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# Diving Dogs Dock Diving Competition

by Niki Luymes

There was lots of fun to be had at the West Central Waterdogs' annual North America Diving Dogs dock diving competition from June 14 to 16.

A large diving dock was set up in the Edson Leisure Centre

parking lot. Dogs of all ages, breeds, and sizes took turns jumping into the pool for a chance to win.

There were multiple events or 'splashes' each day. On Friday the contests ran at 5pm and 7pm, then on Saturday they went all day from 10am to 6pm. Sunday

was the final day of the event, with splashes happening from 9:30am to 3pm.

There were three different kinds of events running at various times throughout the weekend. "For the most part, all of our events are basically the same. We have our distances

jumps, then our air retrieve, and our hydro dash," said Autumn Chouinard, dog owner and event organizer. The distance jumps are a straight forward contest of distance. The dock and pool is over 40 feet long. The average jumping distance is around 17ft,

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There were lots of dogs taking part in this year's annual West Central Waterdogs' North America Diving Dogs dock diving competition on June 14 to 16. The dock and pool were set up in the Edson Leisure centre. photo Niki Luymes

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# Families impacted by home fires start petition

by Dana McArthur

On April 20, 2024, a fire broke out at the Kupsch home and quickly spread to the adjacent Mercer and DeRoche family homes (a duplex). The Kupsch home was completely destroyed. The other two homes are unliveable until reconstruction is done. The properties in question are located next to each other in Westgrove along 11th Ave.

On behalf of the Mercer Family, Lockyer said, "The fire started sometime after 2:00am at our neighbor's house. Eventually the owner woke up and saw his deck on fire. He immediately knocked on our door, which alerted our dog and woke up my son, Landon. Landon went outside to find our neighbor's house fully ablaze. Landon called 911 at 2:16am."

"The fire quickly spread to our duplex, compromising the east wall and entire upper floor of our side, which houses our family, and caused significant fire, water, and smoke damage to the upper floor of the other side of the duplex as well, rendering both uninhabitable," said Mercer.

According to Mercer's notes, written in a report to the Town, the Edson Fire Department Command arrived on scene at 2:28am and one fire engine from the Edson department arrived at 2:36am. At 2:41am water was supplied to the engine from a hydrant and the crew begins actioning the fully engulfed house.

"The call for mutual aid to Yellowhead County was not made until 2:51am. [County] units were paged out two minutes after," Mercer explained.

"Yellowhead County Fire Department arrived at 3:20am with their aerial truck. They started putting water on the fire a few minutes later and had the fire on the roof of our duplex knocked down within about 5 minutes. The ladder then pivoted over and put the fire out, of what was left of the basement of our neighbour's home."

After that devastating morning, the impacted families now believe a faster Mutual Aid call to the Yellowhead County Fire Department would have reduced the extent of the damage and even saved homes.

"The delay in calling for Mutual Aid had devastating consequences. If Yellowhead County had been called immediately on the initial page-out for Edson Fire (automatic mutual aid), our house might have been saved as the fire didn't jump to our house until about 2:37am. Even if YCFD had been called when command arrived, the fire may have been contained to only the attic. It was very clear that night that we needed more resources from the very beginning," said Mercer.

There is a Mutual Aid Agreement in place between the Town and County to share resources and personnel in times of emergency, at no expense to the jurisdiction in need. Mutual Aid calls are based on protocols and the judgment of the Firefighter in charge at the scene.

Mercer continued, "We sat down with the Town of Edson including the Mayor, the Fire Chief, and the General Manager and expressed our concerns. We requested that all residential structure fires in Edson trigger an automatic Mutual Aid response from Yellowhead County. The Town had acknowledged our concerns, but after further communication via email had only agreed to consider this protocol for commercial and high-life hazard fires."

"We continue to push for a more comprehensive approach, as we feel that our concerns were overlooked. Our home was not a commercial building or a high-life hazard building like an apartment, but communication with the Town has stopped," added Mercer.

The Weekly Anchor forwarded a list of questions to Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara. The Q&A follows.

**Anchor:** For a residential fire in Edson, what is the current protocol used to initiate/evaluate the need for a Mutual Aid call to the County?

**Zahara:** Edson Town Council has full confidence in our Chief and the dedicated volunteers of the Edson Fire Department. Each call for service presents unique challenges, and the duty officer on scene makes the best decisions possible based on a number of considerations, and often under rapidly changing circumstances. Whenever there is a loss of a home, it is devastating. We are happy that no injuries occurred as a result of this fire, and I would like to personally thank our firefighters for ensuring this was the case.

**Anchor:** It appears a dual station response for commercial and highlife hazard structure fires is being considered by the Town and Fire Dept. In their Letter to the Editor (June 10 issue) the Mercer family asked that Mutual Aid calls be automatically initiated for residential fires in Edson. Would such a call to both departments offer a more robust residential first response? What concerns would it raise?

**Zahara:** The Edson Fire Department has saved many structures throughout the years. They deserve our entire community's thanks. I'm still humbled by their tireless efforts, professionalism, and dedication during last year's wildfires, as evidenced through an independent, third-party report reviewing the Town's response to those wildfires. Of course, we appreciate the support and mutual aid assistance provided by Yellowhead County firefighters over the years. However, regardless of whether the EFD is responding on its own or with mutual aid from another department, no outcome is ever guaranteed.

The two fire departments are currently discussing enhanced mutual aid response, and what that could look like for both communities. We will share that information with the community as soon as that's figured out. In the meantime, it's important to note that not all structure fires require dual-station response. There are multiple factors to consider in bringing on additional apparatus and crews.

**Anchor:** The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County operate separate main fire stations both

within the Town of Edson limits. Why are there are two fire departments in the first place? Wouldn't a single joint Edson/County department serve the area better?"

**Zahara:** For many decades, the Town of Edson provided fire services to Yellowhead County. Around 10 years ago, the County decided they wanted a stand-alone fire hall, and have operated one in the Town of Edson ever since. I truly believe that having two fire departments available to respond to emergencies is beneficial to our region, including that it allows each community to better respond to its individual needs, while adding additional resources in specific cases, including during last year's wildfires.

Mayor Zahara added, The Edson Fire Department trains on a regular basis and provides not only fire response services, but also Medical First Response. Our firefighters are very active in the community, providing fire prevention education and supporting important activities in Town. We are thankful for the dedicated individuals that serve our community every single day at the Edson Fire Department, and will continue to support them moving forward.

To garner support for their cause the families have started a petition on change.org. "The petition calls for automatic mutual aid for all residential fires in Edson to ensure quicker and more effective response times, said Mercer. "We feel that perhaps if we start this petition we can gain more support from the residents wanting to support our cause." Residents can access it by searching for 'Town of Edson' on [change.org](https://change.org), or by visiting <https://chnng.it/g8TgTrk79z>

"We are deeply grateful for the efforts of all volunteer firefighters. However, the incident highlighted systemic issues that need addressing. We urge the Town of Edson to prioritize residents' safety over politics and ensure mutual aid is called promptly. We will continue seeking public engagement to make sure our concerns are taken seriously," concluded Mercer.

**Editor's Note:** According to sources at the time, due to cost and service level concerns, Yellowhead County decided its residents would be better served by establishing their own fire hall.

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### Herbicide Program 2024



To ensure that the Edson and area community has all concerns addressed, we at EDFOR Co-operative invite you to review plans for our forest use and application of herbicides in the Edson Forest Area. We will be hosting an open house on July 16th, 2024, at 4 pm in our office located at **6602 4th Avenue, Edson AB**, to address any of your concerns and consider any input that you may have.

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# ...Diving Dogs Competition



The winners for the distance jump at the Annual West Central Waterdogs' North America Diving Dogs Dock Diving competition could reach distances of 15-22 feet. The event ran from June 14 to 16. photo Niki Luymes

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with the longest ever recorded reaching 36 feet and 6 inches. "For each splash the dog get to have two jumps, and then the highest number is used," explained Chouinard.

During the air retrieve, a toy is suspended above the pool and then moved further out in increments until all but the winner is eliminated. The hydro dash is a simple race to the 37ft mark of the pool. It is a timed event to see how long it takes each dog to retrieve the toy and return to the dock.

Each dog competed multiple times, and had lots of fun doing so. The winner of each splash received a title and ribbon for their breed category. This year there was close to 25 dogs

competing in each splash. "Basically anyone can do it as long as your dog has some kind of drive to get that toy, then it's open for anyone to try," said Chouinard.

The diving dogs dock diving competition happens at least once year. It is planned and put together by West Central Waterdogs, a small organization based in the local area. "Usually every year we try to have one or two events here in Edson. We also do other events across western Canada," said Chouinard.

This month's event proved to be very popular with the air retrieve drawing a large crowd of spectators.

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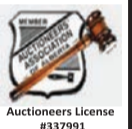
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# Town council denies request for property tax waivers for homes destroyed by fire

by Niki Luymes

At Edson Town Council meeting on June 18, council voted on whether to approve the property tax waiver requests for roll number 30373, roll number 30374, and roll number 30700.

On April 20, 2024, three Edson residents lost their homes in a substantial fire that spread from the first home to a neighbouring duplex in the Westhaven area.

Due to the mounting costs of dealing with such a disaster, and that the first home was completely destroyed, and the duplex is unlivable until after reconstruction, the residents requested that the town wave their property taxes for the coming year. They asked for consecutive years until a rebuild can be finished. This request was previously presented at the June 11 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Michael Trabysh, Chief Financial Officer, did a presentation on Administration's research into the matter. They reached out to the Insurance Bureau of Canada for clarification on what would be covered. They also calculated the losses to the town should the request be approved. The total was a loss of \$6,754.46 that

would need to be factored into the 2025 property tax revenue.

Trabysh explained that council has three choices the matter.

1. Council can approve the requested property tax waiver under Section 347(1) of the MGA. This option could potentially set a precedent enabling any business or individual in the community to submit a request to Council for cancellation of their property taxes. Any tax cancellation would have to be recouped in the 2025 budget through an increase to the levy on the other taxable properties in the town.

2. Council can approve the requested property tax waiver under Section 347(1) of the MGA at an alternate amount. This option would also have the potential to set a precedent enabling any business or individual in the community to submit a request to Council for cancellation of their property taxes. Any tax cancellation would have to be recouped in the 2025 budget through an increase to the levy on the other taxable properties in the Town.

3. Council can deny the requested property tax waiver. This option would ensure that no precedent was set for use of Section 347(1) of the MGA and ensure that lost revenues would

not have to be recouped in the 2025 budget through increases to the levy on the other taxable properties in the Town.

There is no history of council approving a cancellation, reduction, refund or deferral of municipal property tax, although it is something that is within their power to do. Administration recommended the third alternative.

Each councillor took a moment to explain their position, with the exception of Councillor Greg Pasychny, who excused himself due to a conflict of interest.

"I am going to be voting against this motion," said Councillor Peter Taylor. "It is difficult, because again, this is a small town, these are people on my street, these are people that we know. But I also need to think about the greater municipality and the future and the precedent that we might set." This was the sentiment echoed by the majority of council.

However, Mayor Kevin Zahara disagreed with this assessment. "This was a tragic event for our community and my heart hurts for those homeowners. I can't imagine going through what they went through or anybody that loses their home. I certainly understand the points of view that have been communicated here this evening by my honourable colleagues. I will be voting in favour. I believe that we obviously have to insure we are looking at the municipality as a whole. But, that said, we also have a responsibility to, I believe, show some empathy to people in our community."

A motion to approve the waiver was defeated in a recorded vote with Mayor Zahara voting for, and the rest of Council voting against.



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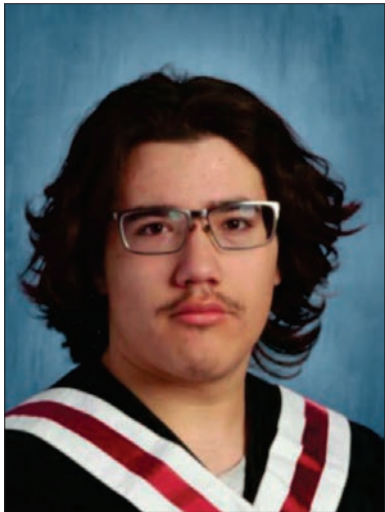




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**Deadline for application August 31, 2024.**

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

**Prizes:**

- 1st - \$100 gift card to your favourite local green house
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- 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.

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

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**CRACK-SEALING YELLOWHEAD COUNTY SUMMER ROADWORK PROGRAM**

**Between May to Early July**

**Please follow all posted construction signs.**

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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.  
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**SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD HEARING**

**Yellowhead County**

A Subdivision and Development Appeal Board hearing has been scheduled for **July 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Council Chambers, Yellowhead County Administration Building, 2716 - First Avenue, Edson, Alberta, T7E 1N9.

The purpose of the hearing is to review an appeal received against the refusal of Development Permit D24-041 for a Recreation Resort located at part of the NW-06-51-25-W5. Any person who claims to be affected by the decision or permit may be present at the hearing. Written submissions will be received by the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk, at Yellowhead County, 2716 - First Avenue, Edson, Alberta, T7E 1N9, prior to commencement of the hearing.

Submissions will become public information upon receipt by the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk.

Yellowhead County Planning Services



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
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
D24-085	Plan 9620531 Lot 2 SE-31-51-24-W5 East River Road District	Existing Accessory Buildings - Variance to Side Yard Setback	Jun 6/24	June 27/24
D24-084	Plan 0821255 Blk 1, Lot 16 SE-18-53-16-W5 River Ridge Estates	Accessory Building (Shed)	Jun 6/24	Permitted Use
D24-087	Plan 438HW Blk 12, Lot 8 SE-30-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Wood Fence - Variance to Front Yard Height	Jun 10/24	July 1/24
D24-089	NW-32-55-15-W5 Long Lake Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Jun 10/24	Permitted Use
D24-086	SE-22-53-10-W5 Wildwood Area	Addition to Existing Single Detached Dwelling (Porch)	Jun 11/24	Permitted Use
D24-088	SW-30-54-9-W5 Chip Lake Area	Manufactured Home (Additional)	Jun 11/24	Permitted Use
D24-090	SE-36-53-16-W5 Pinedale Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage, Accessory Building (Garage/Shop) & Accessory Building (Storage)	Jun 13/24	Permitted Use
D24-071	SW-15-56-15-W5 Shiningbank Area	Manufactured Home & Accessory Building (Shop)	Jun 13/24	Permitted Use
D24-091	NW-8-54-11-W5 MacKay Area	Single Detached Dwelling	Jun 13/24	Permitted Use
D24-094	NE-30-53-17-W5 North of Edson	Accessory Building (Shop)	Jun 14/24	Permitted Use
D24-092	NE-28-55-9-W5 Alpha Lake Area	Accessory Building Shop/Garage	Jun 14/24	Permitted Use
D24-093	SE-31-54-14-W5 North Of Peers	Existing Single Detached Dwelling	Jun 14/24	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://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.

**Summer Road Work SUMMER GRAVEL**

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF CREWS AND EQUIPMENT**

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**Reduce speed in work zones.**

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# Youth Council presents year end report to Town Council

by Niki Luymes

During the Edson Town Council Meeting on June 18, the Edson Youth Council provides council with a year end report for the 2023-2024 term.

This year the youth council had 12 members ranging in age and term. six of those members were present during the council meeting. Members Maya Dalueg and Calleigh Martin were elected to

present the report.

This year is the sixth year that the youth council has been active. "As always, we have tried to bridge the gap between youth and the community by volunteering and taking part in important events in the community," said Martin. The youth council tries to launch projects that support both the youth in Edson and the community as a whole.

"This year we took the initiative

and decided to focus on homelessness in Edson, with an accent on youth," said Martin. "Our initial idea was to help prevent homelessness before it happens within youth by trying to give preventative opportunities and education to the publics" said Dalueg. One of the ways the youth council did this was by creating an information display that they then brought to local events like the annual trade show.

At the trade show they also helped support the community by selling 50/50 tickets on behalf of the Edson Food Bank. The group was able to raise \$1,250 an amount that is double of last year's. "With such a huge success this year we hope the trade show will continue giving us opportunities to be involved in the community," said Martin. The group also handed out 500 tree saplings to encourage caring for the environment.

The youth council also stays involved in the community in other ways. Youth councillors are required to do 16 hours of community volunteering. However, most members do end up surpassing this number. Over the course of the last year members have volunteered at the Food Bank, Community Light up, and at the extended care at the hospital. In regard to the latter, Dalueg added that "This is a great opportunity to lessen the age gap, learn about their past, and show them what we do as youth."

Recently, the group talked to youths that use the Edson Leisure Centre and put together a few ideas to update the code of conduct for the facility. This list will be presented to the management who can use it as feedback.

"We hope to inspire future youths and extend our efforts to support and benefit the community. We want to build a future in which youth are an active part of the community," concluded Martin.

Councillor Ed Moore started off by congratulating the youth council on accomplishing so much this year. "Tell me what are some of the ways you found to bridge the various generation gaps that you found within long term care?" Dalueg replied, "By talking about what we do, learning about the past, and also learning about them is super important."

Councillor Gean Chouinard said, "I was quite pleased when I heard that you were helping with preventing youth from becoming homeless. Can you give me one idea that you came up with?"

Dalueg replied, "Earlier in the year we discussed having a group where these youth could talk to each other about experiences they have been struggling with. But mostly to have a connection with each other so that they know there are others going through the same thing and how it can be prevented."

The Youth Council report was accepted as information by council.

# Northern Metallic hosts Tent Sale and Fundraiser



Robin Corser Chair for Edson Library Board, Andrew Russell Manager of Northern Metallic, Edward Ogloza member of the Library Board, and Sheila Buckle Vice Chair of the Library Board on June 18 during the Northern Metallic Tent Sale and Fundraising barbecue. photo Deanna Mitchener

by Deanna Mitchener

On June 18, Northern Metallic held their annual tent sale and fund raising barbecue. This year all money raised from the barbecue was earmarked for the Edson Public Library Furniture Fundraiser. The event ran from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Andrew Russell, Manager of Northern Metallic, said, "Northern Metallic purchased all the food for the barbecue which consisted of beef on a bun, potato chips, NS hot and cold beverages. The cost to the public is by donation only.

Whatever amount is raised, Northern Metallic will match that total. Then the money will be donated to the Edson Public Library towards the furniture fundraising drive."

Jenna Heinz, E-Commerce Manager for Northern Metallic, told said, "Today we have a bunch of our vendors here doing product demos and general product information. We also have some prize draws that will be happening from all our vendors as well. Also some online discounts. Our vendors are from Edmonton, Calgary, and even one from Toronto."

## Op/Ed

# Capital Gains Tax

For nine years, Justin Trudeau has continually made life tougher for hard working Canadians.

Starting June 25:

- Capital gains inclusion rate increases from 50% to 66.67% for individuals earning more than \$250,000 in capital gains in a year;
- All capital gains generated through a corporation will be subject to the 66.67% inclusion rate, and
- Lifetime capital gains exemption for eligible property will increase from \$1,016,836 to \$1,250,000.

This is simply a job-killing tax on health care, homebuilding, small businesses, and farmers in order to pay for their uncontrolled inflationary spending.

Conservatives were the only party that voted against this Liberal capital gains tax hike. Why? Because the hike would only make our productivity, home building and doctor shortages worse. I ask, what other last-minute surprise tax hikes will this Liberal government bring forward? Who will pay for this tax? Firstly, people who have one-time sales or disposal of long-term assets, like a grandmother trying to give

Gerald Soroka  
MP Yellowhead



some of her farmland to her children for homes. Secondly, 300,000

businesses, and

indirectly, their workers will pay this tax hike.

Conservatives will make hard work pay again and incentivize production in Canada with a 'Bring it Home' tax cut that will:

- Bring home production and paycheques, by making Canada the best place to invest, hire and make things.
- Bring home fairness by reducing the share of taxes paid by the poor and middle class while cutting tax-funded corporate welfare and cracking down on overseas tax havens.
- Cutting the paperwork and bureaucracy in the tax system by at least 20%.

To fix what Justin Trudeau broke, Canada needs to overhaul the system to make taxes low, simple, and fair. Raising taxes to generate revenue is not the answer. This Liberal government needs to STOP its uncontrollable spending. Conservatives will not punish Canadians for their hard work but rather reward them for their success.

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# Community Care Foundation hosts appreciation BBQ



The Community Care Foundation held an appreciation BBQ for healthcare workers on June 18. The food was prepared by Secure Energy staff. photo by Three Tree Photography

by Deanna Mitchener

In a heart-warming display of appreciation, the Community Care Foundation of Edson and District organized a barbecue event to celebrate the dedication and contributions of rural healthcare workers in Edson.

The event was held on May 29, during Rural Healthcare Week. It brought together sponsors, volunteers, and community members to honour the unsung heroes of healthcare who tirelessly serve their communities.

Marsha Jensen, President of the Community Care Foundation, said, "The Community Care Foundation has long been a pillar of support for the Edson and Yellowhead County community, providing resources and assistance with the needs of both healthcare workers and patients. This barbecue celebration served as a testament to their commitment to recognizing and valuing the vital role played by rural healthcare professionals."

The event, which took place in the courtyard of the Edson Healthcare Centre, was filled with delicious food prepared by Secure Energy with donations from local businesses. Jensen also thanked the AHS Wellness Committee for all their help and support.

Healthcare workers from the hospital, First Responders from Edson and Yellowhead County, and EMS staff in the region were invited to relax and enjoy a well-deserved break from their demanding roles.

The weather didn't entirely cooperate, so the Edson Fire Department came to the rescue providing the community tent so the event could continue away from the rain. Sponsors and volunteers rallied together to make the event a resounding success.

"We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and compassion shown by our rural healthcare workers," added Jensen. "Their tireless efforts often go unnoticed, but they are the backbone of our community's health and well-

being. This barbecue celebration is just a small token of our gratitude for everything they do."

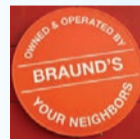
## THANK YOU!



The Community Care Foundation in Edson & District would like to acknowledge the generous support from our sponsors:

- Secure Energy
- Smitty's Restaurant
- Sobey's Edson
- Your Independent Grocer
- Bannister Group
- McDonald's Edson
- Lori Stang
- Three Tree Photography

Special thank you to the Town of Edson Fire Department for the tent, and AHS Wellness Committee, and AHS Facility Services for all their help.



Three Tree Photography

# Open House set for Evansburg Community Hall Concept Design

by Dana McArthur

During the June 18, Yellowhead County Governance and Priorities meeting, Crystal McNernie, General Manager of Community Services gave an update on the Evansburg community hall concept design that would see a hall added adjacent to the Evansburg Arena.

A draft conceptual design has been completed, showing two potential variations for consideration. One design includes a shared kitchen/concession between the community hall and the arena. A second design includes a stand-alone kitchen for the community hall only. The overall square footage is currently 9600 sq ft.

The shared kitchen design would include a serving area for arena service. This serving area would include concession appliances (i.e. deep fryer, grill, etc.) and a community room for meetings and more. A vestibule would link both facilities.

The new hall could also be used for a registration/reception centre in emergencies.

Administration will begin the community engagement component of this project to gather feedback from residents on the design proposal. An Open House for public feedback is scheduled for September 10, 2024, and will be hosted at the Evansburg Arena from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

In addition, the concept design plans will be shared on the County's website with a linked QR code to allow residents who were unable to attend

the open house an opportunity to view the plans and share their feedback.

"Initial consultation with the Pembina Agricultural and Recreation Society (PARS) has occurred. Administration will re-engage with PARS in September as a follow-up, with their feedback captured in the summary report brought back to Council," said McNernie

Councillor Shawn Berry asked, "The only difference between the two designs is whether you have food delivery going over to the common area between the two units. What would be the reason to

have it?" McNernie responded, "What PARS has asked us in the past is to do some concession upgrades within the arena. So we looked at this option as opposed to doing concession upgrades in the arena and then building a new kitchen and a new community hall. This can work if we have an event in the community hall as well as something in the arena."

Council voted to accept the Evansburg Community Hall Concept Design Open House for information.



An Open House for public feedback on the Evansburg community hall concept design is scheduled for September 10, 2024, and will be hosted at the Evansburg Arena from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.





# Parkland Composite High School



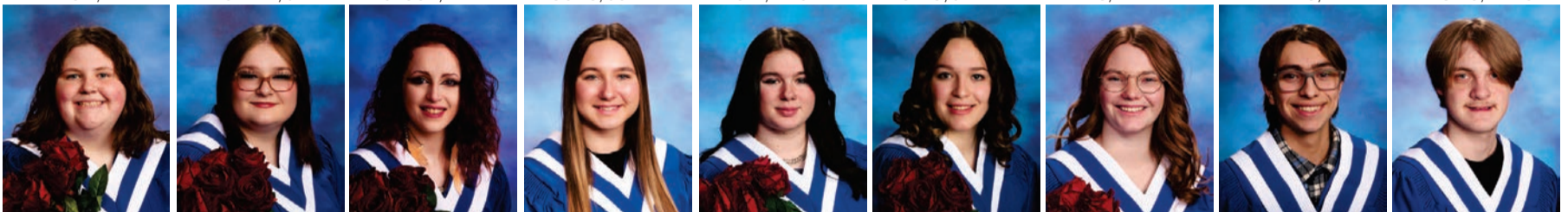
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A special Father's Day luncheon was prepared for the men at Parkland Lodge on June 14. They also had the opportunity invite a guest. Served up on the 2nd floor, away from others for their own special celebration. Thanks went to the staff members for preparing, serving, and ensuring everyone enjoyed their meal. Each plate was prepared with elegant decorations. photo Deanna Mitchener

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**June 26:** Summer Kickoff Party! 4:00pm-6:00pm Crafts games and cold treats free drop in at Kinsmen park  
**July 1:** Canada day Celebrations. Rcmp park 1:00pm-7:00pm  
**July 3:** Youth Interagency 3D painting workshop 5-7pm ages 11-17 snacks provided at Griffiths park centre register at www.edson.ca/YIA  
**July 10** Red Brick Sports day 9:30am  
**July 10-12:** Summer Festival. Down town Edson Main street. Time(TBD)  
**July 11-14:** 2024 Mountain Bike courses at Wilmore Park ages 4-adult Registration opens May 22 for more info visit edson.ca/bike  
**July 15,22 Aug 5,12,19:** Life Skills Boot Camp Marlboro Community Hall 11:00am-2:30pm for ages 14-18 register by calling 780-325-3782 or email showe@yhcounty.ca  
**July 10** Red Brick Arts Centre & Museum Explore Nature 9:30am  
**July 17,24,31 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 18:** Bear Chase Triathlon at Bear Lake Register by June 28 to get a free shirt ages 3-13 register at yhcounty.ca/registration or in person at Yellowhead County

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**July 23:** Red Brick Arts Centre & Museum. Blast from the Past 9:30am  
**July 30:** Red Brick Arts Centre & Museum. Bakers Dozen 9:30am  
**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 21:** Bring your Children to play at the park 12-2pm Light Snacks and a cold treat in Cadomin Visit yhcounty.ca/registration for more information.  
**First Wednesday of Every Month:** Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 1 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge.

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Krystal Jensen, son Bjorn (9 months), Nate, and their dog Bear (not shown) enjoying some time at the Kinsman Park on June 15. photo Deanna Mitchener

# Smooth over rough patches

Edson pharmacist can help keep your skin healthy as temperatures rise

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Callen James Kenyon, Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacist and owner

exacerbated in the spring and summer can be assessed and prescribed for by your local pharmacist.

Does this sound familiar? - You're eagerly anticipating a significant event this spring—perhaps a wedding, a sun-soaked beach getaway, or a cherished family picnic. Yet, just as you're preparing to dazzle, your skin throws a curveball with an unexpected flare-up. Whether it's eczema, hives, or persistent acne, skin troubles have a knack for choosing the most inconvenient moments to emerge. However, caring for our skin transcends mere aesthetics; it's a cornerstone of our well-being. Our skin acts as a crucial shield, safeguarding us from dehydration, harmful bacteria, environmental pollutants, and more. With the expanded role of pharmacists, Edsonites now have the option to swiftly address minor skin concerns at the local pharmacy, bypassing the wait at the walk-in clinic and ensuring they don't miss a moment of their important occasions.

Tricks for Ticks: It's not only the "vacation itch" going around this spring. Unfortunately, tick-borne pathogens are on the rise in Canada, with Lyme disease being the most common form. As you prepare for excursions to campsites or cottages this spring, be on the lookout for ticks. If you have been bitten, be sure to book an appointment with your local pharmacist. Pharmacists in Alberta can help with tick bites and post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent Lyme disease.

Let's delve into how pharmacists, like myself, can assist in addressing common skin conditions and restoring that radiant, healthy glow you deserve.

Beat the Breakouts: There's nothing like waking up to find a pimple, ready to ruin your day. With nearly 5 million Canadians dealing with acne at any given time, pharmacists are well-equipped to offer clear advice and effective treatments. Whether it's recommending the perfect spot treatment, guiding you through the aisles of cleansers and moisturizers, or suggesting prescription options if over-the-counter products don't cut it, we've got your back (and face)!

Rosacea has its Thorns: As soon as the sun starts shining and the weather gets warmer, it's hard to focus on anything else but enjoying the fun outdoors.

Pharmacists stand ready to offer your skin the care it deserves. What's very helpful is our availability beyond regular primary care office hours, ensuring fast care for various minor conditions. This not only alleviates pressure on other healthcare sectors but also guarantees prompt relief when you need it most. Reach out to your nearby pharmacist for convenient care with all your health concerns.

While being cautious of sunburns and heat strokes is important for everyone, it's especially important for people living with certain chronic health conditions. For example, for people living with rosacea, sun exposure, and hot weather conditions can cause a flare-up. Fortunately, with the expanded scope of practice for pharmacists in Alberta, conditions that can be

Callen James Kenyon is a pharmacist and owner of your local Shoppers Drug Mart in Edson. Visit [ShoppersDrugMart.ca](http://ShoppersDrugMart.ca) to find your nearest store.

~ Obituary ~

## Shawn Lyda



It is with profound sadness that we announce Shawn Lyda's passing on June 8, 2024, at the Edson Hospital at the age of 51. Born on January 31, 1973, in Edson, AB, Shawn leaves behind a legacy of love for his family, a testament to his profound and unwavering devotion.

Shawn, a hard-working young man with a fun-loving, quick-witted and adventurous spirit, made significant contributions to the family logging business. His career, which he shared with his father and brothers, was not just a job, but a passion that he poured his heart and soul into. Shawn embarked on an independent contract in the last couple of years, further demonstrating his unwavering commitment to his craft.

Shawn was a competitive athlete from a young age, excelling in BMX biking, track and field, basketball, and golf. His frequent fishing and hunting trips showed his love for the outdoors. As a dedicated father, he took pride in instilling in his children a passion for sports and the outdoors, often planning family vacations around these activities.

Shawn is survived by his loving wife, Danielle, and children Caitlin (Daylen), Zackery and Joshua. Grandchildren Oaklen, Lochlen and Rhylen. He will be missed by his mother, Lynda Lyda, Step-mother Cindy Lyda, and siblings Dwayne, Kevin (Jeanette), Lisa (Marc) and Heather (Mike). The Beupre family will also cherish memories along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Shawn was predeceased in death by his father, Lawrence Lyda, grandparents, Ann Harris, Lawrence and Verna Bogart, and aunts, Debbie Roersma and Bev Hudzinski. While he is no longer with us physically, his memory will live on through the countless lives he touched as a dedicated entrepreneur, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and dear friend.

In this time of grief, we extend our deepest sympathies to the Lyda and Beupre family and all those who knew and loved Shawn. May his soul find eternal peace as we forever carry his spirit in our hearts. The family wishes to express their profound gratitude to the Edson Hospital Acute Care unit medical staff, whose care and comfort to Shawn were invaluable.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to: Alberta Cancer Institute.

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