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by Dana McArthur

A Special County Council meeting was called on March 6 to discuss the 2023 after-action

report the County commissioned from 9Zero Solutions. 9Zero is a national consultancy based in Alberta that provides services which

include emergency management, incident management, strategic direction, and after-action reviews. "It takes courage to call for an

independent review of a disaster," stated Tom Sampson, with 9Zero Solutions, in his report. "The events of 2023 were

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Heather Smith with Tim Bargery who was volunteering recently at the Edson Food Bank. "McMan staff and individuals volunteer at the Food Bank once a month. We do a variety of tasks. At this visit we assembled 100 snack bags for kids, packaged 200 lbs of potatoes, and shelved 12 boxes of food donations. We are proud to support our community," Smith said. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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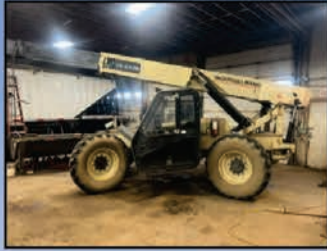
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County reviews after-action report on 2023 disasters

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unprecedented in nature. The scope and scale of wildfires across the province of Alberta challenged many communities, stretched resources to the breaking point, and resulted in the evacuation of thousands of Albertans.

"In Yellowhead County, there was not one fire but multiple large complex fires that disrupted the regular operations and routine of staff, volunteers, and community members. An abrupt change in weather quickly required the focus to shift from wildfire to flood response.

"After-action reviews are difficult by nature. We realize and want to acknowledge that without the hard work done by paid staff, volunteers, and countless members of the community, the losses in Yellowhead County would have been much worse. Yellowhead County should be commended for their effort, their response and their dedication to mitigating losses in the community," stated Sampson.

The company collected and analyzed information including data from open surveys, interviews, and a review of all documents provided by Yellowhead County and other stakeholders, as well as publicly available information regarding the fire response.

"At every turn, I have been impressed by the way Yellowhead County staff, volunteers, and residents rose to the challenge and never gave up despite the length, complexity, and magnitude of the situation. A commendable feat!" Sampson emphasized.

In the report Sampson outlined some best practices and opportunities for improvement in 11 different areas. "As the 2024 spring hazard season approaches, there will be limited time to comprehensively implement all aspects of the after-action review." Below are the most impactful best practices and opportunities for Yellowhead County.

Most Impactful Best Practices

- The staff members of Yellowhead County showed an incredible spirit and willingness to help. This demonstrates a strong culture that should be maintained.

- The alignment of leadership between the Mayor, Council, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and the General Manager (GM)/Fire Chief was noteworthy and impactful.

- The establishment of an evacuee call-in line where evacuees obtained information. Residents from Yellowhead County, the Town of Edson, and Entwistle (Parkland County) were able to access the line for information.

- The leadership of Yellowhead County recognized the magnitude of the events early and requested assistance of both the North Central Incident Management Team and Canada Task Force 2.

Most Impactful Opportunities

- Continue to advocate for increased Alberta Wildfire resources, both personnel and air assets to be fully trained and available earlier in the wildfire season.

- Advocate for a review of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) program within the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA). Alter the program to dismantle roadblocks and open access to interested parties, including first responders and community members.

- Work with Alberta Wildfire to modernize their mapping system and approach to information transparency to provide increased situational awareness for members of the community.

- Work with Alberta Wildfire to re-evaluate the dual processes of using 9-1-1 and 310-FIRE for reporting fires.

"People are smart. They need to understand what's coming their way," said Sampson. One of the most impactful actions he stated is a new provincial public information system "that refers that information and allows smart people to make smart decisions about how they protect their land or what they're going to do."

"The geographical area of Yellowhead County is massive. The county encompasses over 22,000+square kilometres that are

covered by 14 full time firefighters, 2 work experience students, and a volunteer contingent that fluctuates in number. At the time of the wildfires, there were 70 rostered volunteers, including the work experience students. This means one fulltime firefighter for approximately every 1,375 square kilometres," said Sampson. Many volunteers, however, were not available during the disasters.

Council has recently approved four additional full-time equivalent firefighters and two additional work experience students in their 2024 Budget. Additional opportunities are also available Sampson stated, "We believe that a six-person seasonal crew focused on the speciality of Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) would be extremely beneficial to the advancement of the program and the residents."

Councillor David Russell commented, "I want to make sure that everyone is aware that the residents at Shiningbank Lake stopped the fire when it crossed the McLeod River. Only the residents stopped the fire. Had it not been for them, that fire would have been in Fox Creek in two days. So they also contributed to the local resources fighting fires. Please do not forget."

Russell added, "The State of Texas has their largest fire in recorded history burning right now. It's the second largest in the United States at just over 1.1 million acres and they are completely overwhelmed, they stated in the Media. This is in a country of almost 400 million people! If I'm not mistaken, our fire was 2.2 million hectares. Double that! So what we faced was

indeed overwhelming and I don't think we can overstate that."

"It is important to reiterate that a disaster, by very definition, overwhelms the resources of the local response agencies. The staff, volunteers, and residents of Yellowhead County should be commended for the response to the wildfires of 2023 and the seamless shift to respond to the subsequent flooding. While there are opportunities for improvement, there are also many best practices that should be continued through any future response," stated Sampson.

Mayor Wade Williams said, "Did some things go wrong? Absolutely. We went through 61 days of devastation in the area and not everything is going to go right. Did we learn, are we learning? Absolutely."

"Right from the start, Yellowhead County's number one priority was the safety of residents and protection of as much property as we could possibly protect. I think we did that. I'm a little bit fearful that if a very similar situation were to happen again that we're going to have more and more people trying to stay back. I'm fearful that at some point we're not going to escape with no loss of life. The more people that we have staying back the tougher it is to get people out when things do turn bad. These fires turn and we've had fire crews trapped that are experienced in fighting fires. I think we got away very lucky, but I'm fearful," concluded Mayor Williams.

The spring 2023 wildfire/flood after action report is available on the Yellowhead County website at: yhcounty.ca.

~ Obituary ~

James Peter Hengen

1946 - 2024

It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of our beloved brother James Peter Hengen on January 16th, 2024 at his home in Peers, Alberta.

James (Jim) was born on March 25th, 1946 in Lethbridge, Alberta, the son of Olaf Ole and Mary Ellen Hengen (Pedersen).

Jim is survived by his brothers Norman (Betty), Leonard (Sherrie), Robert (Zayda), Erle (Penny) and his sisters Carole Jagt (Richard), Joyce Hanson (Danny), Roberta Arneson (Garry), sister-in-law Violet Hengen (Edwin) as well as twenty-seven nieces and nephews and all their extended families.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Olaf and Mary as well as his brothers Marvin (Iris), Edwin (Violet) and sister Rosemary (Don Sarvas) and brother-in-laws Don Sarvas (Rosemary), Richard Jagt (Carole) and sister-in-laws Iris (Marvin) and Lorna Hengen (Leonard)

After Jim's birth in Lethbridge, Alberta, the family moved to a farm in Kelwood, Manitoba. They continued on to Nukko Lake, British Columbia, and then settling in Westward Ho, Alberta, where Jim's parents ran a service station. Jim went to school in Sundre, Alberta.

He loved the outdoors, often spending time hunting and fishing, so he worked as a wilderness guide in the foothills of Alberta. The farming life style appealed to him so he bought ¾ of land in the Peers, Alberta area in 1987.

Jim continued farming until needing a liver transplant in 2009. The liver transplant gave Jim another fourteen years allowing him to build a beautiful log home and further develop his farm.

Jim was always willing to lend a hand to any one needing help and many helped him in return.

He will be sadly missed.

A Celebration of life for Jim will be held at the Fulham Hall on May 4th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

The Fulham Hall is located on Highway 32 approximately 21km north of Highway 16 on the west side of the road across from the Fulham school.

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Wildfire impacts on Willmore Park operation

by Niki Luymes

During the Town of Edson Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 12, Troy Sorensen from the Rotary Club of Edson provided Council with an update on the impacts of the wildfire at Willmore Park.

This update covered the last two years with a highlight on the wildfire emergencies. The Rotary Club began managing Willmore Park in May of 2022. The contract is set for three years meaning the group will continue managing until 2025.

Early improvements included creating an online booking system, a camp helpline, and a new logo and signage. During 2022 the park saw a 10% increase in utilization. During a general survey, most campers gave Willmore a 9/10 for cleanliness, safety, and overall experience. When asked why they choose Willmore, campers said that they were attracted to the biking and hiking trails along with the river access. While some asked for additional amenities such as more powered sites and better cell reception, the 2022 year proved quite successful.

2023 was more challenging. On May 10, 2023 the park was officially closed to the public due to the encroaching wildfires. It was then reopened on May 24, only to be evacuated and closed again on June 9. "As you can imagine," said Sorensen, "those openings and closures during May completely killed our momentum." The wildfire hotspots within the park weren't considered fully extinguished on June 20. On June 23 the park officially reopened, but with only 12 out of the usual 42 sites available.

It was during the June wildfires that Willmore Park lost all of its overflow (now called Ridgeview) campsites. This translated to a 71% loss of revenue potential. The group had to cancel and refund \$11,058 during the evacuations and closures. "But that's an underestimate of the impact, because many bookings just never happened," explained Sorensen. In total Rotary lost \$23,310 in revenue when compared to 2022, due to the lack of campsites.

Both the park and Rotary Club lost specific assets

to in June wildfires. The park lost two outhouses, a firewood storage shed, a wood splitter, and a pull behind mower. The Club lost an ATV, several thousands dollars of firewood, and much of the newly replaced signage.

All considered, the club has lost a total of \$10,535 since taking over the park. "We knew we were going to lose money during the winter months and make it up during summer months with permit sales. This model just doesn't work," said Sorensen. "In the end, 12 campsites are just not financially feasible for operation of the park."

The club came with multiple requests from the town to get Willmore up and running. These included that the Town provides a one time grant to the club for lost revenues in 2023; The Town rebuilds two outhouses bigger and better with running water; and rebuilds the firewood shed and replaces the wood splitter.

The club also presented two proposed solutions for making a profit going forward. Either the Town increases funding for operating the park with only 12 campsites or supplies four sets of port-a-potties for the 2024 season so the Rotary can open the Ridgeview campsites.

"The Rotary Club would like to thank Alberta Wildfire and all the teams involved from Alberta, BC, Australia, USA, South Africa, as well as the Town of Edson for the trail clean up and reclamation," concluded Sorensen.

Councillor Krystal Cacka asked, "Regarding the items that were lost in the fire, did you guys have any insurance for them or were they things that are difficult to insure?" Sorensen answered that the club has insurance on their new ATV. However, they did not have it for the old ATV and some tools, simply because it wouldn't have been worth it.

Cacka also asked what amount the group was thinking for the proposed one time grant from the town. "Is there a specific amount or just what has been determined for what was lost?"

"The number is open for debate," answered

Sorensen, "but if the grant was \$10,000 that would mean that a not-for-profit provided services to the Town of Edson for two years and then broke even. If the grant was \$23,000 it would mean that the club was made whole and ready to work together with the Town. Plus, help the Town build the camp back to the state it was before."

Mayor Kevin Zahara had a question about the Town supplying four port-a-potties for the 2024 season. "Do you think there would be demand for those campsites considering their state and all the trees that were lost? Previously, when people stayed at Willmore one of the great things about staying in the overflow was the privacy. Do you think there would be enough demand to operate it this season?"

"We believe there is, I mean we don't know until we actually run for a season. Other campgrounds in Jasper are wide open fields right now, and they're fully booked. The main draw for the park is the trails and the bike park, and those are still great assets and people will still come for them. So we are confident that if we had Ridgeview open we would still sell a significant amount of permits," responded Sorensen.

Councillor Greg Pasychny asked, "The two outhouses, bigger and better with running water, where would those go? And if we were to build those outhouses, why would we need a set of port-a-potties?" Sorensen responded that the outhouses would be built on the old foundations which survived the fire. "We wouldn't need port-a-potties if you rebuilt immediately, but we wouldn't expect you to. The idea is to have port-a-potties up until the outhouses are constructed."

When asked when they would like a response by, Sorensen replied that they usually open for booking on April 1, although they could wait until early May if needed.

Mayor Zahara thanked the group for their presentation and said that the Town will get back to them soon. "I am looking forward to working with Rotary."



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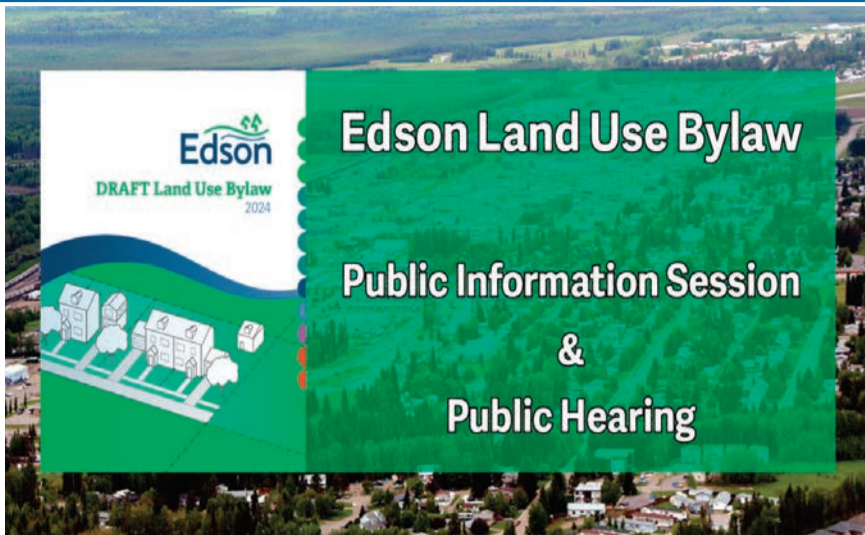
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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION - A Public Information Session (Drop-In) will be held at the Best Western High Road Inn (300 52nd Street) on March 26th from 6pm to 8pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about the proposed changes to the bylaw and ask questions of staff.

PUBLIC HEARING - A Public Hearing on Bylaw 2296, the Land Use Bylaw, will be held at a Special Council Meeting on April 8th at 7pm in Council Chambers at the Edson Civic Centre. This will be an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed bylaw directly to Council before a decision is made at a future date.

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the sun is warming...
the antlers are sheadding...
the sap is running...
the spring is coming...
the Creator all knowing...*

R.J.I.

Editor's Note: This poem was written by a local resident while sitting by the fire and later submitted to us for print.

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of: Mar 4 to Mar 10, 2024

Traffic violations calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 26 calls . Other investigations included: Assistance 7; Abandoned Vehicles 2; Alarms/False Alarms 2; Animal Calls 0; Assault 2; Cause Disturbance 2; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; False/Abandoned 911 Call 8; Family Orders and Agreements 2; Fraud 2, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 0; Lost or found property 4, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 3; Information File 1; Mental Health Act 2; Mischief or Damage 5; Municipal Bylaws 0; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 0; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 0; Suspicious persons 13; Traffic Complaints 3 ; Theft Complaints 5 , Trespassing 5; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 2.

KID'S CORNER



Meet 6 year old student Brynlee who attends **Mary Bergeron Elementary School**.

If you had a million dollars what would you buy?
I would buy 100 Oilers jerseys because they are my favorite team!

*correction



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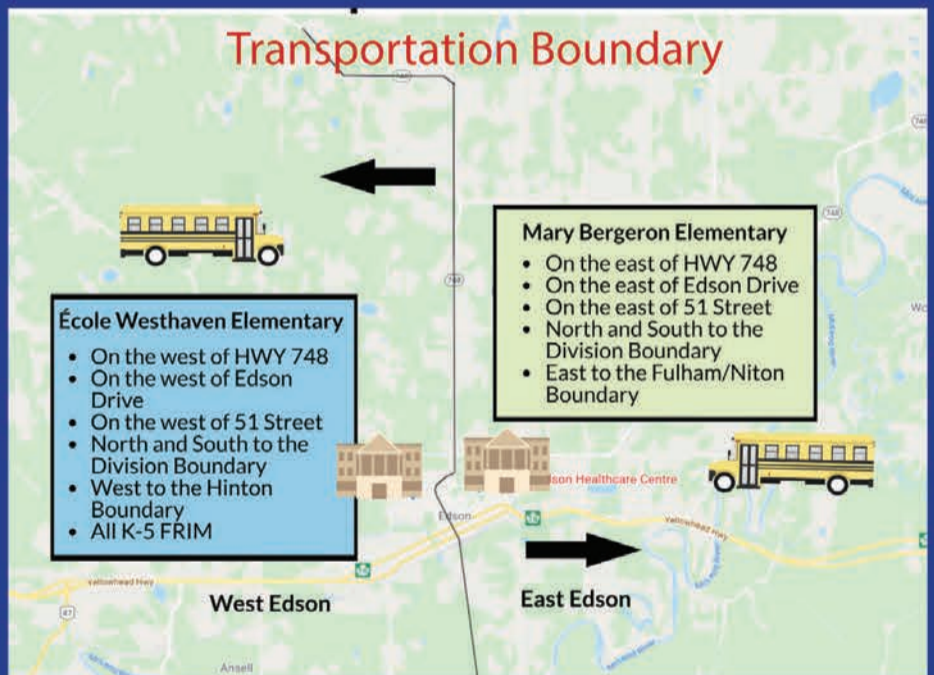
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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

TREE PLANTING & CARE WORKSHOP

with ISA Certified Arborist, Toso Bozic

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Peers Multiplex
\$10

Tree expert and ISA Certified Arborist, Toso Bozic, will be giving a hands-on lesson on how to properly plant your trees and best management practices.

Topics include planting, site selection and preparation, pruning, and much more!

Dress for the weather!
Workshop is outdoors.
Snacks and refreshments provided.

Registration is limited and required to attend. Register at www.yhcounty.ca
Registration closes April 5!

For more information, call Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department at 780-325-3782.

ASK OUR RESIDENT EXPERT! DO YOU HAVE TREE & GARDEN QUESTIONS?

Yellowhead County has a new seasonal Horticultural Technician to answer your tree and garden questions and concerns.

TREE & PLANT IDENTIFICATION

TREE PRUNING ADVICE

GARDEN SOIL TESTING

Testing for the upcoming season:
• Garden Soil sampling provides a basic range result for pH, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium.
• Limit of 1 garden soil sampling per household.
• Testing is on a First come, first serve basis and is subject to availability of testing supplies. *Priority is given to gardens that are exhibiting growth concerns.

TREE & PLANT DISEASE ID

Disease or pest identification and recommendations or referrals

Contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Department at 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782 for inquiries or to set up an appointment with our Horticultural Technician.



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-022	NW-21-52-23-W5 Cardale Area	Work Camp - Discretionary	Feb 29/24	Mar 21/24
D24-027	Plan 5923MC Blk 10, Lot 5 SE-30-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Restaurant (Catering Services)	Mar 7/24	Permitted Use
D24-028	Plan 1220486 Blk 1, Lot 2 SW-28-54-16-W5 North of Two River Estates	Single Detached Dwelling with Accessory Building (Shop)	Mar 7/24	Permitted Use
D24-029	Plan 152126 Blk 1, Lot 4 NE-23-53-14-W5 Carrot Creek Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Mar 7/24	Permitted Use
D24-025	Plan 1622577 Blk 2, Lot 1 SE-17-53-9-W5 South of Wildwood	Existing Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage & Accessory Building (Garage)	Mar 7/24	Permitted Use
D24-031	Plan 0424020 Blk 1, Lot 3 SW-18-54-14-W5 Peers Area	Existing Addition (Covered Deck) to Manufactured Home	Mar 7/24	Permitted Use
D24-032	NE-27-53-10-W5 Wildwood Area	Addition to Existing Accessory Building (Staff Accommodation)	Mar 7/24	Permitted Use
D24-026	Plan 2221249 Blk 7, Lot 2A NE-25-53-9-W5 Lobstick Resort	Single Detached Dwelling	Mar 8/24	Permitted Use
D24-034	NE-32-54-9-W5 Chip Lake Area	Addition to Manufactured Home	Mar 8/24	Permitted Use
D24-020	Plan 1920988 Blk 2, Lot 3A NE-12-53-18-W5 Edson West	Staff Accommodations (Surveillance Suite) Discretionary	Mar 11/24	April 1/24
D24-033	SE-21-56-14-W5 Shinningbank Lake Area	Single Detached Dwelling-Additional	Mar 12/24	Permitted Use
D24-036	Plan 132189 Blk 2, Lot 2 SW-19-52-7-W5 South of Evansburg	Single Detached Dwelling	Mar 12/24	Permitted Use
D24-037	Plan 1320417 Blk 1, Lot 8 SW-36-53-17-W5 Edson North Estates	Manufactured Home	Mar 12/24	Permitted Use
D24-030	Plan 8221400 Lot 1 SE-12-53-18-W5 West of Edson	Medium Industrial (Oilfield Trucking & Equipment)	Mar 13/24	Permitted Use

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 \$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.

Farming Forward EFP WORKSHOPS

APRIL 3RD, 2024 - 10AM-3PM
EDSON LEISURE CENTER
1021 49 ST, EDSON, AB
Please pre-register here: https://EFP_YHC.eventbrite.ca

APRIL 4TH, 2024 - 9:30AM-3PM
WHITECOURT INTERPRETIVE CENTER
3002 33 ST, WHITECOURT, AB
Please pre-register here: https://EFP_Woodlands.eventbrite.ca

Join us for an in-person Environmental Farm Plan workshop.
Please bring a laptop or tablet so you can work on your EFP workbook.
For more information please call: 780-621-8670.

1 CREATE ACCOUNT
Please create an EFP account at albertaefp.com prior to attending the workshop

2 REGISTER
• April 3rd, Edson Leisure Center: https://EFP_YHC.eventbrite.ca
• April 4th, Whitecourt Interpretive Center: https://EFP_Woodlands.eventbrite.ca

3 DIRECT SUPPORT
Work through workbook chapters with support of an EFP technician

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YELLOWHEAD COUNTY Parks & Recreation Grants (ANNUAL & QUARTERLY GRANTS)

Community Hall Operational Grant (ANNUAL GRANT)
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating a community hall. Grant Deadline: March 31

Outdoor Amenity Operational Grant (ANNUAL GRANT)
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating an outdoor amenity. Amenities include: playgrounds, ski trails, outdoor skating rinks, ball diamonds, soccer pitch, riding arena, hiking trails. Grant Deadline: March 31

Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Capital Assistance Grant

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital projects which could include renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility, new outdoor amenity, etc.

Recreation Program & Event Grant
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding up to \$2000 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community.

Recreation & Culture Initiative Fund
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community.

Grant Deadlines: March 31, June 15, September 30, December 31

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Yellowhead County Recreation Board Grant Deadline March 31, 2024.
Please call yellowhead County Parks and Recreation Supervisor for more information.



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

Community WildFire Equipment Info Session Open Houses

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March 15 4:00-7:00 PM

Wildwood Hall
March 22 4:00-7:00 PM

Yellowhead County is looking for residents who have equipment and are interested in working with Yellowhead County to assist in wildland firefighting efforts.

Stop in to find how you can work with Yellowhead County Fire Department to assist with wildfire fighting efforts.

Get more information and details at www.yhcounty.ca



Black Knot | Info & Pruning Guideline



Black Knot - What Is It?

Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department has received numerous calls regarding black growths on residents' fruit trees.

These tar-like black swellings are a sign of Black Knot and will distort and stunt any tree species within the *Prunus* genus.

Black Knot reduces the aesthetic value of affected trees and, if left long enough, may result in eventual death of the tree.

The disease spreads in the spring, attacking new growth on branches. The spores, released by the fungi can be carried by wind and splashing rain.

The only reliable method of controlling Black Knot is pruning.

Black Knot - Pruning

1. Only prune between November and March.
2. Cleanly cut off at least 6 - 8 inches below the knot, better to prune back to a healthy collar, then leaving a stub.
3. For knots on branches or trunks that can't be removed, use a knife to cut away diseased tissue down to good wood and then 1/2 inch beyond the edge of the knot.
4. Cleaning your equipment properly is another good way to prevent the spread. Pruning shears should be dipped in a 1% bleach/water solution between cuts and once you are finished pruning ensure you run your tools under water for 10 minutes and dry thoroughly.
5. Treat pruned branches like hazardous waste, they can release spores for up to 4 months. Burn, bury, or wrap them in plastic and throw them in the trash. Do not compost.

Questions? Call 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.



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INVITATION TO TENDER 2024 Crack Sealing Program for Yellowhead County

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

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2024-833
Project: 2024 Crack Sealing of Local Roads

Will be received until: 1:30 P.M., March 25, 2024

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

For the following work: Approximately 294 kilometers of Crack Sealing of Local Roads throughout Yellowhead County and the Jasper/Hinton 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., March 6, 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.

REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2024 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2024.

All equipment hired by Yellowhead County **MUST** be registered annually by the deadline.
Yellowhead County will select equipment that is the best suited for the work to be done and provide the most cost effective level of service.



For more information or to register your equipment, call the Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.



MBE School teacher entered for Edwin Parr Teacher Award



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GNS: Good News Story

Attendees at February's Public Board Meeting were able to see why first-year teachers **Mack Holden** (pictured below left) and **Paige Ek Dahl** (pictured below right) caught the attention of their principals, **Jillian Hammer** from Sheldon Coates Elementary in Grande Cache, and **Darcy Reynolds** from Mary Bergeron Elementary School in Edson.

Each year, the 61 school boards in Alberta select first-year teachers to be considered for an **Edwin Parr Award**. The 61 boards are divided into six zones; each zone selects one candidate from all the divisions within that zone. In total, six Edwin Parr Teacher Award winners will be chosen from across the province - including two from Zone 2/3 - where GYPSD is located.

The Alberta School Boards' Association established the Edwin Parr Teacher Award in 1964 to honour Edwin Parr, a respected and loved teacher from the Athabasca area, who had instituted an "Annual Teacher Award" in his school system.

The process is intense and comprehensive, requiring the beginning teacher and their nominating principal to provide extensive documentation from the year; then the candidate had to present their most effective lesson, including a reflection of their learning journey, at the public board meeting.

Congratulations to both **Mack** and **Paige** for sharing their classroom excellence, and additional kudos to Paige who was selected by the Board as GYPSD entry for the Zone 2/3 Award! The six provincial ASBA Edwin Parr Teacher Awards will be presented to the winners at the 2024 ASBA Fall General Meeting.

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Community Care Foundation hosts Spring Fling Fashion Show

by Niki Luymes

The Community Care Foundation of Edson and District welcomed people out for a night of fashion fun at their first ever Spring Fling Fashion Show on March 7. The event was setup at the Edson Legion with doors opened at 6 pm and the show beginning at 7 pm.

Volunteers, donors, and attendees alike helped make this event incredibly successful, raising close to \$40,000 that will stay right in the community to help with rural healthcare initiatives.

There were multiple aspects to the event. Each part came together to make for a full night of fun. The fashion show featured many outfits donated by businesses all around Edson and each of the models was a local volunteer.

Throughout the show there were intermittent fashion auctions with items also donated by local businesses. This included things like sunglasses, dirt biking gear, golf passes, and so much more.

"We even held a gently used grad dress auction with lovingly gifted grad dresses up for auction. This gave people the opportunity to bid on a beautiful dress for someone in their life or to purchase for donation to a Gowns for Grads program where dresses are available for grads that may not have the means to purchase one for their special day," said Marsha Jensen, the Community Care Foundation president. The event also included refreshments and raffles throughout.

The evening was emceed by Dr. Jodi Abbott. "Abbott grew up in Edson; one of the daughters of Stan Gelmici. Jodi is a true hometown girl who has traveled the world in many capacities. She is currently President and CEO of the University Hospital Foundation in Edmonton," said Jensen. "Dr. Abbott recently received the Order of Canada

for her leadership in Alberta's healthcare and college systems, and for her mentorship of young athletes in the field of figure skating. We were very honored to have her host our 1st Annual Spring Fling Fashion Show."

Tickets to the show cost \$35 a person. There were 350 tickets available, all of which sold out the week before. "We dreamed it would be a popular event, but could not have imagined the outpouring of support from Edson and area," said Jensen, "Many people throughout the evening expressed what a great time they were having and we have heard nothing but positive feedback following the event."

The event was put together by the Community Care Foundation, a local group that focuses on helping support and enhance healthcare option in the Edson area. Multiple volunteers came together to help make the event possible.

While the foundation has put on smaller events in the past, this is the first time they have done something on this scale. "The main goal of the event was to raise awareness for our organization. Many people expressed they maybe hadn't heard of us or they had heard of the Community Care Foundation of Edson and District, but didn't really know or understand our mission or purpose."

"Our secondary goal was to have a fun night out for International Women's Day, and our last goal, was to raise funds for much needed diagnostic imaging equipment for the Edson Healthcare Centre," explained Jensen. The foundation is always looking for more volunteers and donations.

The Foundation offered a heartfelt thank you to the vendors, volunteers, businesses, and the community for helping make the show a success.



The Fashion evening was emceed by Dr. Jodi Abbott (daughter of Stan Gelmici). Dr. Abbott recently received the Order of Canada. photo Jordan Conarroe Originals

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- Edson Royal Canadian Legion #51
- Edson Photography Club
- Edson Recycling Society
- Holy Redeemer High School
- Vanier Community Catholic School
- Ecole Westhaven School

And a very special thank you to our stellar Event Coordinator, Lori Stang ...and so many more!

~ Obituary ~

Ruth Ann Bischoff Werger

November 16, 1937-March 4, 2024

Our precious Ruth has found her way home waiting for the Lord's return.

Leaving momentarily, her devoted husband, Wilfred. A bond so close, a love so deep. Also mourning her absence, her step daughter, Kathryn, friends Ron, Jamie & their children, neighbors Kevin, Tammy & little Joe. Special connections at the library will miss her witty and bubbly personality. Her treasured cats Soso and Maxie will also miss her greatly.

Predeceased by her parents, William & Lottie Bischoff, her brother Joe and Aunts Ida & Bertha.

Ruth grew up in Pinckneyville, Illinois. After graduating she went on to get her degree in teaching. She would leave that career in 1980 to follow her heart all the way to Wildwood Alberta, Canada, to marry Wilfred. With a suitcase in hand she was ready for the adventure. She never dreamed what would unfold. Together, there they farmed their beautiful, 1/2 section acreage. Hayfields, cattle, horses and domestic pets. Installing and repairing fences, rounding up the cattle, early morning feeds and milkings, welcoming new calves each year, tractor rides together, to gather the wood, hay bales and more.

Hard work and a deep love for each other combined with God's land would build an unbreakable bond between the two.

For the past several years they made the long 2000+ mile trip to their home in Pinckneyville, Illinois each winter where the weather is much warmer. They both looked forward to that trip.

Up until a couple of years ago their health was showing signs of longevity. Sadly, things changed and frequent doctor and hospital visits became the norm while away in Illinois. It was during their trip this year that Ruth's health took a dramatic downturn. There was hope that she would be strong enough to return to Canada but she passed while in care March 4, 2024.

Ruth and Wilf's commitment to faith and God's promise of a better place left Ruth at peace as she passed on.

Not a goodbye, but, a farewell for now. She will be greatly missed by many.

Please send any condolences to kathyork@shaw.ca



A Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Canada's economy is falling behind; here's what we can do to catch up

Unlocking Canada's resource wealth is the path to prosperity

by Lisa Baiton

Canada is at a crossroads. The economy has been slow to grow, inflation continues to bite Canadians' paycheques, and we aren't creating enough well-paying jobs to keep up with a growing population.

This analysis is borne out in the numbers. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is projecting that Canada's economy will trail all 38 of its member countries this decade. Dead last. Over the past five years, Canada's per capita GDP – a vital measure of productivity – has remained flat while the average growth of all countries was 5.6 percent, with U.S. per capita GDP growing 9.3 percent and resource-rich Australia up 4.8 percent.

As other countries increase productivity, Canada is falling behind. This makes it more expensive for Canadians to purchase goods and keeps paycheques lower than in other countries.

Investment in and the construction of major projects are key drivers of productivity growth. However, Canada falls behind in this area. A report by consulting firm Advisian for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) revealed that the process for approving major projects in Canada is slower than in Germany, Australia, the United States, the U.K., and Sweden.

It is time to start playing to our strengths.

Oil and natural gas currently account for more than half of the global energy supply. A recent RBC report projected that, by 2035, the world will need to add another United States' worth of energy production just to meet the energy needs of a growing global population.

As the fourth-largest oil producer and the fifth-largest natural gas producer in the world, Canada needs to capitalize on this opportunity. The

Montney Basin, which spans northeastern B.C. and northwestern Alberta, alone contains enough natural gas to supply all Canada's needs for the next 140 years. Our oil reserves are larger than Russia's.

We have more than enough resources to secure Canada's energy needs and play a significant role in the energy security of our allies through exports. We also produce oil and natural gas with some of the highest environmental, emissions, and human rights standards in the world.

The benefits of exporting our energy resources are significant. For the second year in a row, investment from the Canadian oil and natural gas industry is expected to reach \$40 billion. Oil and natural gas exports make up 20 percent of the country's total value of trade.

The oil and natural gas sector is among the country's most productive; in 2022, the dollar value per working hour in oil and natural gas extraction was \$387 – six times the average of all industries.

The industry's supply chain stretches across the country, reaching thousands of businesses in every province and supporting over 400,000 jobs for Canadians. In addition to being one of the country's largest employers of Indigenous people, almost \$4 billion of Indigenous equity positions have been taken in oil and natural gas projects since 2017.

Last year, governments across Canada received over \$45 billion from oil and natural gas through royalties, taxes, and other fees. This revenue helps operate hospitals, pay teachers, run critical social programs, and support the arts, contributing to Canadians' high quality of life.

Moreover, there is potential for further opportunities.

Canada is already a producer of some of the lowest-emission natural gas and offshore oil with the lowest emission intensity worldwide. And, as one of Canada's largest investors in clean technologies, the sector is continually working to

reduce emissions.

Emissions from the oil and natural gas production peaked in 2015. Since 2012, the conventional upstream sector lowered CO₂ equivalent emissions by 24 percent while growing production by 21 percent. In addition, along with governments, the country's six largest oil sands companies are proposing to invest \$24 billion in emissions reduction projects by 2030 and are targeting net zero emissions from operations by 2050.

Canada has what it takes to be a global energy superpower: the resources, talent, technology, and a growing global market for our responsibly produced products. We can do this while supporting the drive to lower the world's emissions.

To make this a reality, we need to recognize the world needs oil and natural gas today and for the foreseeable future. We need a pragmatic, globally competitive policy environment that attracts investment and encourages further decarbonization innovation.

We need to support nation-building projects, like LNG export facilities and carbon capture, that create high-paying jobs, enhance Canadians' paycheques and build on our strength as a resource developer and exporter.

And we need to be proud of Canada's role as a responsible developer and provider of natural resources for the world.

Lisa Baiton is the President & CEO of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.
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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Countries choose coal for diverse reasons

Countries now face the reality that no silver bullet exists to solve their energy challenges. The global energy crisis of 2021-23 underscored the resilience of coal as a power generation source, mitigating severe consequences that could have escalated without coal as a backup.

The closure of European industrial operations and the risk of populations suffering through unaffordable energy costs or no energy at all exemplifies the crucial role of coal.

In many non-OECD Asian nations, coal is the most cost-effective and reliable electricity source, enabling economic growth. Moreover, coal's contribution to energy security, affordability, and reliability (the energy trilemma) benefits the energy economy, providing essential

backup to renewables and supporting high-value manufacturing jobs, research and development, and job security within the coal value chain, particularly in mining operations.

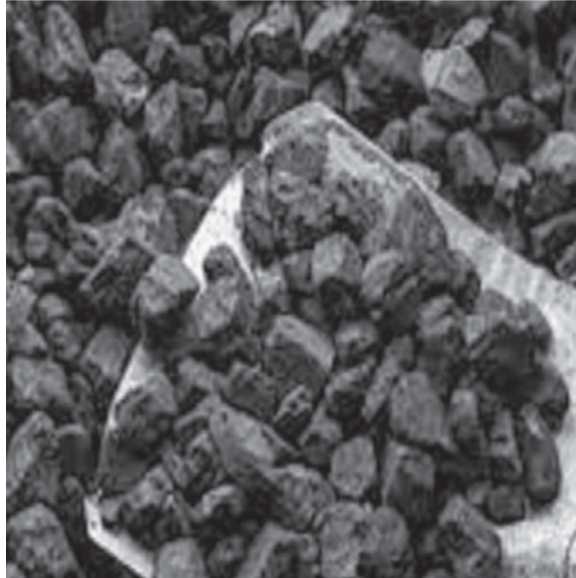
According to the International Energy Agency's (IEA) Coal Market Update, 10,440 terawatt hours (TWh) of electricity was

generated from coal in 2022. This figure represented 36% of the world's total electricity generation. The report further projects that by 2040, coal will continue to be the single largest source of electricity worldwide.

It's important to note that these figures reflect coal's significant role in the global energy landscape. Despite the growing emphasis on renewable energy sources, coal remains a key player due to its abundance, cost-effectiveness, and established infrastructure in many countries.

However, this also underscores the importance of developing and implementing cleaner and more efficient coal technologies to mitigate environmental impacts.

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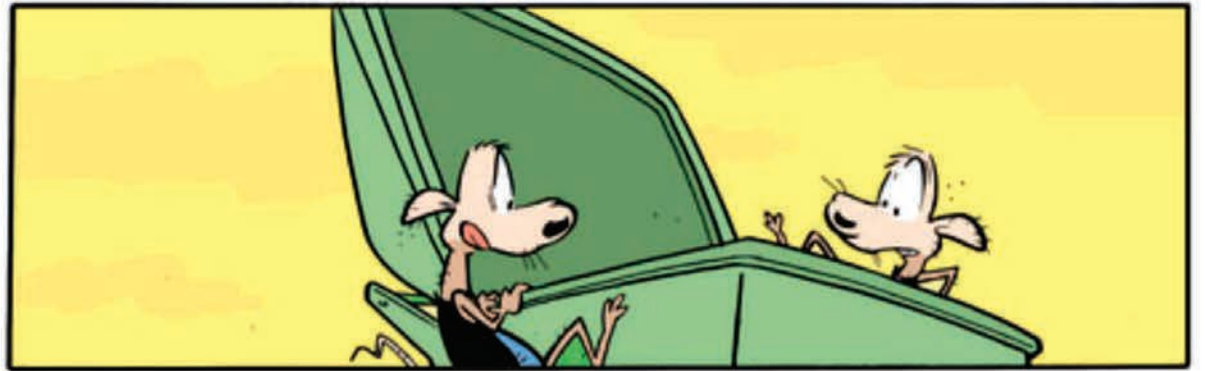
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A: Between you and me, something smells!

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What's happening, when and where in the community

Community Events

Jan 10 to Mar 20: Family Time. Join us on Wednesdays for some indoor fun! Program runs from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Marlboro Community Hall (January 10 & 24 February 7 March 13). Peers Multiplex (January 17 & 31 February 14 March 20). Registration is required. www.yhcounty.ca/registration
March 8, April 12: Join Trail Hall for potluck suppers for more information call 780-728-5641.
March 10-31: Yoga in Peers, Sundays 6pm-7pm Peers Multiplex ages 12+ register at yhcounty.ca/registration
March 23: Niton Jam at Niton Community Hall 1:00pm everyone welcome
March 26: Family Wellness Day. 11:00am-1:30pm at Marlboro Community Hall. Register at yhcounty.ca/registration
March 26: From Stress to Success. Tools to manage stress and anxiety in relation to the upcoming wildfire season. Register or drop in. call 780-725-0582 6pm-8pm at Griffiths Park Centre (5414 6ave)
March 27: Family Wellness Day. 11:00am-1:30pm at Brule Community Hall. Register at

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March 30: Free Fire Extinguisher Demonstration. Learn and practice extinguishing a stove top fire. 2pm Bethel Pentecostal Church (6350-13 ave)
Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.
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Farm & Field

News and Views

Register for Open Farm Days 2024

Be a host farm or ranch for the 12th annual Open Farm Days, August 17 and 18

Registration is now open for farms and ranches to be part of the next edition of Alberta Open Farm Days.

Alberta Open Farms Days is an incubator for agri-tourism and rural sustainability, bringing Albertans together through educational and experiential agricultural-based initiatives to learn about where their food comes from. As well, rural communities and some of Alberta's most talented chefs will be hosting a memorable series of farm to table culinary events that will be held around the province using Alberta farm products.

In 2023, 133 host farms were part of Open Farm Days, welcoming over 35,000 Albertans to their farms and ranches.

Host farms have included traditional farms, livestock (bison, cattle, alpaca, sheep, llama, goat, poultry) farms and ranches, organic operations, corn mazes, wineries, craft distilleries, meaderies, craft breweries, stables, petting zoos, along with honey, fruit, vegetable,

grain and u-pick farms.

Since 2013, Open Farm Days has seen over 183,000 person visits, injecting almost \$1.5 million into the rural economy through on-farm sales. In 2023, almost \$300,000 in on-farm sales were generated from Open Farm Days.

Since its launch, the public has enjoyed over 1000 Alberta farms. The number of culinary events has also increased over the years, from just 12 in 2013 to 74 in 2023.

Participating farms and ranches have had very positive experiences being part of Alberta Open Farm Days:

- "The important factor was having people learn first hand about bison and having a First Nations representative to speak to the importance of the bison to their culture." – Glengary Bison Ltd.

- "Visitors were genuinely interested and engaged with what was being shared. Many visitors had never heard of power farming or alpaca raising in Alberta, so it was a new experience for many." – Blooms on 7 Flower Farm

- "Many people were exposed to animals and the rural way of life. They were able to interact with producers and find that they were educated, responsible, articulate and caring people with regard to the welfare of their animals and the environment." – Big Country Agricultural Society

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