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Yellowhead County updates wildfire situation

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Shinning Bank residents still on evacuation as of May 17.
by Deanna Mitchener
On May 16, Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams and Chief Administrative Officer Luc Mercier presented an update on the wildfire situation in the County. The update was held at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Edson at 2pm. CAO Mercier started the meeting off by welcoming everyone. Residents affected by the fire were asked to hold their questions to the end. "I can say that this is the first day in 18 days where our sense of apprehension is somewhat gone. Things are starting to look a little bit greener than they have in the past 18 days," said Mercier. "We're still not out of the woods, but we do have a bit of positive news today as well a bit of a request for the people in the Shinning Bank area. We are asking those in the Shinning Bank area that were asked to evacuate last night around 8:00 p.m. to please be patient and look forward

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to tomorrow a little more than today," said Mercier.

"The reason we asked residents to evacuate another time is that the fire is still burning in your area and with the stronger winds and higher temperatures that occurred yesterday, I can tell you that they did jump the south fireguard," Mercier said. "The winds to my understanding were picking up to about 60 km an hour last night."

"The crews were able to manage that and it didn't go very far. The crews are working actively today with a number of people on foot as well as some crews from B.C. and some from the United States, along with heavy equipment. They are re-establishing the southern guard on that fire," said Mercier.

"So, we were asking Shinning Bank residents to remain evacuated for one more night. Our intent is for tomorrow at 2 p.m. we will have some great news for you and that you will be able to return home. But at this time we are asking for one more day at minimum," Mercier said. "We don't want to send you home if there is a risk. We want it to be a positive return."

"There were two more fires we will touch base on, the one south of Edson that came up at the Brazeau dam. That fire is still getting a very positive response from the fire crews on there. They have a very good guard on the north side of it, so it's not an immediate concern for our residents. For the Wildwood fires, I can also say that we have been able to actually take some of the resources off that fire to help us fight the Shinning Bank Fire. That fire has mitigated itself or gone down in size quite drastically. We still have issues in some areas that are flaring up a little bit. Again no immediate concerns," said Mercier.

"We understand this hasn't been the first time you have been evacuated. You have been such great people to talk to. I understand you are not going through the easiest time and you are still worried. You have been polite and accommodating and you're working with our staff —I just can't thank you enough for that," Mercier added.

Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams stated, "Thanks to all our residents for being so cooperative. We realize these evacuations take a toll on everyone. Our crews are out doing everything they can to save as many properties as possible."

"We have [protection] sprinklers set up on a bunch more homes that are in the wildfire areas. Please, if you are seeing any of our crews or staff, thank them for all the work that they have done over the past few days —it's just amazing," said Williams.

I also want to thank our neighbouring communities; the Town of Edson, Town of Hinton, and the Town of Jasper for really stepping up and helping the evacuees. A week or so ago when the Town of Edson ended up having to evacuate as well, it was a big undertaking to send 12 to 14 thousand people to the west. Those communities really stepped up to help," said Williams.

"We do have a long weekend coming up, so keep in mind there is a OHV ban and fire bans in place. We still have huge fire risks out there because it is so dry. Please follow the bans, don't run ATVs, and don't have campfires for this long weekend," Williams said.

"There will be law enforcement out driving around checking on things. I would ask them not to give any warnings to someone that doesn't follow the rules. There needs to be a penalty.

With that being said, we still need to try and enjoy the weekend. But we need to follow the rules and keep the fire hazard down," Williams said.

During Yellowhead County's May 17 update, CAO Mercier addressed the recent Shinning Bank evacuation, "The winds are still an issue. That is our biggest concern over the next 24 to 40 or so hours. The winds are still bouncing around quite a bit so we still have serious concerns with that. The evacuation zone we put in two days ago will stay in effect until Friday, is our best guess at this point in time." Mercier added that if winds die down the evacuation notice could be reviewed earlier. "We need to make sure our residents are safe first and foremost."

Yellowhead County puts out a daily live update at 2:00 pm regarding the wildfire situations across the County. Questions can be asked online or in person. The videos can be found at www.facebook.com/yellowheadcounty. Updates can be found on the County website at yhcounty.ca. For more information call 1-833-334-4630. *-story last updated May 17, 2023*

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Local Shining Bank resident shares thoughts on recent wildfire

by Deanna Mitchener

Many residents of Yellowhead County have been affected by the raging wildfires in the area. Bj Fuchs, a Rancher from Shinning Bank, shared his own experience and thoughts with the Weekly Anchor.

"During the evacuation order for Shining Bank, I chose to stay back along with others that felt the same way. The reason seems pretty basic to us ranchers. You work your whole life to be a rancher, you just don't abandon ship. We have way too much at stake here to just pack up and leave. Don't get me wrong, we will leave if it comes down to getting hurt. We have a great community out in the Shinning Bank area, when we first spotted some fire across the river on Friday May 5, we called it in right away. We never seemed to get any help for the longest time. So some of us neighbours got together to plan on what was needed to be done to protect, not only ourselves, but the rest of the neighbours' homes and livelihoods. The following day we had even more show up to help, some local oil and gas companies and some local logging companies brought some equipment to work on making a firebreak. Other equipment was making berms to contain the fire the best we could along with wetting down homes and stacks of straw bales with water tanks and pumps," said Fuchs.

"From what we could see there were three different fires burning and had jumped the river. Unfortunately, some homes got burnt. We were fortunate enough to contain two of the three fires on our property. One being on our section 36 pasture, the other fire just yards away from my son's house. It was a pretty scary time for sure. We the community have a lot of questions, how come we couldn't get help? Why are we left out here by ourselves? We did get some folks driving fire trucks and helicopters landing multiple times basically demanding us to leave. We choose to

stand our ground to protect our homes, property, neighbours and community," Fuchs said.

"We had people hauling in equipment that we never even knew before. I'm sure after it's all said and done, we will become lifelong friends. People from Carrot Creek also hauling equipment in and put it to work. People really came together to donate equipment and fuel. Some lost their equipment, some equipment never made it out of the fire. Still so many questions, why didn't help come sooner and what happens next? Who's paying for all these expenses? Not to mention what about mental health, this was very stressful times for this whole province. On the Sunday, Mother Nature gave us our first support with a little rain, then we finally started getting some provincial help with water bombers, helicopters, and ground crews getting water from the river and Shinning Bank Lake. With hot weather in the forecast and no rain, we need all the help we can get," said Fuchs.


"I reached out to our MLA Martin Long and had a good conversation, he came out and took a tour out here with myself and another neighbour. I would also welcome a call from Danielle Smith when she has time. We still have so many questions we would like answers for," said Fuchs.

"On another note, I have had numerous good conversations with our [County] Counsellor David Russell and MLA Martin Long on discussions of lessons learned and tabled some thoughts on how can we improve if something like this happens again moving forward," Fuchs added.

Fuchs concluded, "We all need each other in difficult times. Between our little Shinning Bank community and other communities across the river that we were in contact with daily, if not hourly at times, is an example of communities helping communities.

Like the saying goes communities build communities. This isn't a time to blame, but now at time to learn and continue to work together to be better in the future".

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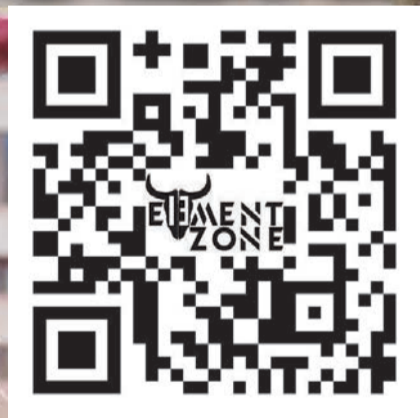
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The age requirement is 65 and above, however, additional tickets may be acquired for accompanying persons.

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.**



Free support for those feeling distressed by wildfires

Albertans – even if not directly affected by the wildfires, may be experiencing a



by Dana McArthur
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friends who may be impacted and are concerned by about health, wellness, or safety -- psychologists in Alberta are there

sense of distress or vulnerability. As a provincial community we have been through several natural disasters in the last decade, and are still reeling from the pandemic lockdown and economic changes.

In a communication we received from the Psychologists' Association of Alberta (PAA) the organization thanked community news producers, including The Weekly Anchor, for our coverage of the wildfires that have so grievously impacted our area. "Thank you for your exceptional coverage of what Albertans need to know as they cope with the Wildfire Disaster that we are currently experiencing."

The PPA has now activated their Disaster Response Network (DRN) for Albertans experiencing distress due to wildfires.

The organization's DRN provides pro-bono (free) tele-psychology services for those traumatized by these recent events. This is not a crisis line or a referral service but pro-bono support by volunteer psychologists of 1-3 sessions for those in need.

"Whether you have been evacuated, you live near the current or past wildfires, or you are just watching destruction unfold in the media – particularly if you have family or

for you," states the PPA.

"The Psychologists' Association of Alberta would like to help those Albertans who are experiencing distress due to wildfires. Our Disaster Response Network members are offering pro-bono telepsychology services for those traumatized by recent events. This is not a crisis line or a referral service but pro-bono support by volunteer psychologists of 1-3 sessions for those in need," the organization states.

To access this service, contact the PAA Office at: paa@paa-ab.ca or (780) 424-0294. Online advice in dealing with wildfire distress can be found at:

<https://www.apa.org/topics/disasters-response/wildfires-tips>

Our thoughts are with all Albertans impacted by the wildfires in northern Alberta, particularly with the recent evacuations.

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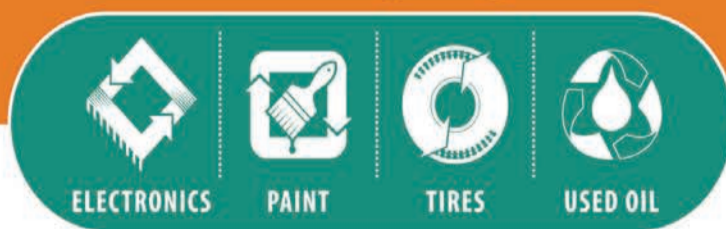


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D23-047	Plan 0627780 Block 1, Lot 18 SE-30-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage and Two Covered Decks	May 5/23
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2023 West Vegetation Mowing for Yellowhead County

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

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2023-814
Project: 2023 West Vegetation Mowing

Will be received until: 2:00 P.M., May 25, 2023

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

For the following work: Approximately 562 kilometers of Vegetation Mowing of local roads throughout Yellowhead County as well as 1 Storm Pond, 1 Lagoon, 1 Freshwater Pond and the Hinton / Jasper Airport. Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., May 10, 2023, 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.

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2023 Central Vegetation Mowing for Yellowhead County

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Project: 2023 Central Vegetation Mowing

Will be received until: 2:00 P.M., May 25, 2023

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

For the following work: Approximately 474 kilometers of Vegetation mowing of local roads throughout Yellowhead County as well as 1 Storm Pond and 3 Lagoons. Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

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INVITATION TO TENDER
2023 East Vegetation Mowing for Yellowhead County

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

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2023-816
Project: 2023 East Vegetation Mowing

Will be received until: 2:00 P.M., May 25, 2023

At the office of: Yellowhead County
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Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Approximately 455 kilometers of Vegetation Mowing of local roads throughout Yellowhead County as well as 2 Lagoons. Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

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Fortis Alberta holds welcome-back barbecue

by Deanna Mitchener

Fortis Alberta held a free barbecue in the Edson RCMP Centennial Park from noon to 3 p.m. on May 13 as a welcome-back after the wildfire evacuation of Edson and area recently.

Dave Hunka, Manager of Municipalities for Fortis Alberta, said, "We serve this area and other

areas that have been hit by the wildfires. We have done this before, whether it's in High River or people coming from Fort McMurray. We have set up barbecues to help welcome people back or to welcome them to an evacuation centre."

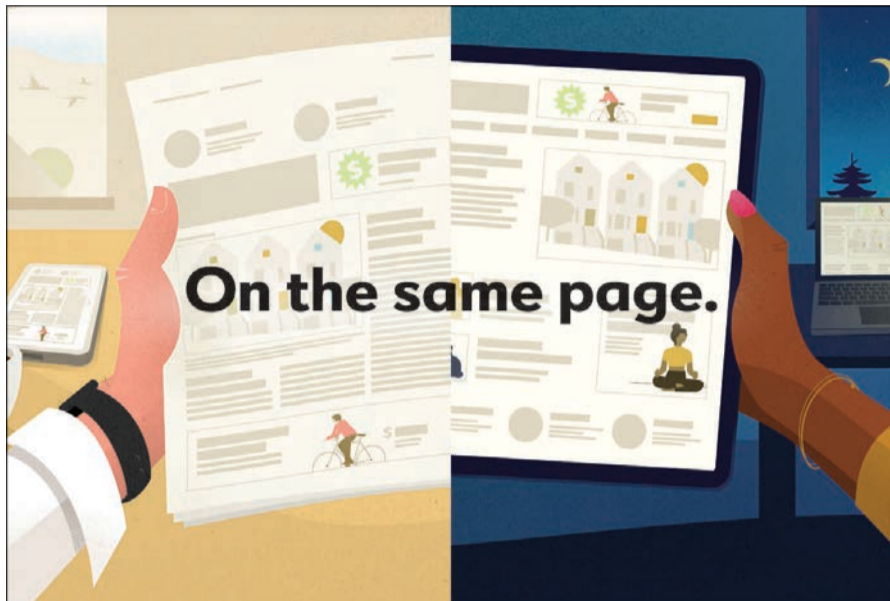
"We like to give back to the community, so today we are cooking up smokies and regular

hot dogs. There is no charge at all, people can come down and eat as many as they like with their families. We are planning and prepared to serve up 2,500 this afternoon," said Hunka. "We also got a donation of water from Bannister GM here in Edson, which is awesome."

"All our guys have been working

long hours, go-go-go, for a week so far. We have a lot of material coming in to restore services. There are a lot of industrial customers that are out right now and we are trying to get them up as quickly as possible," Hunka added.

Many families came out to enjoy the event and were able to relax with friends.



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Fortis Alberta hosted a free barbecue for the community as a welcome-back after the wildfire evacuation of Edson and area recently. Kali Nixon, Kelsey Nixon, Heather Speers, Dave Hunka and Chris Burt with Fortis. photo Deanna Mitchener.

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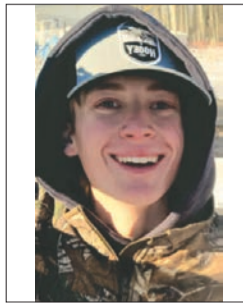
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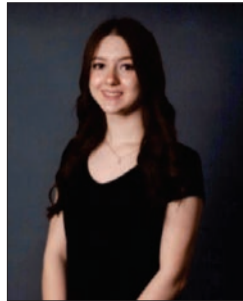
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McHappy Day in Edson raises \$4000 for charity

by Deanna Mitchener

On May 10 McDonald's restaurant in Edson celebrated McHappy Day. The event helps raise money for seriously ill children and their families who need to depend on the Ronald McDonald House.

Ronald McDonald House Charity provides many programs to help families stay together when their child has been diagnosed with a serious illness. It can be very hard for families to travel for treatments. Leaving their home, families, and

even jobs to access special treatments only available in the larger cities can be a financial and emotional hardship.

Raising awareness and essential funding to support families is a huge part of McHappy Day. A portion of all proceeds sold during the day go to the Ronald McDonald House Charity.

Maria Cristina Kho, who has been the Edson McDonalds manager for the past eight years, said, "McDonald's Canada is the founder and forever mission partner to Ronald McDonald House

Charity (RMHC) and it's the largest donor. It's a great Canadian tradition founded in 1977."

"McDonald's restaurants across the country host McHappy Day, an annual celebration of giving to support RMHC and local children's charities. Here in Edson we were

able to raise \$4,000. We will split those proceeds into two portions. \$2,000 will go to the Ronald McDonald House Charity and \$2,000 will go to Reflection Foundation Edson," said Kho. Reflections, a non profit agency, volunteered during the special day.



Marion, Neil, and Michele from Reflections on May 10 with Edson McDonald's Restaurant Manager Maria and her team during McHappy Day. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Thank you for hosting our workforce and for your patience during construction.

Two hundred and eighty-five kilometres of pipeline construction is now complete in Yellowhead County from Spruce Grove to Hinton, including the expansion of four pump stations and 16 major trenchless crossings in this region.

While pipeline construction is complete in Alberta, teams will return throughout 2023 to finish right-of-way cleanup and reclamation.

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Trans Mountain has several offices and pump stations in Alberta, including Sherwood Park, Edson, Hinton and Jasper. With a number of other operating facilities in the region, many of our team members work and live in the community. On top of local benefits, Trans Mountain will pay nearly \$4 million annually in local taxes after the Expansion Project is completed.



Trans Mountain and Yellowhead County signed a Community Benefit Agreement that saw a \$140,000 investment into the Hamlet of Robb pump track.



Trans Mountain and the City of Spruce Grove signed a Community Benefit Agreement for a \$200,000 investment towards the opening of the new Jubilee Park Boardwalk Trail.

While our presence will be smaller with pipeline construction now complete, we look forward to staying good neighbours in the community and maintaining our positive relationship well into the future.

For more information on construction, please visit transmountain.com.

Sincerely,

Michael Davies
Chief Operating Officer
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Brandyn Kuchuk
Operations Supervisor
Alberta District, Trans Mountain

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NEW! Busing Distance Eligibility Update for September 2023

In April 2023, the Alberta Government approved changes to the distance eligibility for transportation service effective for September 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Edson Flying Club concerned with airport fee increases

by Niki Luymes

During the May 16th Edson Town Council meeting, Clem Zajic and Joe Gallant with the Edson Flying Club presented concerns on the change of parking fees at the Edson Airport.

They stated that this year the airport fees increased by 400% for small planes. Previously, parking fees were at \$50 per month and \$300 for the year for planes 2,000kg and under; and \$75 per month and \$500 per year for planes 2,001kg and over. With the new prices it will cost \$200 a month or \$1,200 a year; and \$200 a month or \$1,500 a year respectively.

This new cost includes electricity, but does not change for planes that do not require being plugged in. Not all plane parking spots at the Edson Airport have access to power. "We believe the rate increase was unreasonable, it doesn't make sense. The fees are not really in line with what we believe are comparable airports," said Gallant. Previously, power was added onto the cost for those who needed it. This is the system that the flying club would like to go back to.

Gallant stated that the Edson Flying Club was unaware of the price changes until they received their February 2023 invoice. "We thought it was a mistake to begin with," stated Gallant. "When we first inquired about it, we

were told that it is what it is and you need to pay the bill." The club said they have researched other airports with similar usage as Edson, to compare prices. For example, they stated the town of Rocky Mountain House charges \$211 a year and Slave Lake charges \$400.

"The overwhelming point here is, all these decisions were made without us knowing about it or being able to give an opinion," said Gallant. The group asked council to review the new rates and maybe change them to be more in line with similar airports. "Make it fair and equitable for all of us. That's our request," said Zajic.

After the Flying Club's presentation, Mayor Kevin Zahara thanked them for the presentation and apologized for the issue. "Without question, I think there has been occasion here that we have dropped the ball a little bit." He noted that council would not be making a decision tonight, but the issue would be presented to Town Administration for review and a response would be determined at a future council meeting. Councillor Gean Chouinard asked if the flying club was more concerned with the cost, or with the fact that they had not been notified. Gallant responded, "The cost is the main concern, communication is the second issue. We hope that it can be reviewed and we can get back to the same as we were

paying before." Mayor Zahara then asked if Gallant could give council a little history of the Edson Flying Club and its participation at the airport, "I know you have been in existence for quite some time and I don't know if people are aware of that history." "I've been the director of the club for 25 years now," Gallant responded. "It started in 1961 and over the years there's been about 200 pilots that have come and gone." The club has had three different airplanes over the years as well as personal aircrafts owned by members. Currently,

however, membership is down and it's not looking good to main-

tain the club much longer, he stated.

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If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

What's happening, when and where in the community

Community Events

May 25: Aqua Gentle Drop in Thursday 9:30-10:15am
May 1-May 28: Step It Up Challenge. All ages welcome teams of 3+ register at the Leisure Centre once your team is complete.
May 26: Youth Night ages 11-17 Marlboro Community Hall 6-8pm register at www.yhcounty.ca/registration or text to 1-587-816-0891 Youth Only.
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June 17: Eddie's Big Run, Kids Fun Run, 3km, 3km, & 10km runs. Save the date.
June 23: Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament. Register now
June 24: The Hamlet of Robb is celebrating 100 years with a full day of activities for all ages. There will be a Beer Garden, Children's Carnival and Food Trucks, Historical Display and many other surprises. Bring your family and help us celebrate in style. 10am to 6pm with a park memorial and time capsule unveiling. Be a part of history.
July 1: Canada Day, RCMP Centennial Park www.edson.ca/CanadaDay
July 20: Bear Chase Triathlon. At Bear Lake Campground Registration opens May 24. Ages 3-13 Heats begin at 5:30pm.
July 21-23: Edson Renaissance Faire www.edson.ca/CANOE
July 26: CEAT Skate Park Luau, Skate Park www.edson.ca/CEAT
August 3: Teddy Bear Picnic, Edson & District Leisure Centre.

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Every Tuesday: Winter Walking Group @ 5:15 pm. 60 min guided walk through the Town of Edson exploring the beautiful trails. Drop In no registration. Dogs & kids welcome. See facebook @edsoncomserv for updates and muster locations.
Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.
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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Fears and distress around evacuations linger

by Deanna Mitchener

When the evacuation order hit Edson on May 8, it also brought out real fear for most people. None of us will fully understand the fear that others went through or may still be dealing with. Every one of us handles things differently.

Please remember to be kind, just because someone looks calm or even happy, doesn't mean they are not struggling on the inside. We all have different health concerns or worry about someone who does. We also count on income to survive, and each person has their own personal thoughts and fears around their income.

Local senior citizen, Fred Kuzmic, said, "When we heard that the wildfire was getting close to Edson and the surrounding area and the evacuation was announced, there was a sharp rise in mental health issues of our citizens, including myself. Stress and anxiety levels were experienced by the seniors. For many of us, we were scared, confused, and not sure of what to do. Are we going to have transportation safely out of Edson and

where will they take us?"

"Will they take us to our families, to another lodge or a hotel, what will happen next? It was unknown. What about our pets? Where will they go? And what about our medication, who will look after this for us?" said Kuzmic. "We don't want to be alone. It is very frightening when you are not sure who will look after you."

"It was a huge challenge, but Edson residents, companies, police, firefighters, health officials, the Town of Edson, and many others came to our help. They ensured we had everything that we needed. On behalf of myself and other seniors I would like to say thank you Edson, Hinton, Jasper, Grande Cache, and others," said Kuzmic.

Crystal Metzger, who has a special needs son, said, "We were able to book a room as soon as the alert went off. Had we not gotten a room, we would have been heading to B.C. because Kieran (my son) couldn't have stayed in the Evacuation Center. My son has autism and does not handle change well, he needs a place that is calm along with routine."

"I am very grateful for everything Nicholas Harbour did for us. He was calm and level headed. As the alert was going off my brain seemed to freeze. He managed to help not only me, but my two boys as well. Then after things were settling down, I had a breaking point and became very emotional. The anxiety I went through was not over the fear of losing my home, those things can be replaced. It was the unknown and the fear and stress my kids were having. I never want to do it again. Everyone in Hinton was fantastic. While it was the most stressful thing I think I've ever been through, I was amazed at how

calm, organized, and welcoming everyone was," said Metzger.

If you know of someone who may be struggling please reach out to them. It doesn't have to be financially, it can be a shoulder to lean on or running an errand. Sometimes it's the simplest things in life that truly mean a lot. Supports are also available 24/7 through the Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642, the Addiction Helpline at 1-866-332-2322, or Health Link at 811. Online mental health resources are also available on the AHS website at www.ahs.ca/helpintoughtimes.

~ Obituary ~

Stella Emilda McDonald

Born: May 9, 1941- Passed: May 7, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of my beloved wife and our mother Stella McDonald.

Born to Paul and Stanislav Chmielewski in Hotchkiss Alberta, Stella is survived by her husband Hylo and sons Kent, Cavin, Eran and Wade; sisters Dianne, Helen, Rose and brother Paul, grandchildren Robert, Sam and Max; many cousins, nephews and nieces, as well as many friends and acquaintances.

Stella was a loving mother, good friend, caring person, always willing to help anyone and everyone.

She will be missed by all of us.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Foothills Memorial Chapel on May 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM.



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~ Obituary ~

Virginia Leona Coes

Virginia Leona Coes passed away at 73 years of age in Edson, AB. after a heart wrenching battle with Alzheimer's.

Virginia was born Aug 17, 1949, to Joseph and Mabel Gates in Lacombe, AB.

Virginia took an accounting course at the Kelowna college and a ministry course at St. Joseph's University, which she used to teach the pilgrims guide at the Sacred Heart Parish. Many remember Virginia from her many years as Stedman's Store Manager and as the Royal Canadian Legion Padre. Virginia was awarded the provincial volunteer of the year award for her work in starting up the northern Alberta Brain Injury Society, the Adult Day Program and her volunteer time at many clubs and sports clubs such as Catholic Women's League, Lioness Club, Lions Club, Girl Guides of Canada.

Virginia is predeceased by her parents Joseph and Mabel Gates, sister Louise, brother Edward Gates, son in laws Randy Anguish and Kirk Bagstad. Virginia is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Walter Coes, daughters Kelly Coes (Randy), Tina Dale, Tansy Coes (Kirk), sons Wesley Coes, Robert Coes, grandchildren Dave (Aleisha), Tim Dale (Kandas), Joey, Byron (Laura), Kelly, Dallas, Kehler, Kooper, Sienna, Tiffany, Laticia, Isiah, Shenisha, Kianna, great grandchildren Talon, Aubrey, Layla, Aryella, Aiden, Cassia, Lilianna, Aurora, Tayla and Brody, sisters Edith Robertson, Eleanor Allen, brothers Robert Gates, Dave Gates and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held May 26, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Sacred Heart Parish Catholic Church in Edson, AB,

In lieu of flowers donations may be offered to the Alzheimer's Society of Alberta & Northwest Territories

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