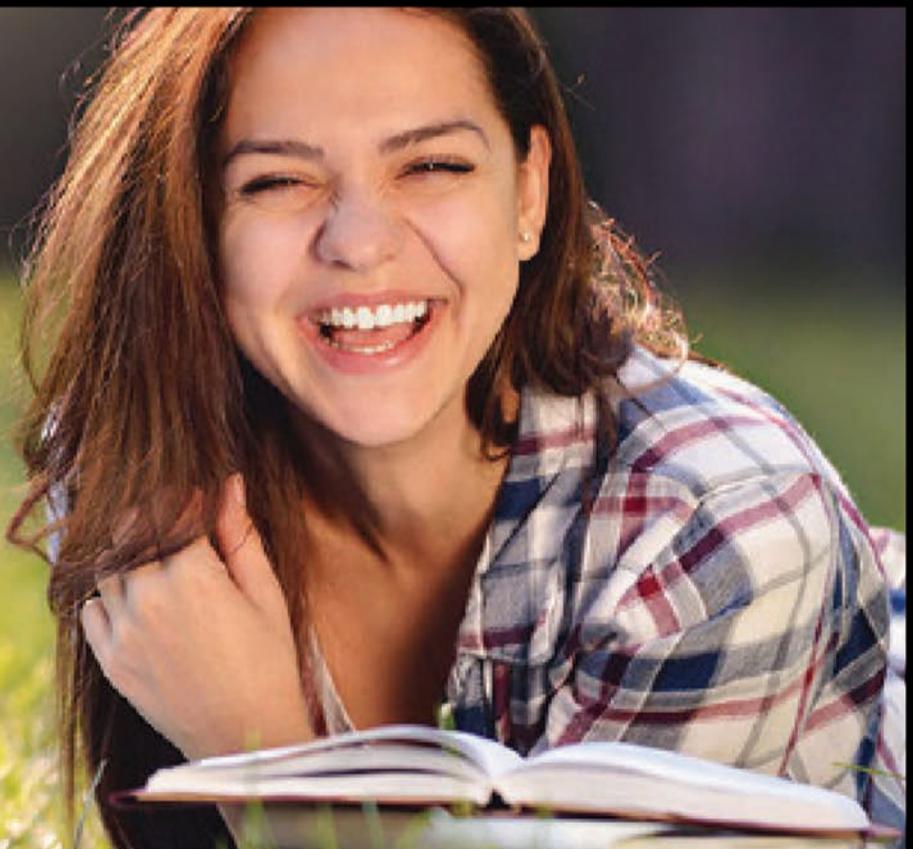


Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara and Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams answering questions from the press on June 12 at Willmore Park during a media tour of the wildfire area. photo Niki Luymes

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...Decisions that uproot people 'not easy' says Mayor Williams

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and call them out of their homes is not easy. I do want to really thank our residents for being patient with us, working with us as best they can, and we just feel for everybody who is displaced. I can't explain these fires any easier than to say that this has been a horrible event that has gone on for seven weeks at this point and we don't see any end in sight in the near future."

For information on evacuation alerts and orders, please visit Alberta Emergency Alert or visit www.edson.ca and www.yhcounty.ca and their social media pages for updates. All residents are encouraged to download the Alberta Emergency Alert app. For evacuation information, contact the info line: 1-833-334-4630.



Main Street Edson and the downtown remained intact on June 13, yet eerily deserted after the second evacuation of the town and parts of Yellowhead County on June 9. photo Niki Luymes



A helicopter refilling its water bucket in the McLeod River at Willmore Park near the town of Edson. photo Niki Luymes



There was extensive damage to trees and the overflow campsite at Willmore Park as a finger of the Pembina Wildfire Complex jumped the McLeod River the evening of June 9. photo Niki Luymes

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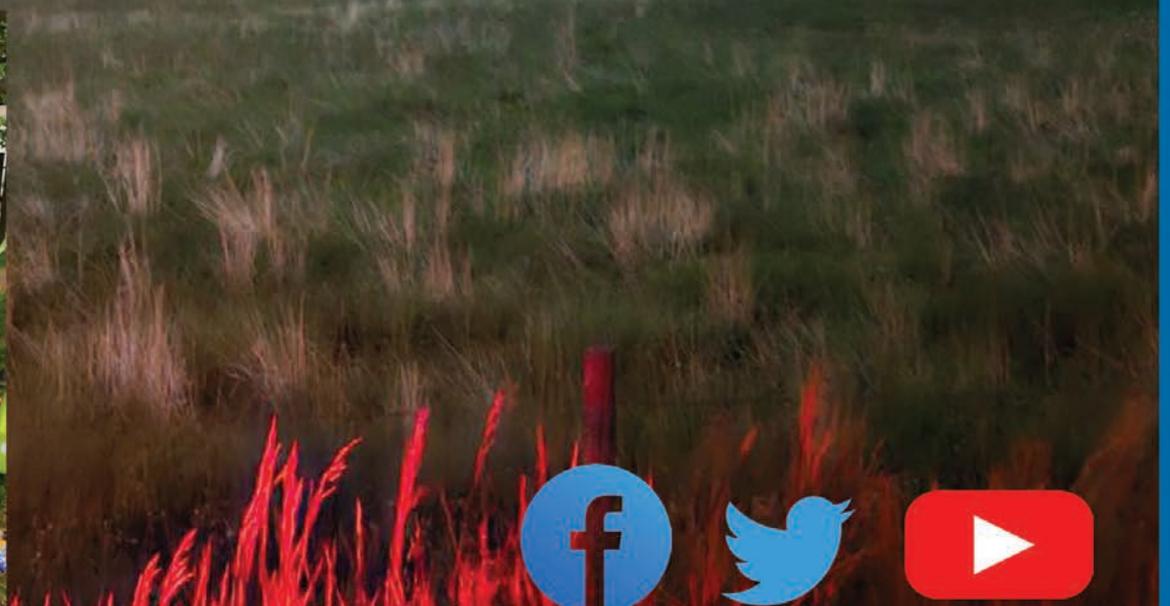
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This is an unprecedented natural disaster, and we are grateful for the support from residents and the surrounding and faraway communities in our fire-fighting efforts.



We are doing our best to inform everyone about the wildfire status as new information becomes available. Please visit our website at edson.ca or our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) channels to stay informed.



2nd Evacuation

Once again Edson and area residents packed their families, pets, and essential possessions into their vehicles and headed out of the region.



by Dana McArthur
publisher/Editor

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here at Shiningbank. People are going about their lives as normal while

generally finding ways to work around the inconveniences of the evacuation orders."

"After the initial fires and the utter abandonment of Shiningbank area residents by all levels of government, there is very little, if any, respect given to government in this region. Shiningbank area residents stayed and fought the fires on their own to a complete stop with zero assistance from any level of government," Russell stated.

"The strength and independence of Shiningbank area residents is something that outsiders will probably never understand. The events of the wildfires have understandably caused emotions to run high, and people's comments and actions are sometimes extreme in this situation. Residents here have put their faith in their own independence, strength and support of our residential fire militia."

The staunch independence and resolution of those who took the risk to stay behind to protect what many have spent a lifetime building, offers a great deal to admire.

Of important note is —these fires are extreme, and have been clocked travelling close to 300 kms per hour sending out spot fires and deadly smoke ahead of the blazes, with have reached over 300 feet in height. The potential to cut off egress points or being trapped between fingers of the fire can not be overstated.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all those brave people who battle this 'beast' of a wildfire, and the support and logistics staff who help form the backbone of this dangerous work.

A new wildfire evacuation alert was sent out to residents of the area on June 9, several hours after an evacuation warning was given.

With hundreds of firefighters and support staff being shared between the Pembina Complex of fires, there are also 67 pieces of heavy equipment, and 22 helicopters working to bring an end to the fires.

The international contingent of personnel dedicated to the Pembina Complex includes professionals from Australia, South Africa, United States. Along with crews from Alberta, B.C. and other parts of Canada, additional support and resources are arriving daily.

The Town stated, "We're throwing everything we have" at this wildfire. The primary objectives remain public and first responder safety. Yellowhead County, with the support of the Town of Edson, has also integrated their structure protection branch to allow for seamless coordination with Alberta Wildfire.

Despite the evacuation notices, there were some residents who chose to risk staying behind to protect their properties and livelihoods. This was despite the cautions that fire crews may not be able to come to their aid if fires cut off access or elevated dangers to life elsewhere caused a shortage of personnel able to respond.

David Russell from the Shinningbank area, speaking on his own personal viewpoint (not as a County Councillor) said, " On a personal viewpoint, I will say that evacuation notices are, for the most part, completely ignored out



This wildfire photo from the Shiningbank area was taken by area Rancher Bj Fuchs.

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Message from Edson RCMP Staff Sergeant on evacuation

The evacuation went well, the population was prepared and receptive to the fact we needed to evacuate a second time. It went seamlessly, no incident to report.

While the population was evacuated, the Edson RCMP with the assistance of RCMP relief members and outside agencies, maintained a 24 hrs safety perimeter and check points around Edson and in the County. Multiple roving patrols were completed to prevent and reduce crime in the community.

Thank you to all the law enforcement personnel who came to assist during the evacuation.

I would also like to thank all the residents for their cooperation and patience during the evacuation. You made our work a lot easier and safer for the entire community.

Staff Sergeant Christian Delisle
Detachment Commander
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1.0 km or more for children in kindergarten and students in Grades 1-6; and,
2.0 kms or more for students in Grades 7-12 will qualify for transportation service.

As a phased approach to implementing the new service criteria, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division is moving to implement the changes for September 2023.

Families who qualify for eligible service under the new distance criteria are invited to register for busing as soon as possible.

The Division will try to accommodate as many newly eligible riders as possible. Registrations received after June 30, 2023, are subject to seat availability.

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Requests for ineligible bus service should also register by the June 30 deadline; however, please note that eligible students will have priority on all routes.

Based on increased eligible riders, ineligible riders may not receive confirmation of a seat until after September 30, 2023. Additionally, requests for alternate (second) seats on other bus routes may not be confirmed until after September 30, 2023.

The Division is currently looking to recruit and train new bus drivers in anticipation of increases to eligible student ridership once the mandatory service requirement comes into effect in 2024. Please visit the **Careers** page on the Division's website at www.gypsd.ca/working-at-gypsd.

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Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D23-058	SE-36-50-26-W5 Hinton Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	May 24/23
D23-038	Plan 7921035 Blk 5, Lot 1MR NE-5-47-23-W5 Cadomin	Community Facility (Cadomin Community Facility) Variance to Front Yard Setbacks & Parking Discretionary Use	May 24/23
D23-044	NW-35-53-18-W5 Edson West	Manufactured Home - Additional & Accessory Building (Garage)	May 30/23
D23-060	Plan 2320348 Blk 3, Lot 6 NE-27-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Accessory Building (Garage)	June 2/23
D23-063	Plan 0621121 Blk 1, Lot 2 SW-21-53-15-W5 Pinedale Area	Manufactured Home	June 5/23
D23-064	Plan 9422864 Blk 3, Lot 1 NW-6-51-25-W5 Entrance Area	Accessory Building (pole Shed/Barn)	June 6/23
D23-065	NE-32-54-15-W5 Bear Lake Area	Accessory Building (Garage)	June 6/23
D23-061	Plan 1322520 Blk 1, Lot 1 SE-13-53-8-W5 Evansburg Area	Recreation Cabin	June 6/23

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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 \$300.00 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.



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Edson and area residents return home

by Dana McArthur

On June 15, the Town of Edson lifted the evacuation order that was put in place on June 9th at 6:22 pm.

Yellowhead County and the Town of Edson issued the evacuation order for the town and parts of the county due to out of control wildfires in the area.

Edson's Chief Administrative Officer, Christine Beveridge, said, "We are happy to announce that we are lifting the evacuation order at 6pm tonight."

This was the second wildfire evacuation of Edson to occur in just a few weeks. The first wildfire evacuation occurred on May 5 and

remained in effect until May 8.

Rains and favourable weather, along with the efforts of fire crews battling the Willmore Park wildfire were key factors in lifting the evacuation order.

The wildfires received a significant amount of rain over the last two days which will buy firefighters up to 10 days of quiet fire behaviour, said Beveridge. Firefighters continue to work as quickly as possible to build containment lines and extinguish hotspots in key areas near communities.

"Welcome home and please drive safely," said Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara. Thanks went to all those who have

helped battle the wildfires. Yellowhead County has removed its Evacuation Order as of 6:00pm on June 14, for the Marlboro and Millers Lake areas and south of Highway 16.

Fire crews continue to make progress in fighting fires, creating fire guards, and putting out hotspots. However, even with cooler temperatures, and rain, the fires remain out-of-control and are still close to rural homes, roads and highways, and several communities including the Town of Edson.

Local officials caution residents to be prepared to evacuate with four hours notice if the situation worsens. The potential for further

evacuations will remain until snow cover takes place this winter.

For information on evacuation alerts and orders, please visit

Alberta Emergency Alert or visit www.edson.ca and www.yhcounty.ca and their social media pages for updates. All residents are encouraged

to download the Alberta Emergency Alert app. For evacuation information, contact the info line: 1-833-334-4630.



(June 12) RCMP standing guard on the Highway 16 entrance to Edson during the wildfire evacuation and closure of the townsite's access. photo Niki Luymes

Second wildfire evacuation at Parkland Lodge

by Deanna Mitchener

The Weekly Anchor reached out to Kristen Chambers, Chief Administrative Officer for Parkland Lodge, to ask a few questions about how the second wildfire evacuation went.

"The second evacuation was much quicker and well orchestrated than last month's evacuation. We had time to apply suggestions from our debriefings and were very confident going into this situation," said Chambers.

"The residents have shown tremendous resiliency. There was so much fear and anxiety the first evacuation, but this time the residents were calmer, better packed, and better prepared. Many of them went to the same sites as last time, so they knew what to expect and even had friends there they were looking forward to seeing," Chambers said.

"The seniors in our region, as a whole, were treated to an outstanding display of support from all our communities. Many evacuated seniors were still able to attend weekend Seniors Week events in the communities they were temporarily relocated to," added Chambers.

"The seniors have been spread out between Hinton, Jasper, and Grande Cache. The majority went to Grande Cache as they do not have the same risk of losing power in this situation," said Chambers.

When asked if it was easier for staff and volunteers this time around, Chambers responded, "Yes, the staff all knew their exact roles and it went very seamlessly. We had a bit of a mechanical issue with a chartered bus, but were able to quickly replace it and get them on their way. I always say the Evergreens Foundation attracts the most incredible staff and in these situations we've seen all of our staff across the region step up in a big way. Some of them working until 4am to make sure everyone was settled. Our partners at AHS have also been amazing helping with homecare and medications as well."

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Second Wildfire Evacuation: a reporter's personal account

by Deanna Mitchener

Like many others, I had to evacuate from Edson for the second time due to the threat of wildfire. As hard as it is to leave, I know it was for the best.

I know this helped to allow those that needed to be there, to get the work done as quickly as possible.

Ensuring the safety of the community is not an easy job for those left to battle this 'beast'. My heartfelt thanks to everyone in Edson and Yellowhead County for doing what needs to be done. Responders were also separated from families, so they were not just worrying about the fires, they had to worry about their loved one they couldn't be with at this time.

This 'beast' has been knocking on our doorstep for weeks now. But this wildfire now has hundreds of world class firefighters and support personnel working to put it out.

As I am not near Edson to interview someone from our own community, I did manage to interview a couple of Drayton Valley Firefighters that are staying in the area we evacuated to. I got to see firsthand the sprinkler systems they have been installing on homes as a safety barrier.

Tyler McNary, a firefighter from the area, said, "We are doing structure protection around houses and ensuring the areas around them are free from flammables. The fire we are concerned about at this time is the one by Edson. We are stationed here in Cynthia and four of us are working on keeping the structures wet at this time."

Joey Cherpin, Crew Boss here in Cynthia, said, "We have a four person crew right now. We are all Drayton Valley - Brazeau County Firefighters from Station 3. We have two command units, a side by



Firefighters Joey Cherpin and Tyler McNary from Drayton Valley were on structure protection in Cynthia. The water sprinklers were running on top of the building behind them. photo Deanna Mitchener

side, and a ladder truck doing structure protection. We are setting up sprinklers in the buildings, a preemptive thing for now as there is no direct threat at the moment. We are getting ready in case things change for the worst."

Cherpin has been a Firefighter for 12 years. His dad is a Fire Chief and his younger brother fought fires with him for a couple of years before becoming a full time paramedic.

"For homeowners, even if the fire is not directly

approaching your house there are always Fire Smart things you can do. Remove those fine fuels and flammable objects such as door mats, corn brooms, cedar mulch chips in flower beds, tall dry grass, shrubs up against your house, dry spruce needles that gather at the bottom of trees close to your home, and any stacks of firewood up against your house. That kind of stuff you can move away from your house. We are more likely to be able to save the structure and save the contents if you have done that ahead of time".

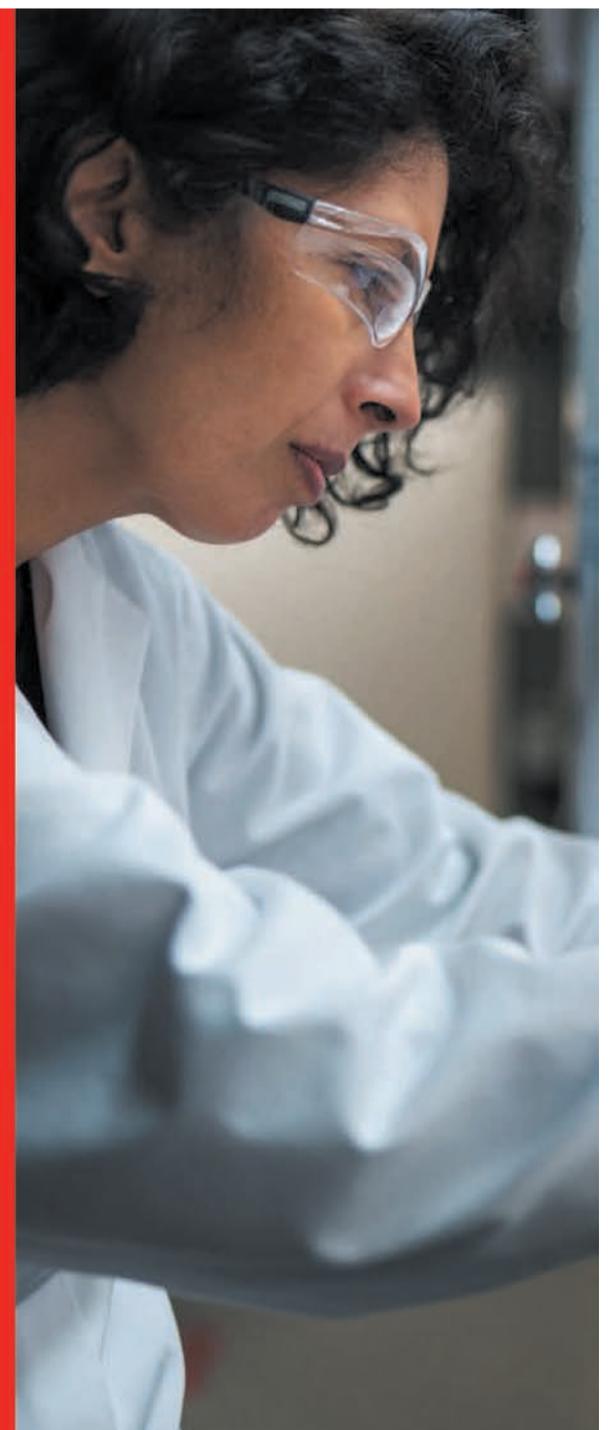
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Abrupt end to an enjoyable Seniors Week

by Deanna Mitchener

"Seniors Week is always a hit with everyone here," said Edson Town Councillor Trevor Bevan. The week started on June 5 for Edson and area senior residents.

"During the kick-off barbecue we had around 400 people come out. The nice thing is, the week is for all seniors, not just those in the lodge. We step up to serve all seniors. The free movie at the theatre hosted by Parkland Lodge Auxiliary was well attended, so it was nice to see all kinds of seniors come out to enjoy that," said Bevan.

"The Edson Seniors Transportation busses have been packed all week to help seniors get around. The Edson Fire Hall breakfast always has a great turnout. Everything was free for all seniors which was nice for them." Bevan added.

Every year for Seniors Week we have some seniors who are volunteering to serve seniors. Some regular volunteers mentioned, "We are fine with it, as we

enjoy doing this for other seniors, which is why we do it."

Sandy Moore, Manager of the Edson Landmark Cinema, said, "The movie was *The Wolf and the Lion*. We love to be a part of this event each year. They have been doing this ever since I've been here, so that's a long time. It's wonderful to see the seniors come out, this is the only time I get to see some of them. We hear some seniors tell us this is their favourite place to come and we tell them this is our favourite time of year."

Something new to Seniors Week was the Edson Friendship Centre's Seniors Bingo. Michelle Findlay, Office Manager at the Edson Friendship Centre, said, "This is the first time we thought about doing a seniors bingo for anyone 55 and older". There were 25 regular games that started at 11 a.m. and ran to about 1:00 p.m. "I'm surprised we never thought of this before. It was actually Amanda from Parkland Lodge that called and asked. So I put an application in quickly to the gaming commission,

and they approved it. We will have to look into holding one again next year just for seniors."

There were many activities, food, and music during the week. The final wrap up was held at the Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre with a High Tea on Friday afternoon, June 9. Manager Shari McDowell said, "We decided to go ahead with the event, even though we were on a 24 hour wildfire evacuation alert. We were feeling a little like the band on the titanic playing on the way down."

There was a variety of finger sandwiches and a selection of homemade desserts, and of course, some fine tea and other beverages. The event was put on by the Edson and District Historical Society. "We are just so grateful to staff and volunteers that helped to make this happen," said McDowell.

And as luck would have it, Edson and part Yellowhead County did end up getting evacuated shortly after the High Tea.



The Pioneer Cabin hosted a free lunch for seniors on June 6 during Seniors Week. photo Deanna Mitchener



The Edson Fire Hall was busy on June 8 hosting a free pancake breakfast during Seniors Week. Special thanks to all that helped organize and serve another awesome meal. photo Deanna Mitchener



Seniors got to enjoy a free supper at the Royal Canadian Legion on June 6 for Seniors Week. photo Deanna Mitchener

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**Repsol Oil & Gas Inc., Box 6840, Edson, AB T7E 1V2,
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June 25: Babysitter's Safety Course. 9am-3pm ages 11+ at Peers Multi Plex to register visit yhcounty.ca/registration
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News and Views

Agriculture and livestock support

(AB) Evacuated farmers and ranchers can contact the wildfire resource line at 310-4455 with agriculture and livestock related questions.

- Evacuees should register at the reception centre identified for their community so staff can quickly assist them and connect them with the resources they need.

- Should check with their municipality before entering any evacuated area to check on livestock.

Agricultural societies and auction markets may have room for livestock evacuated from wildfire areas, and may be able to help connect livestock owners with transport. Contact:

- Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies.
- Alberta Auction Markets Association or call 780-789-3915 or 403-358-0456

- Alberta Beef Producers - also has a map of facilities available for evacuated animals, along with listings of other resources for affected ranchers.

Several partner agriculture organizations may have additional resources available for impacted livestock, including transport and access to feed.

- Visit Farming the Web to post offers or requests for feed and other resources.

- Alberta Equestrian Federation has an emergency help directory to connect equine (horse, donkey and mule) owners in need with those who can help.

- Alberta Veterinary Medical Association can help evacuees locate veterinary care in specific areas and/or by specific species.

- Animal Health Emergency Management Project for other resources.

- Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) is monitoring the situation and assessing deadlines and will continue to support clients with their regular suite of business risk management, lending and insurance programs. Farmers with questions should:

- Reach out to their AFSC branch office.
- Visit AFSC.ca for information, to chat with an expert or access AFSC Connect call 1-877-899-2372.

Livestock producers can call 310-LAND (5263) to be connected with a local agrologist to discuss grazing options during this emergency situation. They are accepting applications for temporary grazing on vacant public lands.

(updated: May 15)



A fun loving group from Red Deer that were supposed to be camping at Willmore Park, but couldn't due to the evacuation order. They ended up camping at the Cynthia Campground where this reporter was hanging out for the time being. The group gets together every year for a fun adventure camping. photo Deanna Mitchener

Canadian Gov't Further Increases Interest Relief to Help Producers Manage Financial Challenges

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that the interest-free limit of the

Advance Payments Program has been increased from \$250,000 to \$350,000 for the 2023 program year, effective May 8, 2023. This is the portion of advances on which the Government of Canada pays the interest on behalf of producers.

Under the Advance Payments Program, producers have easy access to favorable cash advances of up to \$1 million, based on the expected value of their agricultural product. The

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program can also provide some flexibility by allowing producers to sell their agricultural products based on market conditions rather than the need for cash.

Canadian Grain Grading Changes Coming for the 2023-2024 Crop Year

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that updates are coming to the Canadian Grain Commission's Official Grain Grading Guide this crop year. The Canadian Grain Commission is implementing grading changes that will better meet the needs of the agriculture sector in Canada and grain buyers around the world.

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