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**Something for everyone at Chamber Trade Show**

by Deanna Mitchener and Niki Luymes

With over 80 booths at the Edson Chamber of Commerce

Trade Show, there was something for everyone.

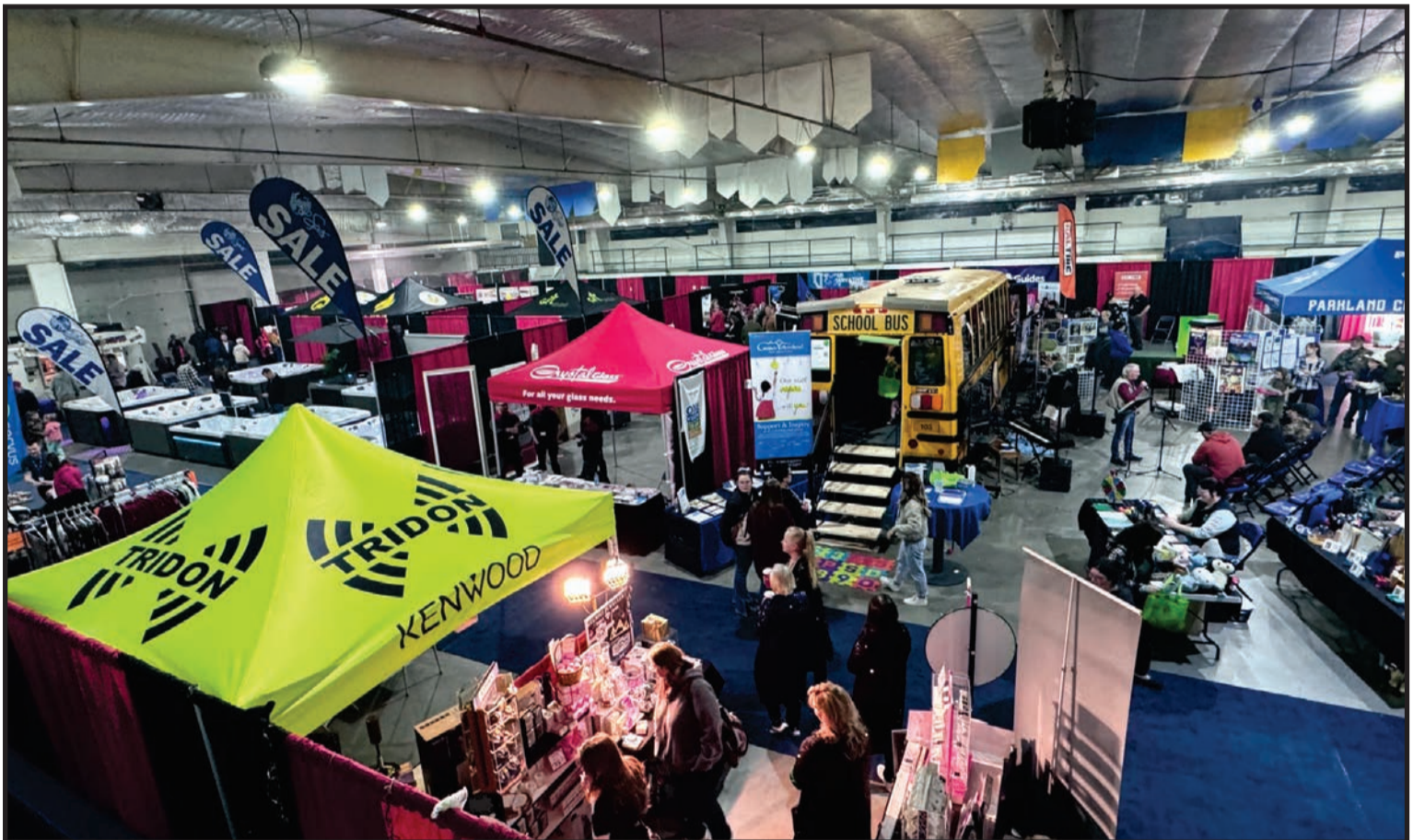
From not-for-profits, to local businesses, artisans, and schools, there was a wide

variety of vendors. Alongside the booths there were food trucks outside and inside providing lunch and snacks.

Chamber Manager Kathy

Arndt said, "We are full and the event has been very successful this year. Both days have been very busy."

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Over 3000 people attended the Edson Chamber of Commerce Trade Show which offered over 80 booths to explore April 26 and 27th. photo Deanna Mitchener

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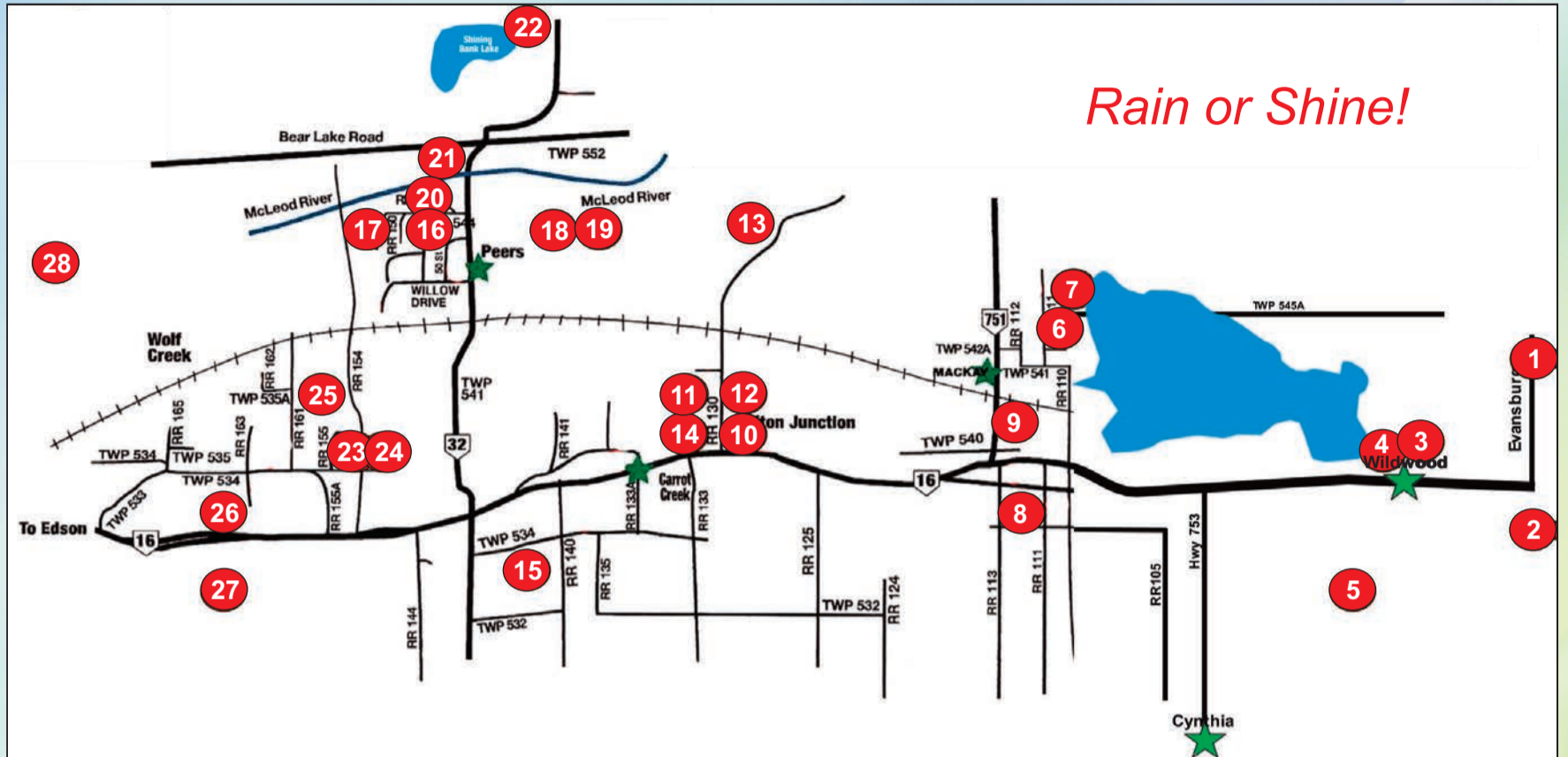
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3. MCFADDEN FAMILY 5311 50th St, Wildwood. Home multimedia stereo receivers (many to choose from), Commercial TV's (can be used normally or networked together), Huge assortment of welding parts & supplies (gauges, tips, regulators, welding rod, gloves etc), Weed wackers, small engines, snowmobiles, quads, bikes, kids clothes, games, 20boxes stacked stone, tools, automotive equipment, Pinto car, bobcat, life jackets, canoe, pew-pews, and Chilli Dogs!
4. WILDWOOD PARK Corner 52 Ave & 51 St between Legion and Wildwood Trading Post / 2 for 1 pizza. Multi vendors
5. SHELLEY KUDERA 53122 RR 95. Western graphic t-shirts, Huge arts & crafts de-stash. Sublimation blanks, Epoxy resin tumblers & supplies. Cream cans, coal buckets and cattle showing supplies.
6. RICK LOUTH 54513 RR 111 Antiques, Collectibles, Furniture, Yard & Tools, his&her golf clubs, household, perennial seeds and so much more
7. MICHELLE LOUTH 54515 RR 111 Trillium Camper, Slide in Camper, Collectibles, household/kitchen, womens clothing/boots/shoes, décor, household, reno & Craft & scrapbook supplies, several Bed-in-a-bag, some kids stuff, board games, 90% of the Princess House dishware, huge amount of cat supplies and too much more to list.
8. WENDY ROBINSON 53430 RR 112 Antiques, China, Small furniture, Kitchen Chairs, Mantle Clocks, Older model projectors and cameras, books, Appliances and more
9. MACKAY COMMUNITY HALL 54015 Hwy 751 Multi family, Concession Open
10. NITON BOTTLE DEPOT 5229 50th St, Niton. Blade for quad, fish tank, coffee table, craft supplies, toys, clothing, household and so much more.
11. NITON COMMUNITY HALL 5408 50 St. Multiple vendor tables
12. MILLS MOTORS 4911 55 Ave, Niton. Handmade soaps, candles, wax melts, keychains. Crocheted items: toques, headbands, hair scrunchies. Household and baby items. Micheal will have: fire hoses, used tires and wheels, automotive stuff. Concession open with popcorn and pop.
13. CAROLYN GARDINA 54319 RR 130 (north of Niton) Huge amount of horse tack, Shop Tools, Household and much more
14. MARILYN & RICK DOW 53513 RR 131 Garage, household stuff, clothing, toys, lots of misc vintage and more.
15. MAUREEN ICE-RADCLIFFE 14119 TSP 534 Tack, Tools & Household
16. LOIS HELLEKSON 4804 52nd St Peers. Household, crafting, Christmas items and much more.
17. PEERS MULTI-PLEX 5114 51ST St. Peers. Golf Clubs, Hockey, Purses, Dolls, Pet Supplies, Appliances/housewares, Knick Knacks and so much more.
18. GEORGINA SHELTON 14218 TWP 544. Tools, Truck stuff, 5th Wheel, Fuel box and much more.
19. 5S FARMS 14215 TWP 544. Burgers, Hotdogs, Smokies and Drinks. Baby toys, sports equipment, kitchen tables & household.
20. DEE DICKSON 54508 RR144 (Near Jerry Vanderwell campground). Tools and household, kids items
21. DEB PARKER 55301 Hwy 32
22. TESSA CAMPS 57101 RR 140 Antiques, Holiday trailer, household and décor. Misc tack, baby & kids clothes and toys, outdoor yard supplies.
23. SHIRALEE RONDEAU 27 Pinedale Estates, 53407 TWP 535A A plethora of stuff!
24. TAMMY SCHRAMM 2 Pinedale Estates 53407 TWP 535A. Household, décor, handcrafted woodworking, clothing, books, kitchen items, Christmas items and much more.
25. LACEY PAIGE 16107 Twp 535A Tools, Many Tonkas, Household & furniture, kitchen, dishes etc, women's clothes and shoes.
26. JOHN & LAWREEN AHLF 53302 RR164 Antiques, Household, Old farm stuff, Old Iron, Construction tools, materials and much more.
27. RHONDA HOHENSINN 16511 TWP 532A. Lot #3 down past Riderz. Wine making supplies, tools, furniture, home décor and much more
28. HENRY BOXMA 53510 Hwy 748N. 2 fridges, dryer, furniture, lawn/deck furniture, lawn mowers and more.

# Something for everyone at Chamber Trade Show

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Parkland Composite High School provided ambiance through live student musical performances. Many booths also provided different kinds of engagement. Some booths gave out free items, while others had draws and raffles.

While adults could price out things like hot tubs, RVs, motorcycles and tractors, kids could enjoy treats, bouncy castles and balloons.

When asked why the Trade Show is important to our community, Arndt replied, "It's very important for our businesses to showcase their wares, so people can be aware of what the community and businesses have to offer. Anyone new to town or even those living here for years may not realize everything a particular business has to offer. Local businesses can have their own booth, set everything up, and people can walk by and see what is being offered and ask questions. It's a great place to network with other busi-

nesses. It's also a place for the community to come together under one roof and socialize."

"We have some new businesses at the Trade Show this year. We also have some well recognized businesses such as Gelmici's Jewellers doing their first time ever presentation here this weekend, which is awesome to see," said Arndt. "It's great being a part of the community and seeing everyone come together to share in the same goal, showing our community what Edson has to offer."

Edson Chamber President Darlene Chouinard, said, "It's great to see all the vendors this year. There are lot of different vendors that we haven't had or they haven't taken part in years and are back, as well as our old faithfuls, which is great to see."

There were a lot of people coming to the event. "The first day we hit 1,000 individuals that came through the doors and today is shaping up to

be very busy as well." Approximately 3,000 people made their way through the show.

All money raised goes back to the chamber, which in turn supports local businesses, said Arndt.



The Parkland Composite High school, Pine Grove Middle school booth at the annual Edson Trade Show April 26 and 27th was bustling with activity. Students performed live while staff and volunteers provided glitter tattoos, balloon animals, and much more. photo Niki Luymes

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# 3rd Annual LEAP Touch A Truck event

by Deanna Mitchener

The third annual Touch A Truck event for the LEAP Centre was held on April 28, in the parking lot of Pine Grove Middle School and Parkland High.

Christina Gauchier, with the Edson LEAP Centre, said, "We have a few fundraisers throughout the year, this is our spring one. We do a Christmas one called Little Santa's Gift Shop and we also do one for Halloween called LEAP into Halloween."

"This year we have 48 vendors displaying their vehicles and what they have. Each year we have noticed the vendors are really taking on the role of providing something fun and interactive at their stations," said Gauchier. "Spren Machine Mechanical LTD does a sandbox and Fortis does bucket rides, which is always a huge hit with kids. This year we featured a barbecue donated by CarRey Picker Services and Brian Janish Enterprises free of charge to everyone joining us today."

"We always do a sensory-sensitive hour during the first hour of our event. From 10am-11am there are no horns, no music or loud blasts, just for our individuals who have sensory issues. It's a nice way to have these individuals join in the fun and check us out, without being overwhelmed," said Gauchier.

"We also featured our RC track this year, which is new. It has a bunch of obstacle courses for the kids to come try out their RC skills. They can bring their own remote control vehicle and test it out on the track," Gauchier said.

"The event runs from 10am to 4pm as we extended the hours this year too. Because we had lots of good feedback last year, we wanted to ensure people had the opportunity to get here," said Gauchier.

Free fire hats, stickers, games with prizes, and food made for an awesome day at the event. A special thanks went to the many vendors for coming out in support. Without this support, the event could not happen.



Little ones were enjoying a sandbox area at LEAPs Touch A Truck event thanks to Spren Machine Mechanical LTD. photos Deanna Mitchener



Kids enjoyed playing some games and winning some cool prizes at the Dirt Works Station during LEAPs Touch A Truck event on April 28.

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

Please visit us at <https://www.canforforestmanagement.ca/whitecourt> to view a variety of maps available for all areas in which we operate and provide your input. We would appreciate all comments and concerns that you may have.

For more information, contact:

Cynthia Labrecque  
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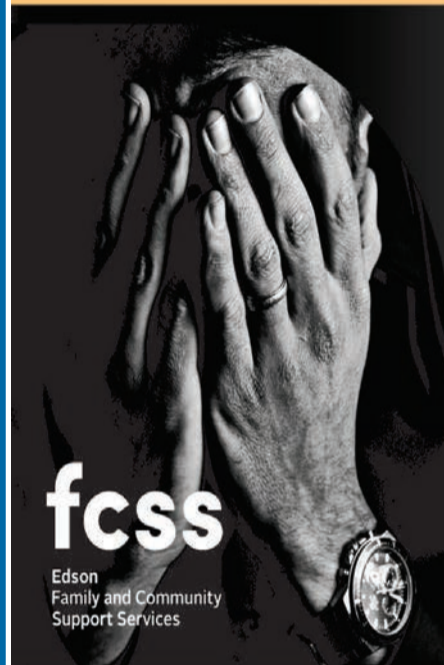
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Questions?  
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## Edson GFL Spring Clean Up



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.

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovation Material</li> <li>• Fence boards</li> <li>• Plastic tubs, barrels with no lids on</li> <li>• Bicycles</li> <li>• Old toys</li> <li>• Furniture</li> </ul>               |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Box springs (no mattresses)</li> <li>• Metal bed frames</li> <li>• Concrete (1'x1' chunks max)</li> <li>• Lawn mowers/snowblowers (all fluids removed)</li> <li>• Barbecues (no propane bottles)</li> </ul>                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing in containers or bags</li> <li>• Nothing over 200 lbs.</li> <li>• No hazardous materials</li> <li>• Mattresses</li> <li>• Washers/dryers</li> <li>• Electronics</li> </ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tires &amp; vehicle parts</li> <li>• Fridges 1 freezers, air conditioners</li> <li>• Propane bottles 1 fuel tanks &amp; containers</li> <li>• Hot water tanks, stoves, distmashers</li> <li>• Paint &amp; Spray paint</li> </ul> |

Crews WILL NOT PICK UP grass clippings, branches, or cardboard.

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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



# Security Suites debated at Town Council meeting

by Niki Luymes

Edson Town council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on April 30, to discuss the final changes to the updated Land Use Bylaw (LUB). This meeting served only to discuss the changes. Final readings and approval will need to take place at an upcoming council meeting. The meeting was broken down into sections. Administration changes and residential and industrial feedback/

concern responses. One topic that was of great concern was the new bylaws around Security Suites on industrial property. Many residents expressed concern with the changes as many have homes that are on business lots. The updated bylaws have suite size restrictions that would prevent them from rebuilding those building should they be lost. Most feedback asked for the removal of the size restrictions.

Town Administration defined Security Suites/Surveillance Suites as subordinate to a principal parcel use an intended for more remote areas of a municipally to provide a form of extra security for business owners. They may be classified as dwelling if food preparation and sleeping quarters are included, but they are not intended to function as residential land uses for families to reside in. "It really isn't intended to create a situation where

there might be individuals that are living predominately on a site that has industrial operations on it," said Becky Soby, Planner with Urban Systems, who assisted the town with the bylaw draft. Bylaws often prohibit the mixing of residential and industrial uses due to safety concerns. Administration is recommending the current provisions in Section 8.27 of the proposed draft LUB No. 2296 remain as is. However, they still would like to hear council's feedback.

Mayor Kevin Zahara voiced his concern for the changes. "The fact remains that some of these places have been there for a very long time. And so people have invested money, a significant amount of money. So if something were to happen, and they would not be able to replace their home, I'm very challenged with that. For me, I don't support the changes that are here. Dwellings should continue to be allowed, if they are existing on those specific properties. I don't think we should be allowing any new development."

Councillor Greg Pasychny added that often he sees pre-built homes like mobile home, or Atco trailers being used as security suites. These can also exceed the size limits. "I'm not against limiting them in the future. But is there a way we can add a provision or a clause for existing ones, that if something happens to them they can be

replaced?" "I think it would have to be specific to allowing it to be rebuild to what it was before," answered Soby. "The intention of these regulations are to insure that these surveillance suites are built only for the purpose of surveillance of the site and not having residents live on it." Soby explained that the challenge would be that rebuilds would not align with that intention, and could not be defined as a surveillance suite. "I agree with the intent," stated Councillor Peter Taylor. "We shouldn't see residential dwellings in an industrial area. That being said, I cannot ignore the number of people who have come forward. I think we are going to have to have some kind of provision, in some way, that any existing suites may remain."

Clayton Kittlitz, General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning, responded to the concerns, "I can certainly appreciate the challenge. It is hard to deal with legacy issues and situations." He explained that the earliest drafts of the bylaw didn't even include the surveillance suites in Business Industrial (BI-2) zones. They were added in after discussions with the public. It is an option for an exception clause to be added. That is something that would need to be discussed by Administration. Although he would want to restrict the mixing of residential and industrial zoning for future builds.

Administration will record direction from Council and revise the current draft of LUB No. 2296 accordingly before preparing a final bylaw for first reading at a future Council meeting.

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**Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar**

Transportation and Economic Corridors

**MAY**  
Motorcycle safety

- Cycling
- Alcohol and drug impairment
- Construction zones
- Off-highway vehicles
- New Drivers

**JUNE**  
Commercial vehicle safety

- Cycling
- Construction zones
- Off-highway vehicles
- Fatigue

The Town of Edson aligns its Traffic Safety Priorities with the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, with an aim to reduce road traffic fatalities. Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for information and enforcement activities. May's focus is Motorcycle safety, Cycling, Alcohol and drug impairment. Construction zones, Off-highway vehicles, and New drivers. For more details on the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, visit:  
<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx>.

**PHOTO ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS FOR MAY 2024**

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May 1st.	56 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
May 2nd.	46 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
May 3rd.	48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND PINEGROVE
May 4th.	56 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
May 5th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
May 6th.	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
May 7th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
May 8th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 48 STREET
May 9th.	12 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET
May 10th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
May 11th.	56 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
May 12th.	HWY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
May 13th.	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
May 14th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
May 15th.	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
May 16th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
May 17th.	12 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET
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May 19th.	HIGHWAY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
May 20th.	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
May 21st.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
May 22nd.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT NEAR 48 STREET
May 23rd.	13 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR POPLAR PLACE
May 24th.	48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND / PINEGROVE SCHOOL
May 25th.	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
May 26th.	HIGHWAY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
May 27th.	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
May 28th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
May 29th.	56 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
May 30th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
May 31st.	12 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET

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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-045	NE-9-53-18-W5 North of Edson	Single Detached Dwelling	Apr 17/24	Permitted Use
D24-055	Plan 0825858 Blk 1, Lot 1 NE-21-54-16-W5 North of Edson	Accessory Building (Shop)	Apr 22/24	Permitted Use
D24-054	SW-21-52-18-W5 Rowan Lake Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Accessory Building (Garage)	Apr 22/24	Permitted Use
D24-053	Plan 5251TR Blk 2, Lot 20 SW-13-52-24-W5 Carldale	Short Term Accommodations (Change of Use from Accessory Building to Recreational Cabin - Discretionary)	Apr 23/24	May 14/24
D24-051	Plan 9223703 Blk 1, Lot 1 NE-13-53-16-W5 Pinedale Area	Short Term Accommodations (Change of Use from Accessory Building to Recreational Cabin - Discretionary)	Apr 23/24	May 14/24
D24-058	Plan 7822474 Blk 2, Lot 12 NE-36-53-13-W5 Niton Junction	Existing Addition to Manufactured Home	Apr 24/24	Permitted Use
D24-057	SW-30-53-12-W5 South of Niton Junction	Accessory Building (Shop)	Apr 24/24	Permitted Use
D24-059	Plan 8322144 Blk 1, Lot 1 SE-34-54-16-W5 Reflection Lake Area	Accessory Building (Garage)	Apr 25/24	Permitted Use
D24-056	NE-20-54-14-W5 North of Peers	Existing Single Detached Dwelling with Existing Loft, Existing Wash Bay & Service Bay (Within Existing Building), New Addition (Living Space), New Addition (Attached Garage), New Addition (Covered Patio), Existing Secondary Suite - External & Existing Lean to on Barn	Apr 26/24	Permitted Use
D24-061	NE-32-54-9-W5 Chip Lake Area	Addition to Manufactured Home (Covered Deck)	Apr 29/24	Permitted Use
D24-047	Plan 0728604 Blk 1, Lot 1 SE-28-53-8-W5 Evansburg Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Shop	Apr 29/24	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca). The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits since 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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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



### INVITATION TO TENDER 2024 Summer Gravel Program for Yellowhead County

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

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2024-836  
Project: 2024 Summer Gravel Program  
Will be received until: 1:30 PM, May 17, 2024  
At the office of: Yellowhead County  
2716 - 1st Avenue  
Edson, Alberta  
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Approximately 326 kilometers of summer road graveling within Yellowhead County with approximately 89,460 tonnes of Owner supplied crushed gravel, hauled and placed from five (5) different stockpile sites.

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 at the following link: [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca).

Copies of Specifications and tender document may be picked up on or after 12:00 PM, April 26, 2024.

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security and Consent of Surety as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



### REQUEST FOR TENDER Bridge File 2024-07377 Tender For Yellowhead County

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

Sealed tender marked: TENDER: Bridge File 2024-07400, Culvert Removal, Culvert Maintenance, Sideslope Repairs and Other Work  
Will be received until: 1:30 PM, May 16, 2024  
At the office of: Yellowhead County  
2716 - 1st Avenue  
Edson, Alberta  
T7E 1N9

For the following work:

Bridge File 07377 (NW 28-53-13-W5M) located 41 km east of Edson on TWP RD 534B. Work at this site includes rebuilding the headslope with imported clay fill and armouring with Class 2 heavy rock riprap. Roadway repairs, approach rail repairs, partial depth concrete repairs and miscellaneous work will also be required.

Bridge File 75432 (SE 32-56-16-W5M) located 38 km north of Edson just off Tomhill Tower Road. Work at this site includes removal and reinstallation of the existing concrete girders to facilitate pile driving new steel h-piles (including pile tip reinforcement). Backwall and wingwall repairs, road repairs, bridge rail repairs, bank repairs (with Class 2 heavy rock riprap), miscellaneous repairs, and the removal and disposal of large dam/drift/debris will also be required.

Tenders may be obtained or viewed on or after April 30, 2024 through Alberta Purchasing Connection's website at the following link: [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca).

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders and to waive irregularities and informalities at its discretion.

Rex Wallace  
Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services  
Yellowhead County



### REQUEST FOR TENDER Bridge File 07400 & 78952 Tender For Yellowhead County

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

Sealed tender marked: Bridge File 07400 & 78952 Tender  
TENDER: 2024-07400, Culvert Removal, Culvert Maintenance, Sideslope Repairs and Other Work  
Will be received until: 1:30 PM, May 15, 2024  
At the office of: Yellowhead County  
2716 - 1st Avenue  
Edson, Alberta  
T7E 1N9

For the following work:

Bridge File 07400 (NE 23-56-14-W5M) located 5 km north of Haddock on RR 141B. Work includes the removal of the existing 2700 mm SPCSP culvert and 1000 mm CSP culvert and site remediation activities.

Bridge File 78952 (SW 21-55-07-W5M) located 18 km north of Evansburg on RR 74. Work includes the extension of the existing 1429 x 1575 mm SPCSP culvert with a 3300 mm CSP x 13.0 m invert length and repairs to the existing side slope.

Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders and to waive irregularities and informalities at its discretion.

For further information, please contact  
Rex Wallace  
Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services  
Yellowhead County



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2024-855 Roof Assessment and Proposed Solution, Rehabilitation Project Yellowhead County Fire Hall-Station 12, Station 12, Edson, Alberta

Yellowhead County invites interested Suppliers/Contractors to submit proposals for the Roof Assessment and Proposed Solution, Rehabilitation Project Yellowhead County Fire Hall-Station 12 Edson, Alberta, in accordance with the Request for Proposal.

Will be received until: 2:00 PM, May 9, 2024

A detailed information package will be available from April 23, 2024, on the Alberta Purchasing Connection website (<http://www.purchasingconnection.ca>).

Proposals must be submitted via email to Sabhago Oad General Manager of Infrastructure & Planning Services at [soad@yhcounty.ca](mailto:soad@yhcounty.ca) or mailed to:

Sabhago Oad  
General Manager Infrastructure & Planning Services  
Yellowhead County  
2716 - 1st Avenue  
Edson, Alberta  
T7E 1N9

This is a "Request for Proposal", and potential consultants are advised that Yellowhead County reserves the right to:

1. Accept a proposal without negotiation.
2. Reject a proposal without negotiation.
3. Reject a proposal from a bidder that has had a previous contract terminated by the County.
4. Negotiate changes in the financial or operational content of the successful proposal.

For further information regarding this request, please contact Amir Syed, Manager of Engineering Services, at (780) 723-4800.

## Weed Inspectors are in your area this summer.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED BEFORE an inspection is conducted, please contact Agricultural Services to discuss your plan for weed control on your property.



Yellowhead County Weed Inspectors will be documenting invasive plants on both county and private lands.

Yellowhead County will inform property owners of what is taking place on their property before an inspection occurs.

You may see a Weed Inspector in a high visibility vest with a County vehicle near your property performing inspections.

For more information, please visit [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) or phone 1-800-814-3935.

### Prohibited Noxious and Noxious Weeds:

- Difficult to control
- Have economic impacts
- Competitive in nature
- A threat to the environment
- A threat to agriculture
- Ability to be highly invasive

### Common Weed Species in Yellowhead County



[www.YHCOUNTY.ca/weeds](http://www.YHCOUNTY.ca/weeds)





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# At Home Alone

## Safety Course



This course is designed to teach children to make safe choices when they are at home alone. Includes a safe food prep activity!

**WILDWOOD COMPLEX**  
**FRIDAY MAY 17, 2024 (PD DAY)**  
**\$5.00 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM AGES 10-13**

**REGISTER BY MAY 15!**  
**YHCOUNTY.CA/REGISTRATION**



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Systems Analyst (on-site)

LOCATION: Edson, AB

COMPETITION NO. 24-025

Reporting to the Manager of Information Technology, the Systems Analyst maintains the County computer, communication/dispatch, network, and telephone systems. The position is also responsible for but not limited to providing technical support for computers, tablets, radios and mobile phones and various applications.

The salary range is currently \$71,688 to \$88,893 per year.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

To apply please submit resumes and cover letters online at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

The competition will remain open **until filled**.

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Human Resources  
Yellowhead County  
Email: [jobs@yhcounty.ca](mailto:jobs@yhcounty.ca)

The personal information obtained as a result of this advertisement will be utilized for these employment opportunities only, and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



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Need a job this summer?  
**We're HIRING!**  
Seasonal Position 2024

**APPLY TODAY!**

VISIT:  
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## Summer Youth Worker

Full Time - Based in Wildwood Office

Seasonal Position July-August

Deadline to apply: May 20, 2024



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## Summer Program Coordinator

Full Time Seasonal - Based in Wildwood Office

Seasonal Position May-August

Competition will remain open until filled.



# Roadside Vegetation Management Program

Spraying May to September



Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department will be spraying county roadsides from May to mid/late September. **Spraying of roadsides is done to control the spread of prohibited noxious and noxious weeds and re-growth of small brush.**

Herbicides to be used this upcoming season include:



Lontrel 360 - PCP #23545	Milestone - PCP #28517
Escort - PCP #23005	Navius Flex - PCP #30922
ClearView - PCP #29752	Esplanade - PCP #31333
VP480 - PCP #28840	Roundup Weathermax - PCP #27487
Arsenal - PCP #23713	Roundup WeatherPRO - PCP #33653
Arsenal Powerline - PCP #30203	Killex - PCP #27801
Garlon RTU - PCP #29334	Hasten - PCP #28277
Garlon XRT - PCP #28945	Trillion PCP #27972
2,4-D Amine - PCP #14726	

These products are best suited for Yellowhead County's Vegetation Management Plan. Some of these herbicides have residual characteristics so ratepayers should not be using roadside soil in their gardens.

*If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Agricultural Services Department at 1-800-814-3935 or (780) 325-3782.*



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Bring your recyclables to:

## **E-WASTE, PAINT & TOXIC ROUNDUP**

**Saturday, May 25, 2024: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

- Edson Recycling Depot: 5237 1st Ave.

- Evansburg Recycling Center, Pembina Arena: 4712 52 Ave.

Join Us For **FREE** Refreshments, Donuts,  
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Learn more about recycling these materials at [albertarecycling.ca](http://albertarecycling.ca)

# Refuge Tent at Galloway Museum

by Deanna Mitchener

The Galloway Station Museum & Travel Centre has a new travelling exhibit titled 'Refuge Tent'. Assistant Manager Cassie Kushniruk said,



Galloway Museum's latest travelling exhibit 'Refuge Tent'.

"Does Canada take in more than its fair share of refugees? Do refugees contribute as much as economic immigrants? Is it easy to get refugee status?" Learn the answers to these questions and more.

"This latest travelling exhibit is brought to us by the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21," said Kushniruk. It offers insight into Canada's role within the global refugee crisis through compelling displays and heart-wrenching personal accounts.

It reveals the multitude of challenges refugees face upon reaching Canada, while also celebrating the resilience and achievements of those who have found sanctuary within Canada's borders.

"By sharing stories of success and highlighting the valuable contributions made by refugees, this exhibition highlights the richness and diversity that immigrants bring to Canadian society," said Kushniruk.

Don't miss your chance to see this bilingual exhibit at the Galloway Station. It will only be on display until June 1, before it is off to its next destination.

# 14 year old country singer comes to Red Brick

by Deanna Mitchener

The Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum is hosting Edward Pimm on May 11, 2024, in the Hatlen Theatre.

Edward is a 14 year old up and coming country music singer from Mayerthorpe, Alberta. He plays classic country and enjoys every opportunity to share his talent.

As a young country musician, Edward is gaining recognition. At 10 years old he received a Rising Star award from Alberta's Men of Country Music.

He has since been under the mentorship of Global Country Canada. Through this organization, he's been provided opportunities to perform in a variety of venues. He participated at a Canadian Country Music Association showcase, as well as at the Alberta Country Awards in Calgary.

The Edson Dance Academy will be opening the evening with four dances. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are available online or in the Red Brick gift shop for \$15. Let's show our support for this up coming young singer. Mark your calendar and see you there.

## EVENT REMINDER

May 11: Mother's Day Concert, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Hatlen Theatre - Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum. Treat Mom to a night out! \$15/person.

May 17: At Home Alone safety course. Wildwood complex 9:30am-12:00 pm ages 10-13 register by May 15 [yhcounty.ca/registration](http://yhcounty.ca/registration)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

JADE OILFIELD MAINTENANCE COMPANY LTD.

WATER ACT

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is given that Jade Oilfield Maintenance Company Ltd. has filed applications under the provisions of the Water Act to work within a water body to create End Pit Lakes located on Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 0721014, Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 1220726 (both lots formerly part of SE 34-052-21-W5M), SW 35-052-21-W5M and the undeveloped road allowance between SE 34-052-21-W5M & SW 35-052-21-W5M; and

To construct an inlet ditch on Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 0721014, Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 1220726 (both lots formerly part of SE 34-052-21-W5M) and an outlet ditch located on SW 35-052-21-W5M.

Any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a written Statement of Concern within 7 days of the date of this notice to.

Environment and Protected Areas, Approvals Unit, 5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza, 9915 108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K or by email to: [epa.waapplications@gov.ab.ca](mailto:epa.waapplications@gov.ab.ca)

- The written statement of concern should include the following
- Quote the application number: **001-00418479 (working within a water body to create End Pit Lakes), and 001-00487609 (construct an inlet ditch and an outlet ditch)**
- Describe concerns that are relevant to matters regulated by the Water Act
- Explain how the filer of the concern will be directly affected by the activity and/or diversion of water proposed in the applications
- Provide the legal land location of the land owned or used by the filer where the concerns described are believed to be applicable
- State the distance between the land owned or used by the filer and the site in the applications
- Contact information including the full name and mailing address of the filer. Please provide the telephone number and email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Protected Areas will review each written Statement of Concern, seek more information if needed, and notify each filer by letter of the decision to accept or reject their written submission as a valid Statement of Concern.

Statements of Concern submitted regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public and the applicant. Failure to file a Statement of Concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

**Lesley Foy**  
**Aspen Land Group Inc.**  
 11213 Winterburn Road  
 Edmonton, AB T5S 2B2  
 Telephone: 780-809-8191  
 Email: [lfoy@aspenlandgroup.com](mailto:lfoy@aspenlandgroup.com)

# Edson premiere of Dance with the Devil

by Deanna Mitchener

The Hatlen Theatre at the Red Brick Arts Centre had local artist Spencer Richard (aka) Srvent and his cast for a screening of Dance with the Devil on April 26.

A premier of Dance with the Devil showcased in Edmonton, now it was time for hometown Edson to do a screening.

The cast and crew drove out from Edmonton. You know you are a success when you hear the audience cheering you on the moment you step on stage. The audience was clapping and chanting for Spencer the moment they saw him.

"Thanks for coming out tonight, Spencer began. "There are a great many people to thank. The first person I must always thank is my wife Becky Richard, she has always been my biggest supporter. Becky has even been behind the camera. She is very talented, I love you and appreciate you always being there for our family."

"I've been in Edson for quite a few years now, some of you know me as Srvent a Rap artist. For Dance with the Devil, I wrote, directed, did some acting, and composed the music. I've done work around town with many of the local businesses, but this is a first for me. It's a work of fiction, a new territory of work for me, and I'm thrilled to share it with everyone here."

The introduction from Spencer was followed by the short film project then an additional behind-the-scenes look. There was lots of socializing and celebrating. The evening was topped off with some fine wine donated by the Popped Cork with homemade Dance with the Devil labels.

In an interview with the cast and crew before the event, Sam Au said, "This is a film that Spencer initiated last year. Spencer had already filmed half the movie when one of the actors decided acting wasn't something they wanted to do. So another actor, Elena, was brought in to take over the role. Having to re-shoot the movie, more of us got involved. It expanded from a couple of his friends, to more of us working along side Spencer. I did a bit of acting and was a crew helper. We used my apartment to do a few of the scenes. Spencer is very talented and he wrote the music for the movie as well. I was a part of the music video that was made".

Elena Hlebnicova was born in the Sylvia Union and lives in Edmonton now. "My part in the film

was very unexpected. I was very honoured to be considered for the role as I've never done anything like that before. Spencer trusted me right away, which was a big deal to me. I never knew Spencer even existed until he sent me a text the day before. I've done some martial arts before, and wanted to be in an action movie, so I was very happy to have been given this opportunity. We were all a very tight crew and it was a lot of fun, we joked together and trained together. Just an overall great experience".

Brandon Rhiness is a filmmaker from Edmonton. "I met Spencer about six years ago for coffee and chatted, then parted ways for years. Then he started making films, so we had some crossover between our casting crew. I was excited for him when he told me about doing Dance with the Devil. He premiered it in Edmonton a few weeks back, so we went to show our support and now again in Edson. It's nice to support local filmmakers. We have talked about possibly doing something together in the future."

Becky Richard (aka) Spencer's wife, had this to say about having a husband that is in this industry, "It takes a lot of juggling, balancing, and communication ensuring things are going according to plan. It is definitely a challenge having someone who is creative. It's not like your typical standard oilfield job or a 9-5 kind of job. It's definitely different, but I've expected that going in. But if anything it keeps you on your toes, and it is cool to see all the creative stuff, how one small idea can explode into this amazing thing."

Dylan Sehn said, "Spencer and I met back in 2017 at a concert where I was running sound, and he was checking the venue out to see if he would like to potentially perform there. The two of us hit it off right away, we became really close friends and I became a big fan of his music. We started to work together on film projects here and there. I was also in his last shoot Seven Songs for Life as a stunt man. For Dance with the Devil I was stunt coordinator. I have to say that Spencer is a very special guy, I think we are pretty honoured to have a guy with his talent here in Alberta. All of us other directors believe Spencer has the whole picture. He writes it, he does the script, films and edits it. Even the score for this is a really big thing. His music has tension and everything like the big screen movies. Yes, we all helped where we could but Spencer is the mastermind behind it all."

Wayne Caldwell did some of the sound and camera work. "The group has been amazing to work



Elena Hlebnicova and Spencer Richard (aka) Srvent during the premiere of Dance with the Devil in Edson on April 26. photo Deanna Mitchener

with, everyone is very respectful of one another. Everyone tries to keep the energy levels up which is great. It really was good working with a crew who all got along."

Spencer went on to thank each of the cast members, and local businesses that offered their time and support during the making of Dance with the Devil.

From being new to Edson only a few years ago, Spenser has expanded his work from rap music to featuring many local individuals and businesses, and now filmmaking, transitions, music and effects bringing them altogether. The incredible amount of talent, creativity, and professional work up on a big screen was impressive. Congratulations to Spencer for his hard work and dedication.

# New Mini Chuckwagon team to race at Medicine Lodge Rodeo

by Deanna Mitchener

The Mini Chuckwagon races at the Medicine Lodge Rodeo this Mother's Day weekend has a new team joining in the challenge.

Kara Link has been falling in love with the mini chuckwagon races after watching them the past few years. This year, Kara decided to get her own team to race in the upcoming rodeo.

When asked what influenced her to get her own team, Kara said, "What helped me decide was watching Dion Lees and Wynn with ponies and helping infield last season. This helped me want to try the minis."

"I bought my team the end of January 2024. My team name is Grassroots Equine Essentials, but we have sponsors for each rodeo. The Medicine Lodge Rodeo will be my first rodeo and am beyond excited to run my team there for the first time," said Link.

"Honestly, to learn how to race and train has been a learning curve for both myself and my team. We are new to each other, but the willingness from both sides is strong," Link said.

Good luck Kara and the Grassroots Equine Essentials team on your first race over the Mother's Day weekend.



New mini Chuckwagon team Grassroots Equine Essentials.

# Alberta Municipalities President calls Bill 20 a power grab by provincial government

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis), the association that represents Alberta's summer villages, villages, towns, cities, and specialized municipalities, spoke out against the provincial government's controversial Bill 20 at a virtual news conference on April 29.



**From the Publisher's Desk**

Dana McArthur  
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

repeal bylaws it doesn't like based on backroom cabinet decisions made without public scrutiny or accountability.

The fact that cabinet decisions are confidential means that the public can never truly know why these decisions were made. Our association is speaking out about this because some of our members fear repercussions if they disagree openly with the provincial government. The possibility of a locally elected official being removed at any time, for any reason, is deeply unsettling and likely to have a "chilling effect" on councillors who might otherwise speak out against the provincial government.

"Our question to the Premier and the provincial government is: Who stands to benefit from Bill 20? We ask because local governments and most Albertans have not been calling for these changes. Time and again, Albertans have said they do not want political parties at the local level. Who is the government listening to if it isn't Albertans? We call on the provincial government to answer these questions and explain its rationale for introducing Bill 20.

"To date, the provincial government's reasons for introducing it have been flimsy. It has freely admitted that 70 per cent of Albertans don't want to see political parties in local elections. It says that 98 per cent of communities won't see it, as Calgary and Edmonton are the only places where the idea will be piloted. In truth, this "pilot project" will affect more than 2.4 million Albertans – half of all Albertans.

"We've reviewed Bill 20 and we don't see how it will make local elections any more transparent, free or fair. Local government decisions are made in public. By contrast, Bill 20 would allow decisions to dismiss councillors and repeal bylaws to be made by provincial cabinet ministers in secret.

"Bill 20 is an attempt by the government to centralize, strengthen and tighten the provincial government's hold on power. Bill 20 does not improve the lives of Albertans, it does not build up our province, and it does not make it easier for our communities to grow in unity and harmony," stated Gandam.

The entire unedited online media event can be viewed at [vimeo.com/941004955](https://vimeo.com/941004955)

Bill 20 makes sweeping changes to municipal governance and elections, with apparently very little mandate from Alberta residents, 70% of which don't want to see political parties in local elections.

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) states they are "frustrated by many of the changes proposed in the recently announced Bill 20. Alberta's municipalities play a crucial role in ensuring that local planning, infrastructure, and service provision align with the diverse needs of Alberta's communities, residents, and industries. The changes in Bill 20 threaten municipal autonomy by granting the province greater authority to intervene, overturn local decisions, and potentially even remove elected municipal officials without adequate justification or process."

The following statement highlights ABmunis President Tyler Gandam's remarks during the association's April 29 media conference:

"Bill 20 is an attempt by the provincial government to grab more power and wield more control over how people choose to live in their own communities. If passed, the proposed legislation will fundamentally redraw the blueprint of our local democracy and alter how people's local needs are met and who represents them.

"The bill reduces the autonomy and authority of a recognized order of government – your local government. It also undermines the power of the local voter. Alberta Municipalities is concerned that the bill will intimidate and even silence legally elected officials who dare to criticize the provincial government.

"If passed, Bill 20 will allow corporations and unions to fund candidates of their choice. The bill does almost nothing to improve transparency regarding financial donations to individual candidates and the money being raised and spent by third-party advertisers. Independent candidates risk being outspent and drowned out by party candidates who enjoy the financial backing of corporations and unions.

"If the bill passes in its current form, local government elections will end up being about what influential corporations and unions want, not about what voters want. Essentially, Bill 20 puts local governments up for sale to the highest bidder. We know this doesn't sit well with Albertans, who have repeatedly said that "big money" has no place in local politics.

"Bill 20 would allow the provincial government to remove councillors and

## Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of: April 22 to April 28, 2024

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**April 20:** Women's Wellness Workshop. Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Location: Best Western High Road Inn

**May 18 June 15:** Grief Support Group 9:30am-11:30am at Griffiths park centre questions contact Sarah at 780-712-3500 or email sarahm@edson.ca

**April 29-May26:** Step it up Challenge. Teams of 3 to register in person at the Leisure Centre by April 22.

**May10-12:** 43<sup>rd</sup> Medicine Lodge Rodeo Location 40 km west of Edson 1km south of hwy 16 on Anderson road (rge rd 213).

**May 11:** Go Girl Conference 9am to 4pm. Girls grade 5 to 9 cost \$20. Lunch and snack provided. Edson and District Leisure Centre. Registration closes at 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 30. visit: https://www.edson.ca/services/community-development/familyfun

**May 11:** Mother's Day Concert, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Hatlen Theatre - Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum. Treat Mom to a night out! \$15/person.

**May 11:** 28 Annual Yellowhead Traveling garage sale. Look at the full page ad for locations 9am-5pm.

**May17:** At Home Alone safety course. Wildwood complex 9:30am-12:00 pm ages 10-13 register by May 15

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**May 24:** Family Sock Hop 1950's Dance. 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Edson Legion Branch 51. Ticketed event.

**June22:** Eddies Big Run. Register Now at edson.ca or running room.com or in person at Edson District Leisure centre. 1021 49 st Edson.

**June 22:** Shandy's Dream for a Cure, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, RCMP Centennial Park. This is a BBQ fundraiser created in memory of Shandy who passed away from a brain tumour.

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# Edson and District Public Library getting ready to reopen

by Deanna Mitchener

We may soon be able to enjoy the newly renovated Edson and District Public Library. Trisha Thurner, with the Library, stated, "We have no set date in mind as to when we will reopen the doors at the renovated library, other than very soon. We are hoping once the Spray Park is open, we will be open."

"We have been very fortunate this year with some new board members who have been incredibly helpful in giving us the big push for the last leg of our fundraising efforts. With all the grants we were able to get, along with all the matching grants from our funders, we have been able to get this beautiful expansion fully funded and almost set to reopen," said Thurner.

There were, however, no extras available for new furnishings. "We still have furniture from the 80's, which by all means is still good and we are using a bunch of it. But with a larger area now, we will need some new furniture to fill in the new space," said Thurner.

When asked what it was like to move into a smaller area until the completion of the library renovations, Thurner said, "I believe it was the hardest on our high-needs individuals. Because the library is such a big part of the daily routine for so many individuals within our community, it was a real shock to the system."

"It was very hard for us as staff too, just coming off the end of Covid. We just got everyone's trust in coming back and letting them know we were there for them, to sorry, we now need to move into a smaller place. It was very tough."

"But the reason behind the renovation is so valid, we will have a brand new quiet space that didn't exist before. Anybody that's been at the library after school is out knows there wasn't a spare chair. It was absolutely essential for us to create a space where

people could come and sit and enjoy some quiet space, and a reading space," said Thurner.

"It's also very important that we have a teen area. A teen area never existed before in the history of our library," said Thurner. "With us being so beautifully situated between the schools and across from the park, we are very much like a drop in centre. It's a safe place for everyone. We keep things rated G. When you walk in to the library, the expectation is that everyone is

welcome, and to remember it's for everyone."

"We are going to require all of our patrons, all of our regulars, to let us know what they really think about the new space. We have what the architects' believe is their idea of perfect. But of course the Edson and District Public Library is built for our communities' vision of perfection. So it is very important that everyone lets us know what they think," concluded Thurner.



MP Gerald Soroka and Doug Woodhouse during the Edson and District Chamber Trade Show April 26 and 27. Soroka commented, "I'm here reaching out to people to see what concerns they have. Carbon tax is a big thing. People are thinking it only affects their home heating or electrical bill, but it affects grocery pricing and everything we use. The Food Bank in Edson had a 300% increase in usage compared to the year before. It is astounding how many people rely on the Food Bank. We have two or three families living together in one home. We need to voice people's concerns, so the Trade Show is a great place to chat with so many." photo Deanna Mitchener

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