

Council votes on funding Willmore campground repairs

Upcoming 4-H Beef Show and Sale...

by Niki Luymes

discussed a decision regarding the campground. financial support for the Edson

Specifically, Council voted on Rotary Club in repairing whether or not to approve presented their needs during the

Willmore Park campgrounds \$75,000 to cover the cost of March 12, 2024, Committee of after the 2023 wildfires. Edson rehabilitating the Ridgeview The Whole meeting. On April At the May 21 Edson Town Rotary has an agreement with Campground to be funded from 16, council voted to include a Council meeting, council the Town to operate and manage the Revenue Sharing Agree- one-time grant of \$20,000 to the ment Reserve.

The Edson Rotary Club first Operating Budget, to be

Rotary Club Edson in the 2024

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OUTDOORS

Edson Fish & Game Club hosting National Range Day family event...

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COMMENT

Preventing **Property Crime** this summer...







The Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch, Edson recently presented Elsie Nykyfork with a plaque thanking her for her years of service. Elsie is Edson's oldest living veteran at 103 years young. Elsie was a teletype operator and was in the military for one year at the end of WWII. Her husband was an airplane repairman in the Air Force. They had two children, a son and daughter. Unfortunately, Elsie's husband passed away in 2007. Elsie's son Vernon and wife Wendy, moved her to Edson in 2008 to be near family. Pictured are Wally Coes, George Massia, Legion President Wendy Williams and Vernon Nykyfork, with Elsie. photo submitted





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approved during budget deliberations. This one time grant was to help the Rotary Club, a not-forprofit, recoup lost campground revenue for the past year.

This new motion covers the immediate repairs needed for Rotary to reopen the Ridge View campground this year. Some repairs needed include new outhouses, replaced wood splitter, and general maintenance throughout the Ridgeview camping area. After the April 16th meeting,



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The replacement of the outhouses in Ridgeview has been awarded to a contractor. the materials required for the rebuilding, specifically the cement tanks, will not arrive until June 19. If the Campground opens earlier, Administration will work with the Rotary Club to have 8 portable bathrooms placed on site to bridge the gap.

The new wood splitter has been delivered to the caretaker's residence and a woodshed has been ordered to replace a lost building. The woodshed cost \$2200, and will be delivered to the site.

"Administration has received three quotes from local contractors to complete the scope of work to restore the Ridgeview campground at Willmore Park to a safe state. The scope of work includes the removal of existing brush piles, mulching of some remaining tree stumps and some of the other materials on the site, regrading and repairing of the road, and of course the damaged campground would get some regrading and touch ups as well," explained Clayton Kittlitz , General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning.

The 3 quotes, both for cost and time required, include:

- Double J Forestry Ltd. -\$118,571.25 - approximately 20 days to complete the work.

- Teck Logging Ltd. - \$67, 000 - approximately 20 days to complete the work.

- JRF Oilfield Ltd. - \$41,640 - limited details provided.

Administration is recommending Teck Logging Ltd, as the other lower bid did not provide any details on timeframe. The amount in the motion is 12% more than asking, to cover contingencies. "With the clearing and clean-up of the brush piles, mulching, etcetera is that something we're able to apply through the disaster recovery fund? To reclaim some those costs back, since it was caused by the wildfire?" asked Mayor Kevin Zahara.

Kittlitz replied that they can now begin that process since they have a quote for the repairs. "We will submit that to them, and then they're going to do an analysis and try to see if they can include it in. So we don't know that yet, but now we have the information we need, so they can answer the question. It remains to be seen whether we'll get money for that or not." Council unanimously carried the motion to approve \$75,000 for the repairs.

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Edson host of Go Girl Conference

by Niki Luymes

The annual inter-community Go Girl Conference was hosted by the Town of Edson on May 11.

Young girls from all over the province, came out to the Edson Leisure Centre to enjoy the many different activities. The event ran from 9am to 4pm to give enough time for all the fun.

"The Go Girl Conference is a one day event for girls across the region," explained Nicole Tarves, Community Development Coordinator with Edson Family, and Community Support Services (FCSS). "It lets them connect, try new activities, and hopefully inspire confidence and help them to be active for life."

Every year a different community hosts the conference. This is the first year since 2018 that Edson has done so. The Town of Edson FCSS planned the whole event, partnering with local Edson businesses, clubs, and not for profits. "We're proud to showcase what Edson has to offer. There are some activities in our area that not all communities have," said Tarves

The day started off with an opening dance energizer run by Edson Dance Academy's Amy Wesolowsky. Afterwards, the girls enjoyed learning from Keynote Speaker Mackenzie Brown. Brown talked about her artistic and leadership journey and how growing up in a rural setting influenced her life. Brown also spent a few moments answering questions.

The groups then split up into different sessions and activities planned for the day. Each participant got to choose one of three sessions offered in each time block. Most of the activities were geared towards physical recreation and active living, but some focused more on culture and art.

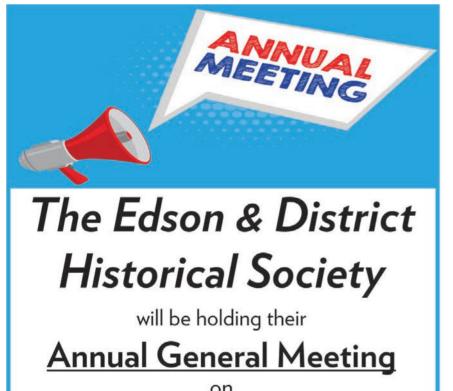
The day ended with a big group wrap up. Each girl filled in an evaluation, and put together a custom swag bag to take home.

The event cost \$20 per participant. This covered transportation, activities, snacks, and

lunch. There were just under 140 girls in attendance. "Overall the event went really well. The feedback has been really positive. Lots of ideas for next year," Said Tarves. Next year the event will be held in either Hinton or Jasper.



Over 140 girls attended the annual Go Girl Conference hosted by the Town of Edson on May 11.





Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6 pm at the Galloway Station Museum, Travel Centre & Archives, 223 - 55th Street Edson New members are <u>always</u> welcome! If you are interested in attending, please call 780-723-5696 or email manager@gallowaystationmuseum.com Come and join us for our first Coffee in the Garden for Seniors at the Community Gardens.



Community Gardens located at 816-46 Street (Doug White Park). Refreshments will be served.



June 22 - 10:00am to 2:00pm Community Garden Celebration Day



there will be fun for the whole family, assorted activities, tour the gardens and enjoy a BBQ.



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Young country musician takes the stage at Red Brick



Young country music artist Edward Pimm performed live at the Edson Red Brick's Mother's Day Concert on May 11. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Cultural Heritage Organization (ECHO) welcomed moms and their families to the Red Brick for an evening of entertainment on May 11 for a Mother's Day concert. The group hosted young, award winning country music artist Edward Pimm. He, along with members of the Edson Dance Academy (EDC) preformed during the evening.

Tickets to the event were \$15 a person. Doors opened at 6:30 with the show beginning at 7pm. There were five door prizes to win and 50/50 tickets up for sale.

The Dancers from EDC took to

the stage first. They performed four dances ranging in genre from jazz to ballet and musical theatre. The last performance was a lyrical dance to Anne-Marie's 'Her' in celebration of Mother's Day.

Pimm then took the stage performing 12 songs. The set list included a variety of classics. "I really do enjoy the old country classics," said Pimm, He dedicated many of the songs to the moms in the audience. Pimm has performed across the country and even in the US. "I usually perform in showcases or with bands. This is actually one of my first shows where it was just me, so this is a pretty good accomplishment for

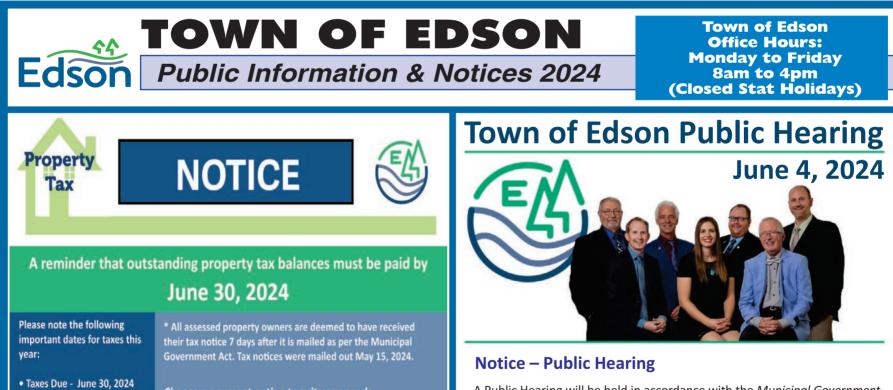
me."

Pimm has been playing the guitar and singing since he was 8 years old growing up in Mayerthorpe. He took part in the Global County Canada rising star program. Now at the age of 14, he recently went to Tennessee for the seek of song writing and completion, where he

received awards for Male Entertainer of the Year and Most promising Male Vocalist.

ECHO sold more than 92 tickets for the concert. "It was a success," said Bobbi-Dawn Drader, Office Manager at the Red Brick. "I hope everyone had a great time. It is nice to support a young up and coming artist, from a small town."





• Penalty Run - July 1, 2024

• Penalty Run - August 1, 2024

• Penalty Run - January 1, 2025

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A Public Hearing will be held in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Edson Town Council Chambers for the purpose of the following matter:

- Public Hearing – Draft Land Use Bylaw #2296

- The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to cover the changes that were made to draft documents as a result of feedback received during the April 8th,2024, Public Hearing

A copy of the Draft Land Use Bylaw #2296 and supporting information can be found on the Town of Edson Website.

If you wish to register to speak or submit a written statement, please email Amanda Vierboom, Legislative and Corporate Initiatives Coordinator, at legislativeservices@edson.ca, or call 780-728-5233. Written statements submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 28, 2024, will be included in the agenda package. Written statements received after this date will be presented at the meeting.

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TOWN OF EDSON



Public Information & Notices 2024

Town of Edson Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm (Closed Stat Holidays)

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SPRAY PARK NOW OPEN!



The Kinsmen Spray Park is now open for the season, from 10am to 8pm daily. A reminder that the water does not run continuous. To turn the water features on, touch the top of the activation pillars on each side of the park. Enjoy your summer at the park!



Attention Residents: Exciting News!

We're thrilled to announce that the new municipal app is now available for download! To ensure you don't miss out on any updates or important community information, please delete the old app and download the new one. Simply search for "Town of Edson" in the App Store or Google Play Store and look for the Blue/Green background app icon.

The new version features a darker background icon, making it easy to distinguish from the old version. Please note that the old app (with a white background icon) will be discontinued on July 2, 2024.



Spring Clean Up

GFL crews will begin picking up your unwanted items along with your regular waste collection on May 24th and 31st.

Pickup will be from the same spot as the current cart collection locations. Please make sure your items are out by the Thursday evening to ensure you aren't missed.





Join us to:

- Meet your local fire crews
- Help FireSmart a community space
- Enjoy a free BBQ

Join us for a free BBQ at the **Rotary Skate Park and learn** how to FireSmart your property while helping to make this shared community space safe from wildfires.

SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2024

Rotary Skate Park (54th Street & 5th Ave)



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Acceptable items (must be less than 200 lbs.):

- Renovation Material
- · Fence boards
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- Bicycles
- · Old toys
- Furniture
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 - Nothing over 200 lbs.
 - · No hazardous materials
 - Mattresses
 - · Washers/dryers • Electronics

- Box springs (no mattresses)
- Metal bed frames
- Concrete (1'x1'x1' chunks max) Lawn mowers/snowblowers (all
- fluids removed)
- Barbecues (no propane bottles)
- Tires & vehicle parts
- Fridges 1 freezers. air conditioners
- Propane bottles 1 fuel tanks & containers
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11AM TO 2PM

Please note, this Is for properties on Edson waste collection only. Private properties, such as mobile home parks, are not included in this program.

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 https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or planning@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.





'Our Uncompromising Communities' YC Wildfires & Flooding Documentation

by Dana McArthur

At the January 23, 2024 Yellowhead County (YC) Council meeting, Administration shared potential options for documenting the fire and flood disasters of 2023.

The project, dubbed 'Our Uncompromising Communities', aims to capture the voices of all

Peers 4-H Multi Club update



Peers 4-H Multi Club members removing litter during the province-wide highway clean-up on May 4

by Josie Williams, Peers Multi Club reporter

The Peers 4-H Multi Club participated in the province-wide highway clean-up on May 4. Our club cleaned up a total of 15 kms. We started in the early morning from the YoHo Museum road and worked our way north to Baseline Road. We ended at 11am.

Afterwards, we met at Jeremy Apoll's place to have lunch and participate in a grooming demonstration done by the French family from Mayerthorpe. The demonstration was done very well and everyone learned something new. I am sure our club members will be putting their new knowledge to the test on their projects in preparation for June 7th Show and Sale in Edson.



segments of our communities and groups of residents who experienced events caused by natural disasters this past spring.

During that meeting, Council made a motion to move forward with the following three items:

1. Highlighting our Resilience: This entails asking residents to submit any creative artwork, photos or stories they would like to share of their experience.

2. Sharing our Story: Interviews will be conducted with 20-25 people who have interesting stories and experiences to share. Interviews could be with residents, staff, first responders, etc. to showcase the many elements and impacts of the disasters.

3. Recording our History: A hardcover book will be created using all the information gathered throughout the project. Up to 1000 book copies may be printed and made available on a cost-recovery basis.

The remaining projects were asked to be brought back to Council for further discussion and clarification. During the County's May 21 Governance and Priorities meeting, Crystal McNernie, General Manager of Community Services re-introduced the proposed additions to the project, including:

Making our Mark: Reaching out to local artists within each division to create artwork that they feel represents their division's resiliency and strength. Artwork would then be displayed in YC-owned facilities.

Celebrating our Hamlets: Community engagement project. Residents within each hamlet will be consulted to create imagery that represents how their community overcame adversity. A paint-by-number mural is then designed where residents can come together to assist with the painting. Each hamlet mural would form part of a larger picture, showing a united Yellowhead County. Images are intended to be uplifting, positive, and celebratory in nature.

Displaying our Experience: Creating an exhibit to showcase the artist submissions, resident submissions, printed versions of the mural, and the book. Would go hand and hand with the next item, showcasing our growth.

Showcasing our Growth: Community "open house" to share all elements of the overall project.

The entire proposal has been intentionally designed to share seven distinct projects, allowing Council the opportunity to approve all seven or a combination thereof. The total of all seven projects falls within the \$100,000 budget allotment.

The three projects currently approved can be completed for approximately \$45,000.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux said, "This has a really positive tone to it. So, I am supportive of the four additional projects.

Councillor David Russell said, "I too support this presentation. I think it captures what council had in mind. The idea for a book is going to happen, so that's what I'm very pleased about."

Mayor Wade Williams said, "I also like the four options as they do involve the community. There will be a lot of community input and I think that's what we're looking to achieve."

Council voted to direct Administration to pursue the additional four projects to document the spring 2023 wildfire and flood emergencies, for a total of seven distinct projects.



A DONATED STEER IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE

At the 2024 4-H Beef Achievement Day we would

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like to commemorate Carl Tews. Carl, his wife Wendy and CW Farms supported local 4-H Clubs and members for over 20 years. Carl's life truly embodied the core values of 4-H.

Carl contributed to many 4-H events, providing feed samples for Multi Card Judging events, volunteering at the NorthWest Regional Life Skills Fair, marking and providing feedback for numerous Record Books, judging at many Communication events and sponsoring the 3rd Year Cow/Calf Awards.

Not only did Carl participate and assist in 4-H events, Carl and Wendy welcomed 4-H Beef members at their farm. Over the years, numerous 4-H market steer and heifer projects were purchased from CW Farms. Many of these steers placed as Club Grand and Reserve Champions and some even won Best Overall - InterClub Grand Champion!

Carl and Wendy loved watching members grow, learn and succeed with their animals. To say Carl was proud of each member and their project would be an understatement.

Peers 4-H Multi Club members participated in a grooming demonstration on May 4.







All proceeds from the steer will be donated to the

Canadian Food Grains Bank

to commemorate Carl's love for agriculture, community, farming and 4-H.



Carl would be honoured and proud to be a part of Achievement Day 2024.



We thank The Becker family for providing and caring for the donated steer 'Starburst'.

SALUTE TO 4-H

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2024 Yellowhead 4-H District Live Steer Sale Edson & District Leisure Centre Friday, June 7, 2024 Show Starts @ 11:00am Steer Sale @ 7pm





Colton McPherson







Conor Fossheim









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William Rumball



4-H Clubs represented: Carrot Creek, Peers, Knight Riders

4-H District



Edson Leisure Centre Friday, June 7, 2024 Parade of Clubs 11am

Show Starts @ 11:30am Steer Sale @ 7pm





Josie Williams



Jayka Williams

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June 3 issue for Carrot **Creek** and Knight **Rider 4-H** photos and more...

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Edson Fish & Game Club hosting National Range Day family event June 1

by Deanna Mitchener

If you are an outdoors person who enjoys hunting, fishing, or target shooting you may enjoy becoming involved with the Edson Fish & Game Association, and Gun Club.

In June of 1965 a group of outdoor enthusiasts wanting to start a shooting range which became the forerunner to the local sporting association.

The original group included Edwin Preece, Marco Marcetta, Bill Anderson, Amie Lalonde, Gus Kneteman, Ron Christie, Rod Novak, Clark Wolfe, and Ed McNaughton. They formed the not-for-profit association which is current today.

Meetings were held in Gus Kneteman's shop and a range was developed in the McLeod River Valley south of Ciccarelli's. The range was moved further up the river behind Sarin Farms. "A larger site was needed so a quarter section east off Ansel Tower Road was purchased with money raised by selling club debentures to members," says Andy McCracken, with the association.

"This site served as an archery, pistol, rifle, and trap site until 2015 at which time the new shooting range and archery site was established on a Recreation Lease through the Public Lands Act, said McCracken. The site is known as the Longest Mile and was made in part by Jade Oilfield Maintenance, as well as a growing list of generous sponsors. Serving all sport shooting disciplines, the Longest Mile includes a 1600m backstop making it one of the longest ranges in western Canada.

"The specific ranges are a pistol

range, a trap/shotgun range, an archery range, a short rifle range with target boards at 25m and 50m, a medium rifle range with target boards at 100m to 400m, steel gongs from 300m to 500m, a long rifle range with steel gongs from 300m to 1600m," explained McCracken.

"The Edson Fish & Game Association and Gun Club is much more than a shooting sport venue. The annual Wild Game Supper and the Trade Show Elk and Moose calling contest celebrates the success of the previous year's fishing and hunting seasons," McCracken said.

"Our members look forward to mentoring youth groups and have enjoyed working with the Junior Forest Wardens, the local 4-H Clubs, and have participated in ice fishing adventures introducing all to the sport at Bear Lake and Millers Lake, said McCracken.

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at the Edson Chamber Meeting room. "Our association goals are the conservation of our fish, wildlife, and natural resources and their management for the future. Along with the organization and education of junior members in the Association," McCracken stated. The Longest Mile is hosting an increasing number of organizations from around the province, with a diverse choice of shooting sports being featured.

There is an upcoming family fun event at their National Range Day on Saturday, June 1st from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are looking to check them out, you can go out to the Longest Mile Range and enjoy an introduction to all of the shooting sports. You can register with Josh @780-728-5680 or Jordan @780-517-4060 and they will provide you with costs and details.



Goose Lake Community Hall: June 12th MacKay Community Hall: June 13th

Canfor along with its partners Millar Western, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation and the Alexander First Nation will be holding two open houses at: One at **Goose Lake Community Hall** in Lone Pine, Alberta on June 12th from 4PM - 8PM and at the **MacKay Community Hall** in MacKay, Alberta on June 13th from 4PM - 8PM.

The general public and stakeholders will have the opportunity to review our planned activities for block and road development, harvesting, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the NoJack, Hattenford and Lone Pine area.



The LEAP Society would like to thank all the volunteers, exhibitors and sponsors that made this event a huge success.

This year's event featured a variety of 50 machines, a sponsored BBQ, and an RC track that over 850 community members came out to enjoy. The funds raised at this event support the Edson LEAP Society in providing access, support and resources to children with diverse needs.



Public and stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreational areas etc.

Canfor would like to invite you to visit the Goose Lake and MacKay community halls between 4PM - 8PM on June 12th & 13th for more information.

Alternately, should you wish to visit the on-line forum please visit the Canfor website at: https://www.canforforestmanagement.ca/whitecourt

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100 Women Who Care Edson choose new recipient

by Deanna Mitchener

The second annual Bring a Friend event for 100 Women Who Care was held at the Edson Seniors Pioneer Cabin on May 14.

Some history about 100 Women Who Care was shared at the beginning of the meeting.

100 Women Who Care was started in November of 2006 by Karen Dunigan. She heard that some new moms couldn't afford cribs for their babies. Which lead to some heartbreaking situations where babies were sleeping in boxes and drawers. Sadly. some did not make it through the night. Karen called her friends together and in just one hour they all pitched in by writing a cheque to the Centre of Family Health. The new moms got the cribs that they desperately needed. Karen realized what a difference her and her friends could make within their community in such a simple, but significant way. That was the beginning of 100 Women Who Care.

"So, we thought it would be a perfect fit for Edson and area, as it's an easy, inspiring, and a fast way to quickly make a difference in the community. Our first event in June of 2022 was attended by 51 members. Our membership numbers have been increasing ever since, and we are now over 90 strong," said Jackie Mitchell.

Anyone is welcome to join 100 Women Who Care, they simply join by first registering and donating \$100 for each meeting.

"At each meeting event, three

nominee organizations are drawn from a box. After a brief presentation from each of the organizations, along with time to ask questions, members vote on which organization will receive the pool of donations. The organization with the most votes wins for that evening. The best part of this concept is that every dollar goes straight to the organization," said Mitchell. "We all know that fundraising can take countless hours. We can appreciate the simplicity of how easily this system works."

The three nominees for this meeting were Surprise Lake Camp, the Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum, and the Edson Day Care Society. All three gave very good representation, and at the end of the presentations members took a vote. The chosen organization this time was the Red Brick Art Centre and Museum. They received \$9,400 in one short hour.

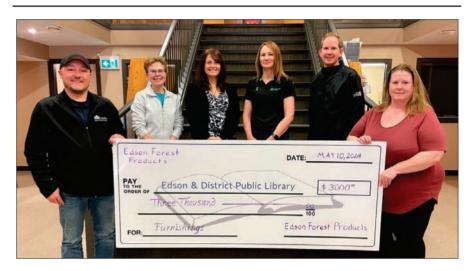
Jackie Kneteman with the Edson Cultural Heritage Organization gave the presentation on behalf of the Red Brick Art Centre and Museum. "This is not our first time presenting to the group. I have a very strong passion for the history of the Red Brick. It is one of Edson's longest standing buildings, its corner stone was laid in 1913. The Red Brick is a source of historical integrity for our town and surrounding area. It is probably the only heritage building left in our town and the building is still being well used."

If interested in becoming a member of 100 Women Who Care you can reach out to

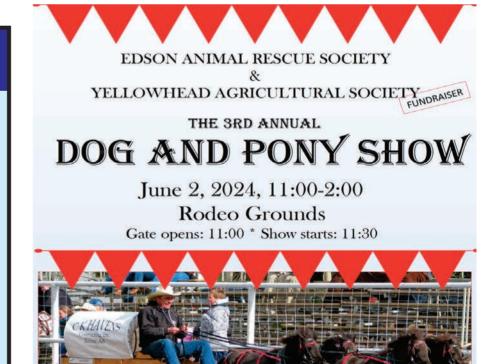
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In just one hour, 100 Women Who Care Edson raised \$9,400 and presented a cheque to the Red Brick Art Museum after nominees gave a brief presentation on May 14. photo Deanna Mitchener.



The Edson & District Public Library would like to express its sincere gratitude to Edson Forest Products A Division of West Fraser Mills Ltd. for their generous donation of \$3,000 in support of the library's furniture and shelving fundraising campaign. Pictured from left to right: Edson Forest Products General Manager Jeff Victor, Library Board Representatives Sheila Buckle and Denise Martin, Edson Forest Products Divisional Controller Celynne Morin, and Library Board Representatives Councillor Peter Taylor and Donna Williams. submitted



Pivotal Energy Partners

Edson NGL Processing Facility

As part of the startup process, Pivotal Energy Partners is required to temporarily test the flaring system at the Edson NGL Processing Facility. While initially planned for the end of April, we will be starting this on May 27th, 2024.

During startup, the flare testing activities are to ensure the safe operations of the facility and will run intermittently for 3-4 weeks.

All activities will be in accordance with Alberta Energy Regulator regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, either before the flaring commences or during, you can reach out to:

edsoninfo@pivotalenergy.ca





Mini-horse chuck racing – 5 teams!



Pony Rides * Dog mushing demos Dog agility * Petting farm Horse jumping * Stick horse games Horse & Dog team competition * Family games * Food * Vendors Live Auction * Silent Auction



Meet EARS Adoptable Animals





Admission: \$5 per person * \$15 per family

Masonic Lodge donations to school's breakfast program

by Deanna Mitchener

On May 7th the Masonic Lodge of Edson presented a cheque towards the breakfast program in the amount of \$6,100. A very generous donation that will help buy groceries for the program and ensure kids are not hungry at school.

Anna Veenstra is the coordinator of the Pine Grove Middle School breakfast program. She does all the planning of what will be served for the program, all the ordering, and ensures there are enough volunteers.

"I have an amazing team of people that help when it comes time to serve the breakfast. We offer the breakfast program two days a week, every Tuesday and Thursday," said Veenstra. "Depending on what is being served, we sometimes meet at 7:00 a.m. while other times it's not until 7:30 a.m. to prepare all the food. Students are let in for 8:10 a.m. allowing them 20-25 minutes to eat."

"I believe this program has been running for close to 20 years now. Our breakfast's always have two to three varieties of fresh fruit and cereal, milk, juice, and boiled eggs. These essentials are at every breakfast. Then we rotate through some other options such as a continental breakfast offering





On May 7 The Masonic Lodge presented a \$6,100 cheque towards the Pine Grove Middle School breakfast Program. Pictured are Ian Tarves (Edson Masonic Lodge), Ian McGill (Edson Pipes and Drums), Anna Veenstra, Jennifer Sommerfeld, Gina Grabowski, Candace Lawson (Volunteer), Sarah Lawson, Bicki Rogers (Volunteer), Brian Longpre (Edson Masonic Lodge), Ken Cameron (Chair of the Masonic Foundation), and Brian Poltorak (Edson Masonic Lodge).

bagels, French toast and waffles. Another day we do yogurt parfaits, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, with ham or sausage. We bake croissants sometimes, so we are always rotating through different meals."

"We also have three different breakfast stations throughout the school where students can grab snacks throughout the day. Usually they consist of fresh fruit, yogurt tubes, granola bars and fruit cups, those types of snacks. We offer our two main larger breakfasts twice a week, plus the grab and go stations every day of the week for all our students," said Veenstra.

When asked why the breakfast program was a vital part of their schooling Veenstra replied, "I think a lot of students don't eat breakfast before they leave for school. It has been proven in many studies that if you have an empty stomach, you can't learn as well."

Ken Cameron, chair of the foundation of

Masonic Alberta, said, "The money donated comes from our annual Robbie Burns night. The lodge makes out an application then the Foundation matches their funds."

In the past 10 years this school has been the recipient of about \$28,640. Over the past 33 years the Foundation has donated \$1.5 million dollars to Alberta schools, children, and families in need. "Besides our Robbie Burns night, our local group will cook at different picnics or auctions and we raise money through yard sales. Just little events, as we are a small group," said Brian Poltorak with the Edson Masonic Lodge.

Both Brian and Ken said on behalf of the Masonic Lodge and the Foundation "we are very proud to be a part of the community. We travel all across Alberta presenting Cheques and helping communities."

A huge shout out to everyone at the Edson Masonic Lodge as well to their Foundation for all the great work they do every year. Because of you our communities are a better place for our families. Keep doing what you do, it is greatly appreciated.

<u>~ Obituary ~</u> Margaret Ann Conger (Phipps)

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our loving Mum, grandma and great grandma, Margaret Ann Conger (Phipps), of Robb, Alberta. Margaret passed peacefully, while surrounded by her



<u>~ Obituary ~</u> Gregory Douglas Martin

December 25th, 1962 – May 15th, 2024

It is with the utmost sorrow that we announce the passing of Greg Martin from Edson Alberta. Greg passed at the age of 61 in the early morning of Wednesday May 15th, 2024, after a hard battle with Cancer.

Greg was from Nipawin Saskatchewan, born on December 25th, 1962.

Greg was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to so many, and will be greatly missed.



Greg's passion was making memories with his family. He enjoyed everything to do with the outdoors - he loved going camping whenever he could with his family. He was also loved his woodworking and his bike rides- which he enjoyed sharing with his grandkids.

Greg is survived by his loving Wife Kim, daughters Janine (Josh) and Ashlynn, grandchildren Taylor, Wyatt, Ava-Lee and Theo. His mother and father-in-law Rita and Gary Stinert. His brother and sisters Kelly (Celine), Karen (Darren), Shelly and Sharon (Steven) as well as many nieces, cousins and friends. He is predeceased by his mother and father Loreen and Harry Martin.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 25th, 2024, at Pine Grove Hall at 11:00am. Please join the family to honor and remember Greg.

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Margaret was born in Mountain Park, Alberta, on July 19, 1942. When the Mine closed, the family moved to Mercoal, where she eventually met the love of her life, Gary Burn Conger.

Left to mourn her loss and cherish her memory are her children Gary (Rae), Robert and Donna; her grandchildren Brian (Angela), Chad (Dayna), Shawn (Jessica), Darren, Ashley (Mikayla) and Alec; her great grandchildren Jaime, Avacyn, Pia and James.

Margaret was predeceased by her father George, her mother Ruth, her brother George, her precious granddaughter Jamie and her loving husband Gary.

The family will be holding a private gathering at a later date. Donations, if desired, can be made to the organization of your choice.

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Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Tax credit fuels investments in bioprocessing industry

Alberta will be home to the largest renewable diesel facility in Canada as Imperial qualifies for the Agri-Processing Investment Tax Credit program.

Alberta is an agricultural powerhouse with diverse and innovative industries, including a thriving bioprocessing sector. When companies set up operations here, they experience a welcoming, business-friendly regulatory environment and one of North America's most competitive business tax systems.

Alberta's government introduced the Agri-Processing Investment Tax Credit in spring 2023 to support economic growth and diversification. The tax credit is attracting large-scale investment in value-added manufacturing with Imperial's \$720-million project to build the largest renewable diesel facility in Canada. When production begins in 2025, Imperial's new facility will convert locally sourced biofeedstocks like canola oil into lower-emission renewable diesel, creating new demand for Alberta producers.

"Our government is doing what it takes to make sure Alberta offers a business-friendly regulatory climate that attracts cutting edge bioprocessing projects like Imperial's renewable diesel facility. Our Agri-Processing Investment Tax Credit program builds on other competitive tax advantages that encourage corporations like Imperial to invest in our province, create jobs and make an economic impact." - RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Imperial's renewable diesel facility is the first of its kind in Alberta and will put the province on the map as a significant producer within Canada. It also contributes to Alberta's goal of lowering emissions as renewable diesel has potential to reduce annual greenhouse gas

emissions by about three million metric tonnes compared with conventional fuels. The new facility at the Strathcona refinery is expected to produce more than one billion litres of renewable diesel per year, or 20,000 barrels per day.

To be considered for the tax credit program, corporations must invest at least \$10 million in a project to build or expand a value-added agriprocessing facility in Alberta. The program offers a 12 per cent non-refundable tax credit base on eligible capital expenditures. Through this program, Alberta's government has granted Imperial conditional approval for a tax credit estimated at about \$70 million.

"This incredible project demonstrates that our province is becoming a world leader in alternative fuels and energy innovation. Renewable diesel has great potential and is a welcome addition to our energy mix, which includes hydrogen and renewables." - Brian Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals

"Imperial's renewable diesel facility will provide an important new lower-emission offering to Canada's transportation sector. We are excited that the main source of feedstock for the facility will be from crops in Western Canada and thank the Government of Alberta for their recognition of the project's benefits to the agricultural industry and our collective greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals." -Sheri Evers, senior vice president sustainability, commercial development and product solutions, Imperial

Construction on the new facility is already underway at Imperial's Strathcona refinery. The project is creating about 600 local construction jobs for Albertans and hundreds more through investments by business partners. Once the facility is completed, hundreds of farmers and workers in Alberta's biofeedstock industry will

enable the company to produce a fuel that helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Canadian transportation sector.

"We are excited to see this investment being made in Alberta's canola country. Local production of renewable fuels derived from locally grown canola provides an important market diversification opportunity right here in our own backyard that will benefit farmers, processors and the entire value chain in the province of Alberta." -Chris Vervaet, executive director, Canadian Oilseed Processors Association

Quick facts

Alberta's business-friendly regulatory climate has one of the most competitive business tax regimes in the country with the lowest corporate tax rate in Canada.

The Canola industry is estimated to contribute \$8 billion per year to Alberta's economy, supporting 65,000 jobs in the province.

Canola is Alberta's highest value crop with farm cash receipts worth \$3.9 billion in 2023.

In 2023, Alberta produced almost 30 per cent of Canada's canola at 5.4 million tonnes.

Production will increase in the years ahead as demand for canola used in food, fuel and feed applications continues to grow.

There are four canola processing facilities in Alberta, representing a combined capacity to process more than half of the canola produced in the province today.

Oilseed processing is growing in Canada with processing capacity expanding by 40 per cent over the last decade.

Since 2012, crush capacity more than doubled, reaching 11.1 million tonnes for canola and 3.2 million tonnes for soybeans in 2021. (AB)

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Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

FutureCoal Encourages G7 to Adopt Balanced Approach to Coal

Following the announcement to "phase out existing unabated coal" by 2035 at the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy, and Environment, FutureCoal insists that world leaders must embrace a balanced, pragmatic, and responsible approach to energy policy. FutureCoal represents industry leaders, committed to building a sustainable future for global coal.

Chief Executive Michelle Manook said the official Communiqué released by the G7 is unclear in what they seek to achieve as "many of the G7 countries do not rely on coal for baseload electricity. The ones in the G7 that continue to use coal, namely Germany and Japan, have publicly stated that they still need coal to keep the lights on."

- Germany: while German legislation still



calls for a coal phase-out by 2038, an earlier phase-out remains unclear. In late 2023, the Finance Minister dismissed the Government's aim to phase out coal by 2030 if the country still lacks affordable energy. According to the energy regulator, the lack of sufficient and dependable standby capacity, such as coal, will pose serious problems for the German grid.

- Japan: the most cautious of the G7 nations, has rightly avoided a coal phase-out date. Japan operates the world's most efficient coal power fleet, a bedrock for electricity supplies after the mass nuclear shutdown in 2011.

A balanced approach is essential for every nation's energy future, where affordability, reliability, and security remain crucial, especially as coal is pivotal to over 80 countries. According to the IEA, global coal demand reached an all-time high in 2022 due to increased electricity demand and industrial uses, and set to continue growth.

"The world needs wider apolitical leadership beyond the G7 to engage the Global South in investing in all technology solutions,

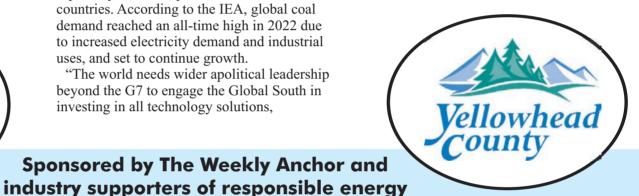
including abated coal, to lower global emissions.

"If the G7 or other forums choose to weigh in on these debates, then they must adopt a pragmatic, responsible fuel and technologyagnostic position supporting all nations' sovereign rights."

These forums should recognise FutureCoal's Sustainable Coal Stewardship roadmap, which showcases the existing abatement and commercial opportunities that enable the entire coal value chain to mitigate emissions in line with the 1.5 °C goal.

"Known technologies can abate up to 99% of coal emissions during combustion," Ms Manook adds that "genuine international cooperation is pivotal for propelling us toward our global sustainability objectives."

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From the **Publisher's Desk** Dana McArthur Canadian Association of Journalists

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