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Clean and Green during Earth Day

by Niki Luymes and Ellie Walter

For Earth Week, the Edson Youth Council enacted three initiatives to celebrate our

planet and encourage people to help the environment between April 16-22.

Thanks to a generous donation of 540 trees by Weyerhaeuser, the Youth

Council was able to hand out white spruce saplings at several locations for the Tree Sharing initiative. The small trees were handed out at Sobey's on April 17, at the Edson Leisure Centre

on April 20th, & at the Galloway Station Museum on April 22. The idea proved to be a success with members of the council handing out all 540 of

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Town of Edson staff and Youth Councillors were taking part in the Earth Day clean up challenge. They cleaned trails and Willmore Park and collected many bags of garbage. photo submitted

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Clean and Green during Earth Day



The Edson Youth Council had a very successful Tree Sharing initiative. They gave away all the 540 trees that Weyerhaeuser generously donated. photo Niki Luymes

continued from front

the trees. Along with the Council also handed out stamp cards for the Green Shopper Program. If you used reusable shopping

bags at any participating local business, you would receive stamps on the card. A full card with 10 stamps could then be used to enter a draw for a \$50 Edson Bucks gift certificate. The winner of the \$50 in Edson Bucks for this initiative was Val Blum.

The third initiative was the Garbage Pick Up Challenge, in which local neighbourhoods were challenged to pick up trash around their area. Posting a picture of your haul would get you entered for a chance at the title of "Earth Week Champs". Participants were encouraged to share their neighborhood in their submission as

there was also an award for the Greenest Neighbourhood. The winner of the Greenest Neighbourhood was William Wilson, who picked up the most garbage. The two lucky winners of the clean-up were Candace Parker and family and the 1st Pathfinder group.

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Yellowhead County Council approves 2022 budget and tax rates

by Shaylyn Thornton

At their April 26 meeting, Yellowhead County Council discussed their 2022 Final Budget as well as rates of taxation for the 2022 taxation year.

The 2022 Interim Budget was adopted on December 8, 2021 and went into effect on January 1, 2022. Now that required pieces of information have been received, such as the property assessment, tax requisitions, and final amounts for tenders and quotes, the 2022 Final Budget has been completed and was brought before Council for approval.

Other changes made since the 2022 Interim Budget was adopted include an increase in the fuel budget by a factor of 1.6 to account for the increased cost per litre, amortization amounts have been adjusted to match 2021 actuals, utilities have been updated based on either 2021 actuals plus 2% or a three- or five-year actuals, and capital project CS22-0011 – Kubota has been added per Council Resolution 72-03-08-22.

Additionally, as Yellowhead County has recently taken over management of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority (WYRWMA), the 2022 Final Budget for the WYRWMA has been included in the 2022 Final Budget for Yellowhead County.

The total 2022 Final Budget, including capital projects and amortization, is \$168,062,433.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux said, “I was anticipating increased costs for utilities so that didn't take me by surprise.” Lemieux noted that she was, however, surprised by the 20% increase in the Seniors Foundation requisition over what was initially the Interim Budget, and asked Director of

Corporate Services Jeffrey R. Morrison if this was “an anomaly” or if he thought it was a “trend that will follow in the next few years.”

Morrison said that correspondence with the Evergreens Foundation identified that their 2021 Capital Plan had three main projects, including the Pine Valley Lodge which is expected to be completed by summer of 2022. They also had the design and phase of the Wildwood project in 2022 as well as the Indigenous Housing Capital Program for a 12-unit Indigenous Elders Lodge in the MD of Greenview.

“They have three capital projects of significance that are occurring in the next number of years,” said Morrison. “So yes, it's a spike in current year, but I can't speak to whether that spike will continue or whether this increase will level off and provide enough funding moving forward.”

Lemieux also commended Morrison for the presentation of the budget, noting that it was “easy to read, easy to understand.”

Councillor David Russell wanted to make clear that the budget represents a 0% increase on the part of Yellowhead County to Yellowhead County Residents. “Yellowhead County residents will, however, see an increase on their school requisition and their seniors requisition. Both of those items are out of our control,” Russell said. “We simply collect the money and pass it on to those two institutions.”

Council voted unanimously to pass the 2022 Final Budget.

Because the Final Budget was passed, Council was able to move on to Bylaw 12.22 Being a Bylaw to Authorize Rates of Taxation for the 2022 Taxation Year.

The bylaw would impose the various

rates of taxation and authorizes tax rates for each of the taxation categories. Additionally, the bylaw contains a provision to authorize a minimum levy of \$25 on all properties not otherwise exempt from taxation.

Bylaw 12.22 establishes the Residential rates as 2.3755 for the general municipal levy, 2.5014 for the school requisition, and 0.5105 for the seniors requisition for a total rate of 5.3874.

Non-residential rates are established as 6.1510 for the general municipal levy, 3.8454 for the school requisition, 0.5105 for the seniors requisition, and 0.0766 for the provincial designated industrial property requisition for a total rate of 10.5835.

The rate for the Evergreen's Seniors Foundation has increased by 0.0727. The residential School Tax requisition rate has decreased by 0.1293 and the non-residential School Tax requisition

rate has increased by 0.0717.


The Designated Industrial Property requisition rate is unchanged from 2021. The designated industrial tax rate covers the requisition issued by the province to cover the costs of assessment preparation for the designated industrial classes of assessment.

The general municipal rate as determined by Council has remained unchanged from 2021. There is no municipal tax rate increase in 2022.

Councillor Russell thanked CAO Luc Mercier and County Administration “for the hard work they put into creating this budget.” “It's much appreciated by Council, thank you,” he said. Mayor Wade Williams “echoed” Russell's statement.

Council unanimously passed all three readings for Bylaw 12.22 Being a Bylaw to Authorize Rates of Taxation for the 2022 Tax Year.

**Wild Sheep Foundation Alberta
Yellowhead Chapter**



**Will be hosting our
15th Annual Conservation Banquet
at the Edson Legion
Saturday, May 7, 2022**

**Social: 4:30 pm - 6 pm
Dinner: 6 pm - 7 pm
Auction and Social: 7 pm - 12 am**

**For tickets to the Banquet please call Luke Vandergust
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VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES





This spring, forest companies ANC Timber (Alberta Newsprint Company), West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (Blue Ridge Lumber and Alberta Plywood) and Weyerhaeuser Company - Pembina will be holding virtual “open houses”, to share forestry operating plans for the year ahead. These events provide the general public and stakeholders with the opportunity to review each company's planned activities in road development, harvesting, hauling, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the current forestry year. Public stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreation areas etc.

We would like to invite you to visit the websites below to view each companies upcoming forest activities. We will have a variety of plans available for review including: Area of Operation for 2022-2023 season; Company Reforestation Plans; and Herbicide Treatment Plans.

Alberta Newsprint Company (ANC) - <http://www.albertanewsprint.com/woodlands/>
West Fraser Timber Ltd - <https://www.westfraser.com/sustainability/forest-management/forest-management-planning>
Weyerhaeuser Pembina - <http://pembinatimberlands.com>

For more information, contact:

James Norman	Dane Webster	Shay Yaskovitch
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Emergency Preparedness Week

Edson to test Emergency Siren

April 27, 2022: The Town of Edson will be testing the emergency siren at the Edson Fire Station on Wednesday, May 4th, 2022, at 6:45pm. This is a TEST ONLY. The test is a part of Emergency Preparedness Week on May 1-7, 2022.

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative that has taken place annually since 1996. It is a collaborative event undertaken by provincial and territorial emergency management organizations supporting activities at the local level, in concert with Public Safety Canada and partners.

EP Week encourages Canadians to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Get an emergency kit

The Town of Edson will be using this opportunity to test the emergency siren at the Edson Fire Hall. Prior to the current pager/radio systems, volunteer firefighters used to listen for the siren as a notice that they needed to get to the station for a call.

EVENT REMINDER

June 14:
Multi-Family Garage Sale
 9:00am-2:00pm
 Holy Trinity Church
 Corner of 50th Street (Main) and 7th Ave.



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May 1-7, 2022

Emergency Preparedness Week

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Facebook, Twitter, email, websites, cell phones, and other tech are important tools in an emergency. We encourage everyone to monitor OFFICIAL Town of Edson social media channels and our website at www.edson.ca during emergencies to get the latest information on potential evacuation orders or other instructions.



Did you know?

The Town of Edson has an emergency siren.

This siren is located at the firehall and is an audible notice that a major emergency is underway. If you hear the siren please monitor your local media and Town of Edson channels for more information.

The Town of Edson will be conducting a test of the emergency siren on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:45 pm.

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Water Risk Levels/Actions

Water levels can fluctuate for a number of reasons throughout the year. Extended, hot, dry temperatures, major re operations, well failure, etc. In order to help residents understand the water situation throughout the year, operational risk levels have been developed. Please see the chart below to understand the different risk levels and operational changes required for each situation.



High Alert / Water Ban

Medium Alert Warning

Low Alert Warning

Normal Operations

- Sprinklers and water toys may be used for recreational purposes by children provided children are present during use; this includes children's pools (capacity not more than 1000 liters)
- No changes to regular operations.

- ODD/EVEN watering for lawns will be enforced
- Reduce Spray-Park Hours by 25%
- Children's pools (not exceeding capacity of 1000 liters) may be used.
- Requests for site and condition specific irrigation scheduling for Commercial/Institutional operations using metered irrigation systems may be approved.

- All outdoor water use is prohibited (washing cars, sidewalks, watering lawns, water toys, etc). Exception: Hand watering of flowers/vegetable gardens.
- Reduce Spray-Park Hours by 50-100%
- Bulk Water hauling by appointment only or with limited hours.
- Requests for site and condition specific irrigation scheduling may be approved.

- All outdoor water use is prohibited.
- Spray-Park Closed.
- Bulk Water hauling suspended.
- No town water trucks
- No training with water (staff/fire)
- No town grass watering.
- Other conservation measures as needed.

Reservoir Levels

75%-100%

60%-75%

50%-60%

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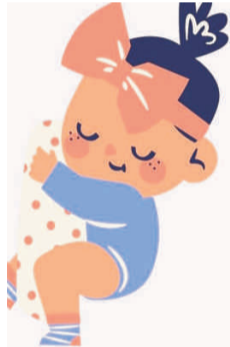
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**The Town of Edson will be testing
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The survey closing date has been extended!

Visit participating organizations to have your say in our community survey or scan the QR code until May 3rd!



Our community is launching a survey on March 28 - May 3 to determine the housing needs in the community. To make your voice heard, you can visit any participating local organizations to fill out the survey in person or complete online by scanning this QR code!



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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

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

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

Added precautions save lives

May is motorcycle safety month in Alberta. This is the



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for drivers to see you.

4. Avoid blind spots - Whether you are driving

time of year to keep a more watchful eye for these smaller motor vehicles. During the early summer more collisions occur with motorcycles than at any other time.

To drivers of cars and trucks, a motorcycle's smaller size can make their speed deceiving. Never underestimate the speed of a motorcycle.

Staying safe also means being visible. Make yourself visible on a motorcycle by following these five tips from the RCMP.

1. Wear reflective tape - Place reflective tape around your wheel rims and on any part of your motorcycle that is closest to a light source. At night, reflective tape will make your motorcycle look like a bigger vehicle.

2. Wear bright safety gear - You are just as visible as your bike when you're on the road. Wearing high visibility jackets and helmets like orange, yellow and white will instantly draw other motorists' eyes to you.

3. Ride a bright bike - A brightly-coloured motorcycle increases your chance of being noticed by other motorists. Riding a black or darkly coloured bike makes it harder

on the highway or parking, always position yourself where other drivers can see you. Motorcycles can be difficult for drivers to see in their rear-view mirrors. Find a lane position where you can be seen by all cars on the road.

5. Use your brakes - If another vehicle is following you too closely or you are concerned that they are not slowing down fast enough behind you, tap your brakes. By doing so, your brakes will act like a giant blinker light warning other motorists of your location and distance from theirs.

But all these visibility precautions do not change the fact that the younger a motorcyclist is, the higher the collision rate is. Motorcycle riders age 16 to 17 years old have the highest involvement rate per 1,000 licensed motorcyclists. In fatal collisions, nearly half of motorcyclists were travelling at unsafe speeds.

There is also the other driver to worry about. They may not be experienced, they may be under the influence, or just tired.

Added precautions by all motorists this time of year can save lives.



Pet of the Week

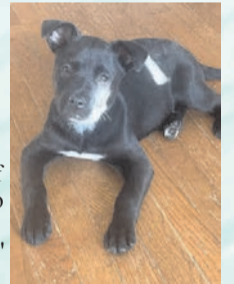
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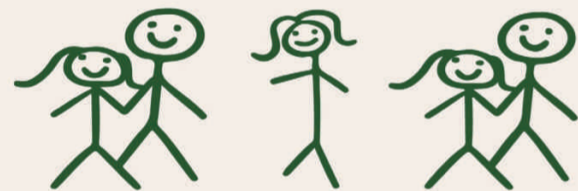
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Tuning in to each other.
Understanding someone's feelings.

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*(This fee represents approximately 33% of the total cost for the dust control application. Full application costs will apply for any requests over 200 metres.)**

3. The fee must accompany the application.

4. Spring Applications must be received by May 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

*Dust Control Policy #3200.02

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Avian Flu detected in Alberta.

Avian Influenza is highly pathogenic and can be spread to domestic birds by wild bird populations.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT AN OUTBREAK.

Bird owners are legally responsible to notify authorities of Avian Influenza and should call a veterinarian or a local office of the CFIA if they suspect their birds are sick with Avian Influenza.

For poultry producers and owners with backyard flocks or pet birds, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) website contains resources on avian flu and biosecurity measures.

www.inspection.canada.ca

Yellowhead County is providing this update as public information and is not directly involved in the notification process, any questions should be directed to the CFIA.

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D22-055	Plan 9420471, Lot 1 SW 26-53-09-W5 Wildwood	Accessory Building (Fuel Storage Tanks)	Apr 13/22
D22-061	Plan 0021462, Blk 2, Lot 1 NW 19-53-17-W5 Edson Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage	Apr 19/22
D22-048	Plan 9223262, Blk 1, Lot 10 SW 31-53-12-W5 Niton Junction	Restricted Substance Retail (Cannabis Store)	Apr 21/22
D22-049	NE 13-53-18-W5 Edson Area	Work Camp - Discretionary - One (1) Year Term	Apr 21/22
D22-056	Plan 1321956, Blk 1, Lot 1 N 28-53-07-W5 Evansburg Area	Home Business Small (Retail Farm Products)	Apr 22/22
D22-054	Plan 0526646, Blk 2, Lot 3 SW 32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Home Business Medium (Tank Trucks) - Discretionary & Outside Storage - Discretionary	Apr 27/22

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.

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GRAZING LEASE AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSE

A lease on the subject property will be expiring at the end of May 2022. In anticipation, Yellowhead County Administration is seeking letters of interest for the 4.26 acres coming available. Lease pricing will be established by current Yellowhead County policy. Administration is requesting letters of interest for this opportunity which will be shared with Yellowhead County Council for evaluation and a decision. As such, prospective lessees should include statements as to why they feel they should be selected by Council for this opportunity.

If interested please submit request by May 9, 2022.

SCHEDULE 'A'

Subject Property
Plan 1825M/C
PT SW 07-53-07-W5M

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

YKCS boys score well at Edmonton badminton tournament

by Raydn Wright, YKCS

Yellowhead Koinona Christian School sent two of their high school boys to play Zones in Edmonton on April 20th.

The tournament was a round robin and grade twelve boy, Ezekiel Frymire played well. Aidan Braun finished third for grade eleven boys.

The school was very excited to have the boys go to Edmonton and the classes were getting updates on the intercom throughout the day.

On May 3rd YKCS is hosting GYAC's for the junior high Eagles badminton team.

A special thanks to the coaches for investing their time to our players and the school for supporting YKCS sports programs.



YKCS badminton players Aidan Braun on the left and Ezekiel Frymire on the right play Zones in Edmonton on April 20th. submitted

Wildwood & District Agricultural Society

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Saturday May 7th

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Wildwood Complex

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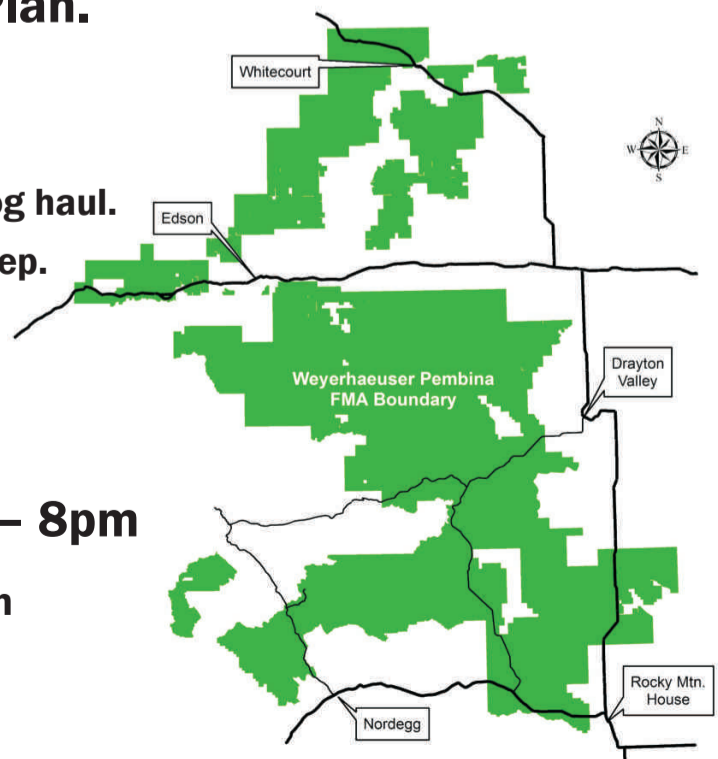
Staff will be present to discuss:

- Harvesting Plans; Road development, operations, log haul.
- Silviculture Plans; Stand tending, Herbicide vs. Sheep.
- General Planning, current and long term.

Wed. May 11, 2022 4 pm – 8pm

Repsol Place, Main Lobby, 1021 – 49st., Edson

For information call 780-542-8014



Edson local takes home third of a \$1 million lotto prize

Vincent Dikaitis wasn't expecting tears of joy when he gave his ticket for the March 29 LOTTO MAX draw to the cashier and discovered his big win!

"I teared up a little, and I said to myself, 'this isn't happening,'" Dikaitis recalled as he claimed his prize. He won by matching the winning MAX-MILLIONS numbers for the March 29 LOTTO MAX draw - 12, 8, 10, 19, 35, 38, and 41. The \$1 million prize is set to be shared between Dikaitis and two other tickets purchased in Calgary and Ontario. Each winning number will take home a total windfall of \$333,353.40

The winner already has some ideas about what to do with his



Vincent Dikaitis was the lucky winner of \$333,353.40 for the March 29 LOTTO MAX draw.

windfall.

"Finish some vehicle repairs, share with family and pay off some

debt," he said

Dikaitis purchased his ticket at Braund's Your Independent

Grocer, located at 4431 4 Avenue in Edson, on March 26.

Oversized load travelling on Yellowhead Hwy near Edson

A wide load will travel between Scotford and the Edson area starting April 27.

The 103-metre-long and 5.73-metre-high load will leave the Scotford refinery and petrochemical area near Fort Saskatchewan and travel for five days to its destination near Edson.

The load is an electrical generator, which is almost as long as a CFL football field and as tall as a traffic light pole.

The route will include Highway 753 northbound to Highway 16 at Chip Lake; and Highway 16 westbound to Edson. Travel times include: May 1, 8:00 a.m. Drayton Valley; 4:00 p.m. Carrot Creek Self Weigh. May 3, 12:00 a.m. Carrot Creek Self Weigh; 6:00 a.m. Cascade Power.

Edson RCMP arrest male in possession of a stolen truck

RCMP release: On April 24, 2022 at 2 a.m., Edson RCMP located a suspicious truck which was pulling a trailer in Yellowhead County.

A traffic stop was initiated and it was determined that the truck and the trailer were both stolen.

The driver was arrested for possession of stolen property. Investigation revealed that the truck had been reported stolen out of Grande Prairie and the trailer from an oil site in Yellowhead County.

The driver (45) of Hinton, Alta., also had outstanding warrants. The male suspect was charged with the following offences: Possession of Stolen Property X 2; Provincial Traffic Offences X 2.

The male was brought before a Justice of the Peace for a bail hearing and was released with conditions to attend court on May 17, 2022 in Edson Provincial Court.

Low-Income Seniors will not face a reduction in their GIS or Allowance Benefits

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise low-income seniors that they will not face a reduction in their GIS or Allowance benefits if they received pandemic benefits in 2021, or if they find they need to access any related benefits in the future. These payments will alleviate the financial hardship of seniors who qualified and received pandemic benefits in 2020, but who subsequently saw that they counted as income and impacted their GIS or Allowance benefits. This automatic one-time payment was issued by direct deposit on April 19, 2022. Clients who

Gerald Soroka
MP Yellowhead



have not signed up for direct deposit will receive a cheque by mail no later than the end of April 2022. These payments will support those who saw a

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2022 HERBICIDE APPLICATION PROJECT

Please be advised that ANC Timber Ltd. is looking for input on their upcoming herbicide application program for 2022. ANC Timber Ltd. will be conducting both aerial and ground herbicide application programs between August 6th and September 20th, 2022. The application will treat approximately 1500 hectares of existing cutover area. The applications will be in portions of:

Township	Ranges	Meridian
48	12, 13, 14	W5M
49	12, 13, 14, 15	W5M
50	14	W5M
58	18, 20, 21, 25	W5M
59	18, 24	W5M
60	23, 24	W5M

Both the aerial and ground herbicide applications will be done using VisionMax® silviculture herbicide. The purpose of the applications is to control grass and shrub species that are limiting the survival chances of our planted seedlings on recent harvested areas. Access to all areas will be posted with signs upon completion and all applications will be done in accordance with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry regulations and the Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides. For more information, please contact an ANC Timber Ltd. representative at (780) 778-7017 or visit ANC's 2022 Virtual Open House at <http://www.albertanewsprint.com/woodlands/>.

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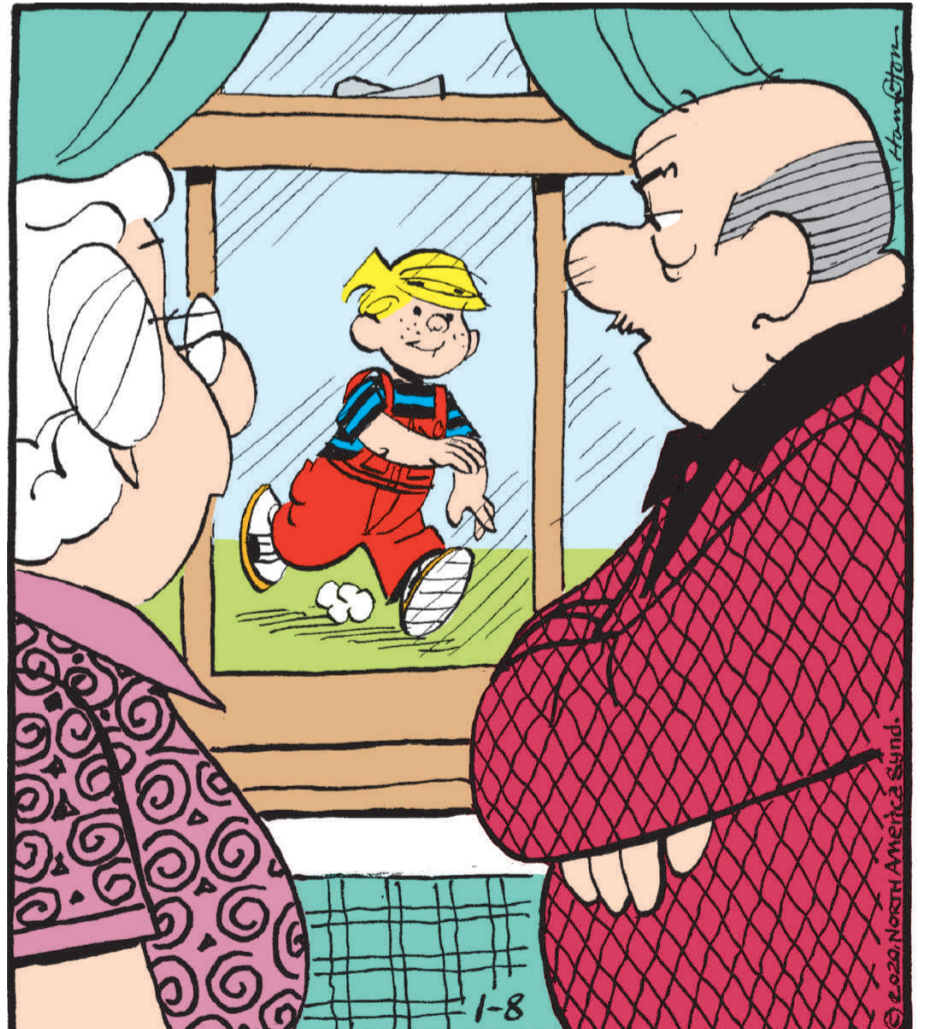


KID'S CORNER



Say hello to 8 year old Hazard Young who is in grade 3 at MBE. If you could teleport anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why? Edmonton because there's lots of fun stuff to do there.

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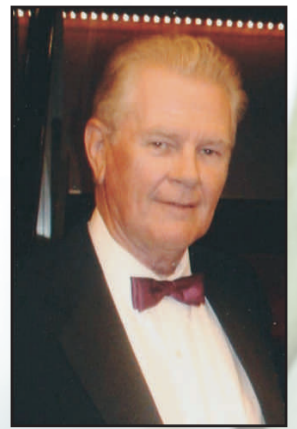
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~ Obituary ~

George Malcolm Goldie

February 17, 1933 – April 22, 2022



It is with profound sadness that our family announces the passing of George Malcolm Goldie, a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather, on April 22, 2022. Mal passed away from a sudden unexpected illness at the age of 89.

Mal was born and raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta and married his high school sweetheart Annie Cairney in 1955, a marriage that lasted over 66 years. After numerous moves through the province and country, Mal & Annie settled with their 5 children at Erith Tie, on the Coal Branch. With the children leaving and finding their own paths, Mal and Anne moved into Edson where he resided until his passing.

Mal's community spirit and volunteering began at an early age when he joined the Riverside Cub Pack then moved onto Scouts, where he acquired many proficiency badges. He was immensely proud to become a King Scout and was selected by the Provincial Boy Scout Association to attend at scouting camp at the Bar 75 ranch. He attended the First Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree in Ottawa with 7 other Scouts. At the early age of 16 he had to raise his own funds to travel by train to attend. Mal was an avid athlete involved in softball, hockey, basketball as well as junior and senior football. He was signed by the New York Yankees baseball farm team because of his lightning-fast precision pitching but made the tough decision to pass up this opportunity and focus on his young family.

In grade 12 Mal went to work as a 'wiper' on the CP railway. He moved from the round house as a 'tenderfoot' to a locomotive fireman on the Medicine Hat Saskatchewan run. He was as handy with a shovel as he was in sports, and many an engineer wanted him on their train. With the discovery of oil and the conversion to diesel fired locomotives, Mal had to move on and found a job in banking in 1953.

His Bank of Nova Scotia career started in Medicine Hat first as a junior clerk and then a bank teller. Following a series of increasing responsibilities and promotions, Mal was transferred to various locations in Alberta and Saskatchewan. In 1965, the family relocated to Edson, where Mal was the Bank Manager. Barely settled into Edson, he was transferred to Winnipeg as Senior Assistant Manager of the main branch. On an accelerated career path and the likelihood of having to move the family every 2 years, Mal decided to resign from the bank in 1969. In June 1970 Mal started with the Erith Tie Company as the Controller, but the job was much more than that. He could do almost any of the jobs required; equipment operator, certified planer operator, lumber grader and electrical troubleshooter to name a few. A new expansion of the sawmill saw Erith Tie Company become Sundance Forest Industries. He remained with Sundance as Sales Manager for North American Lumber Sales until his retirement in 1997.

Moving into Edson from Erith allowed Mal to become even more involved in the community. He was a Town Councillor for 12 years and worked on numerous committees including 22 years as Chairman of the Citizens Appeal Panel. Throughout the years he was a member of the Kinsmen, K40, 4H, United Church Harmony Singers and much more.

In retirement Mal enjoyed travelling to different locations with Annie. They traveled North America, Europe and Australia. They became "Snow Birds" travelling to San Jacinto California every winter for 10 years. This not only supported his passion for golf but also his volunteer spirit. He enjoyed volunteering as a golf course marshal, community councillor and became the Tuesday Billiard King. Mal's volunteering and community supportive spirit continued with the Pioneer Cabin. He enjoyed developing computer programs for their floor curling scores, schedules and membership tracking as well as skipping his curling team. His Excel programming skills could launch the space shuttle. His last week at home saw him entering the curling scores, updating memberships and creating schedules.

Mal is survived by his 5 children (spouses), 14 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and his brother. He was predeceased by the love of his life, his parents and sister.

The family will be taking Mal home to Medicine Hat where his Internment will be held.

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(AHS) Alberta Health Services (AHS) is recognizing National Immunization Awareness Week by reminding Albertans to keep their immunizations up to date.

COVID-19 and influenza immunizations are among the most commonly known; however, there are many

other vaccine-preventable diseases both children and adults also need protection from — and immunization can provide this protection.

By following a routine immunization schedule, you and your child will be immunized against diseases at the safest and most effective ages and stages. This means you and your child will get

the maximum possible protection.

AHS provides free, routine immunization for infants and children who live in Alberta. However, immunization is not just for children — it is a lifelong process. Adults need to immunize against vaccine-preventable diseases as well.

There are some vaccines adults don't need to get again if they received them in childhood, such as measles. Some vaccines are for older adults only, such as pneumococcal vaccines, and there are other immunizations that all adults should get at regular intervals, such as influenza yearly, and tetanus vaccine every 10 years.

While making your family's immunization plan, be sure you are also maintaining your COVID-19 vaccine per the booster recommendations.

To find out which immunizations are right for you and your child, please check with your family physician or visit myhealth.alberta.ca. If you have any questions regarding immunization, please call Health Link at 811.

Baseball is back in Edson!



The first practices of the season are being held in the arena until the weather is better. Pictured is a player in the Rally Cap 5-6 age group practicing running bases. photo Shaylyn Thornton

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November 23 - June 28: Caregiver Support Group. Online Virtual Session. Online Virtual Sessions. Call Yellowhead County office for exact dates each month. 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 or email Karen at kschatz@yhcounty.ca or in person at the Leisure centre.

April 12- May 17: GIRLS IN MOTION ages 9-15 Tuesday's

6:30-7:30pm for more info and to register check out www.edson.ca

May 2-29: Step it up challenge all ages are welcome. Teams of 3+ register in person at the Leisure Centre Deadline is April 27/22.

May 3: Willmore Park Walking Group 60 min guided walk Tuesdays at 7:00pm starting May 3rd no Registration required Dogs and kids welcome as long as they can keep up with the pace.

May 7: YKCS Live Auction doors open at 10am Auction starts at 11am 430-72st Glenwood for more info call 780-723-3850.

May 9: Hamlet of Marlboro Playground Adventure. Bring your children to play at the park and other family fun. 10am-12pm.

May 11: Weyerhaeuser open house 4pm-8pm Repsol Place Main Lobby 1021 49st for more info call 780-542-8014

May 13,14,15: Medicine Lodge Rodeo. Weekend Camping also available for more info contact Angela Anderson 780-723-0384 or Susan Longmore 780-723-6848

May 14 or June 12: Babysitting Course ages 11-15 9:00am-3:pm to register visit

edson.ca/cdprograms spots are limited.

June 14: Multi-Family Garage Sale 9:00am-2:00pm Holy Trinity Church corner of main 50th street and 7th ave

June 24: Mayor Zahara's Charity Golf Tournament 9am register @edson.ca

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Pinedale Hall has a cozy hall that seats 100 people, which is great if you have an upcoming wedding, reunion, a Family event or a business that has a need for an open meeting etc. The Pinedale Hall has open rental dates. Catering may be available. Contact Cindy Wood at 780-723-1809.

Pine Grove Hall Association is now taking bookings for the hall. Capacity is 180 people. Full kitchen with annual health inspection. Camping available. Horseshoe pits, grassy baseball field with backstop and a covered outdoor pavilion. Call 780-723-2818 and leave msg.

Edson Masonic Lodge #68. Plan your next event at the historic Masonic Hall. Seats up to 80, perfect for weddings, showers, birthday parties, and meetings. Wheelchair accessible, kitchen facility, centrally located. 4725 9th Ave. They hold a meeting the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. For more info and prices call Holt at 780-728-8973.

Edson Lions Club Hall is taking bookings for meetings, weddings, gatherings and reunions. Upstairs holds 145, downstairs hold 104. Catering available by the

Elks. Camping available. Edson Lions is a non-profit society. Phone 780-723-3169.

Entwistle Hall Rentals contact Cheryl at 780-515-1755 or Tracey at 780-898-2317.

Edson Legion Hall seats 350 for dinner and dance, and 400 for convention style seating for birthdays, funerals, meetings and special events. Wheelchair accessible, catering available and ample parking. The Edson Legion is a non-profit organization. Call the office at 780-723-3455 to book events.

Park Court Hall call or text Karyn at 780-712-3918.

Wildwood Community Hall To book please contact: Marjorie Russell at 780-325-2180 or Mary Anderson at 780-514-6105.

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Pastor Mesh Hit
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FireSmart your spring cleaning – around your home

“With the change in seasons, many Albertans have spring cleaning on their minds and are starting to clean up their yards on their farms or acreages,” says Laura Stewart, FireSmart specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development.

“Some outdoor maintenance activities can be done in the early spring to help protect your home from the damages of wildfire, as we see the wildfire danger rise dramatically in late April and May.”

Understanding your risk

The first thing to do is walk around your property to identify wildfire risks. Start with the first 1.5 metres (about 5 feet) around the entire home and any attachments, such as decks.

“What combustible fuels are you keeping closest to your home? You want to keep a special eye out for things like dry leaves, grass and twigs, firewood piles, construction materials, and patio furniture. Whenever possible, you want to move these items at least 10 metres from the home or safely store them in

a garage or shed,” says Stewart.

Embers ignite more than half of homes damaged or destroyed by wildfire. Research has shown that structural modifications, like fire-resistant building materials, can reduce the risk of wildfire damage up to 40%. If you're making important structural modifications and moving those combustible fuels farther away from your home, you can reduce wildfire risk by up to 75%.

Simple steps that make a big impact

“Here are some simple actions that homeowners can take to address four key areas of the home. Both immediate, roll-up-your-sleeves maintenance activities and longer-term planning are included.”

Roof: Keep the roof clean and clear of combustible debris, such as leaves, twigs and branches. Upgrade roof to a Class A ignition resistant roofing material. Class A roofing materials include clay tile, concrete tile, metal and asphalt shingles.

Siding, vents and openings: Examine siding for locations where embers could accumulate or hide.

Inspect vents and openings often to ensure they are in good repair and combustible debris is removed. Stucco, brick, fibre cement boards/panels and poured concrete siding all offer superior fire resistance. Consider upgrading to a non-combustible siding material.

Deck: Remove combustible debris and vegetation on, around and under decks and other attached structures is a key factor in reducing vulnerability to ignition during a wildfire. Select fire-rated composite decking material for the deck and cover the underside of the deck with non-combustible sheathing, such as fibre cement board or metal screening.

Gutters and eaves: Keep gutters and eaves clean and clear of combustible debris, such as leaves, twigs and branches. Upgrade to a boxed-in or soffited eave design that is non-combustible. Upgrade gutters and downspouts to non-combustible materials, such as galvanized steel, copper or aluminum. A metal drip edge should be in place as part of the roof assembly.

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