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Wildfires force evacuation of Yellowhead County residents

by Dana McArthur

Fueled by dry conditions and strong winds, wildfires threaten communities in Yellowhead County resulting in evacuations affecting over 1,100 Yellowhead County residents.

As the wildfires put rural homes and businesses under

threat, critical alerts were sent out advising people to collect important documents, medications, and enough food and water to be away for at least three days. Yellowhead County worked with Alberta Wildfire to contain the spread of the fires.

Detected April 29th, a wildfire

southeast of Evansburg threatened areas in both Parkland and Yellowhead County, resulting in mandatory evacuation orders for the hamlets of Entwistle and Evansburg that same day. The four seniors lodges in Evansburg were evacuated safely with assistance from neighbouring

municipalities and organizations such as the Edson Seniors Transportation Society and the Evergreen Foundation.

Another two wildfires were detected the evening of April 29, northwest of Evansburg on both the east and west sides of Highway 22.

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WCU002 was detected on the evening of April 29, located on both sides of Highway 22, 3 km north of Highway 16. Alberta Wildfire

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Wildfires force evacuation of Yellowhead County residents

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Originally two separate incidents, the fires quickly merged into one, causing middle-of-the-night evacuations with emergency responders going door-to-door to let residents know they needed to pack up and go.

Yellowhead County declared a state of local emergency, and by mid-afternoon on April 30 expanded its evacuation area, with residents in the Lobstick Resort community and areas north of Wildwood, including properties at the east end of Chip Lake, being issued mandatory evacuation orders.

On May 1 at approximately 1pm, Yellowhead County expanded the evacuation area once again, sending out the notice that residents of Wildwood should also evacuate immediately. A reception centre for evacuees was set up at the Edson and District Leisure Centre. Structural protection, including the use of sprinklers, were employed by County Fire Department crews.

Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams stated, "We practice this. We hope it never happens, but we're realistic enough to know that at some point these things will happen in our communities. And it is very critical to be ready."

Mayor Williams also expressed his gratitude to residents impacted by the fire and the teams working throughout this emergency. "We would like to acknowledge our residents for their resiliency in this situation. Their patience, understanding, and cooperation during this difficult time has been a crucial part in helping our emergency services and Yellowhead County staff, including our firefighters and the other agencies, who have been working together to deal with this incident."

"Yellowhead County residents and our neighbours offered their support and empathy throughout the event. This show of support and community spirit is encouraging and truly shows the integrity of our residents and neighbours," said Williams.

Evacuees, who were originally welcomed at a reception centre in Wildwood, were moved to the Edson & District Leisure Centre when the hamlet of Wildwood was issued their own evacuation order.

"The Town of Edson provided support to Yellowhead County in terms of staff resources at the Evacuation Centre and at the Emergency Coordination Centre," said Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

"Our thoughts are with all those impacted by the fires over the last week along with all those fighting the fire on the front lines. The one positive to come out of this is the generosity of so many Edson area residents and businesses wanting to help and support evacuees," Zahara said. "The Town of Edson will be here to support the county as needed throughout the emergency. Thank you to the Edson Seniors Transportation Society and Parkland Lodge for their assistance in the evacuation of Sunshine Lodge residents on Saturday night."

Approximately 25 Yellowhead County firefighters and over 60 firefighters from Alberta Wildfire battled the blaze, supported by more than a dozen pieces of heavy equipment and six helicopters. This was alongside several other agencies and contractors from neighbouring municipalities and organizations over several days.

With some favourable weather and the efforts of these fire crews and support personnel, the mandatory evacuation order was lifted at 12:00 noon on May 2 for Evansburg, Entwistle, and areas in Parkland County located west of Highway 22. These residents were now safe to return to their homes. The entire Highway 16 corridor was opened for Yellowhead County residents and Parkland County residents traveling to their homes.

The Wildwood evacuation order was lifted at 3:00pm on May 3 for all evacuees in the Wildwood/Lobstick area. Residents were directed to remain on 30-minute alert and be prepared to evacuate if conditions changed. Transportation was available from Edson to Wildwood for evacuees.

As of May 3, the wildfire affecting Wildwood and Lobstick area residents was still burning out of control and was estimated to be 2,320ha in size and burning in a mixture of grass, shrub, trees, and marsh.

On May 3, the fire behaviour was less active with the majority of burning occurring within the perimeter. It is currently being maintained in its boundaries

and firefighting crews continue their efforts to contain and reduce the fire.

Yellowhead County Fire Chief and GM of Protective Services, Albert Bahri acknowledged the work done to mitigate the fire and assist with the evacuation but is reminding residents that there continues to be threats with the current hot weather. "It's important to acknowledge that wildfires are dynamic situations and changes can happen quickly. Our focus continues to be on the safety of our residents as we continue to work to contain and extinguish these fires with our partners."

"We encourage everyone to have an evacuation plan in place for themselves, family members, and pets and livestock," added Bahri.

A fire restriction is in effect for most of Central Alberta in the Forest Protection Area due to high fire hazard. Dry grass can catch fire easily and burn quickly. Any spark, hot exhaust, or friction can cause a wildfire. Avoid working near or on dry vegetation to help prevent wildfires. If you see smoke or flame and suspect it's a wildfire, call 310-FIRE.

Yellowhead County continues to monitor the situation closely and all important updates will be posted on www.yhcounty.ca and at www.facebook.com/yellowheadcounty.

For the most up-to-date information on the wildfires, visit <https://srd.web.alberta.ca/edson-area-update>.

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Second Annual Touch A Truck event

by Deanna Mitchener

The 2nd annual Edson LEAP Society Touch A Truck event went off without a 'hitch'.

The event took place in the parking lots between Parkland Composite High School and Ecole Pine Grove Middle School, on April 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Touch A Truck event is part of a fundraiser where kids can touch all the bells and whistles and get right inside the unique vehicles. They also get a chance to talk with the operators of the equipment.

The sensory friendly hour provided time for families with youngsters that want to see and be apart of the event, but may not be able to handle the larger crowds and noise. All the funds raised from the small admission fee go to the Edson LEAP Society.

Melissa Johnson, the Kindergarten Facilitator at the Edson LEAP Therapy and Resource Centre, said, "The event couldn't happen without the donation of time and contributions that have been provided by the companies and community. We are really overwhelmed with that."

"We had 20 volunteers comprised of Edson LEAP Society Board Members, Edson LEAP Therapy and Resource Centre staff, and community members helping with the event today," said Johnson.

"We had 27 companies that supported this event. Our event featured 44 different types of vehicles and machines. A big favorite with the children was the Fortis bucket rides and the sandbox provided by Kyle Spreen," said Johnson.

"The turnout of individuals that enjoyed the event was amazing with over 550 people in attendance. This is an increase from last year's event which had just over 400 in attendance," said Johnson. "We are so thankful for everyone that helped put this event on and everyone that attended. We are looking forward to next year."



Steve Galloway had a 966 front-end loader that is used to feed crushers and loading gravel trucks. Laurel Kachmarchyk was sitting in bucket with Ox (3) and Ollie (2). 44 different pieces of equipment and vehicles took part in the 2nd Annual Touch A Truck event in April 30. photos by Deanna Mitchener



Cora, Sophie, Roman, Axel, Sarah, and Travis standing by Foremost. The machine hauls crews out to fight fires or with the pipeline. This machine was part of the 27 companies that took part in the 2nd Annual Touch A Truck event.



Brantley, Averie, Kyle, and Kaitlyn Spreen with Spreen Machine Mechanical during the 2nd Annual Touch A Truck event held on April 30th.



Mickilli Fossheim, Jaden Gauchier, and Paige Ekdahl with the Edson LEAP Society were kept busy handing out free gear, plastic hard hats, and bags for youngsters during the 2nd Annual Touch A Truck event.

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A huge thank you to the team of volunteers that made this event a huge success. Thank you to the volunteers from the Royal Bank in Hinton. Thank you to all the businesses who displayed our posters. Also, thank you to the Spaghetti Dinner Planning Committee, the set up and teardown help including board, staff and volunteers.

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The critical alerts sent out advised people to collect important documents, medications, and enough food and



by Dana McArthur
publisher/Editor

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water to be away for at least three days.

Many residents of the impacted areas sought

safety with family and friends outside the evacuation zones. Many sought safety at the community centres set up by Yellowhead County and the Town of Edson.

Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams stated, "We practice this. We hope it never happens, but we're realistic enough to know that at some point these things will happen in our communities. And it is very critical to be ready."

Thankfully, with a bit of favourable weather and the efforts of Alberta Wildfire crews, Yellowhead County emergency crews, and support personnel the mandatory evacuation orders were lifted and residents were again safe to return to their homes.



Dozers assisted with building containment lines around the perimeter of WCU002 (May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.).

Edson RCMP Occurrences For the week of Dec April 24 to April 30, 2023

Suspicious person complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 19. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 4; Alarms/False Alarms 3; Animal Calls 1; Assault 1; Assistance Calls 7; Cause Disturbance 3; Fail to Comply with Conditions 4; False/Abandoned 911 call 6; Family Relations 1; Fire Prevention Act 2; Fraud 3; Impaired Operation Motor Vehicle 1; Liquor Act 3; Lost/Found Property 3; Mental Health Act 1; Mischief 8; Missing Person 2; Municipal Bylaw 2; Possess Stolen Property 1; Sudden Death 1; Theft Complaints 9; Traffic Collisions 13; Trespassing 3; Uttering Threats against Person 3; Unwanted Person 1; Wellbeing Check 4; and Traffic Violations 18.

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Edson & Yellowhead County Recreation Multi-Use Facility Update

An important decision has been made regarding the Multi-Use Facility that will allow the Town of Edson & Yellowhead County to move forward with the development and expansion of the existing Leisure Centre.

In spring of 2022, the Town and County began reviewing the feasibility of redeveloping the structure to find cost efficiencies that would allow for the successful implementation of this project. Redevelopment of this facility would feature: a new aquatic facility, one new ice arena and one renovated ice arena, a curling rink, and walking track. Both municipalities remain committed to exploring all options for the construction of a second arena and gymnasium.

The funding of the facility is contingent on the grant received from the Federal Government Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The grant previously approved was specific to the previous project location in Hillendale and was for \$20 million. With that grant, the total project budget has been established at \$70 million.

In January 2023, the Town and County submitted a request to change the scope of approval of the grant to be for the redevelopment of the Edson and District Leisure

Centre. On April 26, 2023, the Town and County received confirmation that the grant amendment was approved by the Federal government, and planning on the redevelopment to the Leisure Centre can continue.

In addition, after a competitive bid process, Tango Management Group has recently been contracted as the Project Manager and is working with Dialogue Design to get up to speed on the project.

“The approval of the grant amendment is great news for our region. A lot of work has been underway behind the scenes in recent months and this news will allow us to move forward to planning and building the facility we need. Our Council is committed to this project and will work with our partners at Yellowhead County to get shovels in the ground as quickly as possible.” -Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara

“We're very excited by the news of the grant approval. We will continue to work towards providing a responsible and efficient project for our residents.” - Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams

The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County continue to plan the facility redevelopment and hope to have more detailed design information to share with the public soon.



Jeannine Hamel using a (pusher stick) during a floor curling game at the Pioneer Cabin on April 26. photo Deanna Mitchener

Town of Edson Fire Ban

(Town of Edson) April 30, 2023 – The Town of Edson is instituting a full fire ban, effective immediately. The fire hazard rating for the Town of Edson is currently VERY HIGH.

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MLA gives update to Edson Town Council

by Niki Luymes

At the May 2 Town Council meeting, West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long gave a provincial update and answered questions from Council.

MLA Long began his presentation by thanking the council and the Town of Edson for their willingness to help out those displaced by the local forest fires recently. He continued by saying that he has really enjoyed the last four years working with the Town Council. “I have appreciated the open dialogue and the advocacy for the community that has been presented by the leadership here. So thank you for that, I have enjoyed the relationship that we've developed.”

In his overview of the past four years, MLA Long highlighted several projects that have been accomplished in Edson. In particular, the new set of traffic lights along Highway 16, the approval of a new crosswalk, the library renovation funding, and funding for the Edson Friendship Centre.

He also took a moment to talk about the current state of Hwy 16. “I know

that members of the [town's] leadership and members of our community expressed a little disappointment in not having been on the capital list for the highway through town, but we were able to see some funding for planning come out of our advocacy. So for that, I'll be excited to see what happens after the planning process takes place.”

On a provincial level, Long said that Alberta has seen a lot of growth in the past year, both in population and in opportunities. Along with the oil and gas and the forestry and mining sectors Alberta has gained a thriving tech sector. This, combined with increases in aviation, TV and film production, large distribution logistics sectors, and tourism gives him great hope for the future of the province, he stated. Long also noted that all those advances also come with challenges, in particular the current labour shortage faced by this region.

After his presentation, Long then answered several questions from council.

Residents flock to Annual Trade Show

by Niki Luymes

Edson and areas residents flocked to the Edson Leisure Centre for the Edson and District Chamber of Commerce's Annual Trade Show.

The event ran over two days from April 28 to the 29th. Admission to the event was \$4 per Adult, and \$3 for Kids under 12 and seniors. Children under the age of 3 got in for free.

This year's show had a great balance of businesses both small and large as well as some local non-for-profits. Approximately 70 vendors set up throughout the arenas. "We had a lot of vendors," said Kathy Arndt, Manager for the Edson Chamber of Commerce. "It was awesome."

Vendors included Parkland Composite High school, who had a stage set up and hosted various

performances through out the trade show including an elk calling competition put together by Fish and Game on Saturday.

Local entertainment business 'Melissa's Bouncy House Fun' had a few castles set up for kids to enjoy, and Edson's new fire chief was at the Fire Department booth saying hello to residents. The Town of Edson also had a booth set up where they were handing out free swag and getting feedback on the 2023 budget. This year also had a few outdoor vendors as well. Happy Camper RV, as well as a local food truck were set up in the parking lot.

This year's attendance was up from both last year and pre-pandemic years. The Trade Show has been taking place in Edson since 1983. It continues to be a great way for area residents to get to know the businesses in their community. "A few other places in Alberta have canceled their trade shows because of lack of interest. But luckily we had more vendors the usual, so obviously people still really like to attend our trade show," said Arndt.

Arndt wanted to give a big thank you to all the volunteers and supports of the event.



Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Christine Beveridge and Mayor Kevin Zahara managed the Town of Edson booth at the Annual Trade Show. photo Niki Luymes



Christine Van Neck, Director of Transportation, Nikki Gilks, Special Projects Manager, and Delaney Ueland, HR specialist were staffing the Grand Yellowhead Public School Division's booth at the Annual Trade Show. photo Niki Luymes



Janet Bellwood, Darren Sallenbach, and Vicky Hill were looking after the Edson Food Bank Booth at the Annual Trade Show. The Food bank was there raising awareness, accepting donations, and selling 50/50 tickets to raise funds. photo Niki Luymes


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Township	Ranges	Meridian
48	12, 13, 14, 15	W5M
49	12, 13, 14, 15	W5M
50	13, 14	W5M
58	18, 19, 20, 21, 25	W5M
59	17, 18, 23, 24	W5M
60	17, 23, 24	W5M
61	22	W5M
62	22	W5M

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Yellowhead County

**Approved Development Permits have been issued
 authorizing the following:**

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D23-039	Plan 0729932 Block 1, Lot 1 NE-31-52-17-W5 Edson Area	Accessory Building (Shop)- Variance for Rear Yard Setback	April 19/23
D23-041	SE/NW/NE-28-52-11-W5 Niton/Carrot Creek Area	Natural Resource Extraction & Processing (Freshwater Storage Reservoir)- Discretionary	April 19/23
D23-042	Plan 1138MC Block 16, Lot 2 NE-19-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Existing Addition to Manufactured Home Dwelling (Lean to)- Variance for Back Yard Setback	April 20/23
D23-027	Plan 0324530 Block 1, Lot 5 SW-32-51-24-W5 East River Road Estates	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Connect Dwelling to Garage) & Perimeter Fence (Chain Link- Variance for Height)	April 20/23
D23-040	NE-8-54-15-W5 Wolf Creek Area	Existing Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Open Veranda)	April 20/23
D23-033	NE-27-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Accessory Building- Variance to Side Yard Setback	April 20/23
D23-007	Plan 0926857 Block 2, Lot 8 NW-5-54-16-W5 Edson River Estates	Existing Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Decks, Existing Accessory Buildings, Variance for Setback to Dwelling	April 20/23
D23-045	N-26-50-21-W5 Robb Area	Existing Accessory Buildings	April 24/23
D23-032	Plan 8621609 Block 1, Lot 3 NE-5-51-25-W5 Hinton Area	Accessory Building (5 Unit Office Trailer) Variance to side yard setback	April 28/23

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw.

The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal** dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision. Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

Yellowhead County

**TAX PAYMENT NOTICE
 IMPORTANT INFORMATION
 FOR LANDOWNERS**

New Title Holders:

If you have recently purchased property in Yellowhead County, Land Titles is four to five months behind in processing. Combined Assessment and Tax notices will be mailed in May so if you haven't received a tax notice by June 1, 2023, please contact the Yellowhead County Edson office. July 1st, 2023 penalty date still applies on any outstanding balances.

Municipal Address Changes:

Do you live in Niton Junction and have a **TOE 150** postal code? Your address is **no longer valid** due to recent Canada Post changes. Call Yellowhead County at **1-800-665-6030** to update your mailing address.

School Support Notice:

Alberta Education has expanded the Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division boundary under Ministerial Order 015/2021. If you are the owner of a property within the new boundaries and would like to direct your taxes to the separate school division, please contact the Yellowhead County Tax department at **780-723-4800**. You can find the Ministerial Order through the following link: https://kings-printer.alberta.ca/Documents/MinOrders/2021/Education/2021_015_Education.pdf

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Pesticide Container Site Closure Reminder

Cleanfarms has begun the process of moving pesticide container recycling over to Ag Retailers. This means that you can no longer bring your pesticide containers to the Wildwood and Parkcourt Transfer Stations.

The Peers transfer station will remain open for pesticide container recycling for the foreseeable future due to the distance from Ag Retailers in that area.



If you wish to take pesticide containers back to your Ag Retailer, you must do so in Cleanfarms collection bags. These are given out when you purchase product. If you need more or did not receive any, you can pick them up at the Wildwood Yellowhead County office free of charge.



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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:

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

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.

A Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Discussing hydrogen opportunities in Alberta

Ministers Brian Jean and Rajan Sawhney recently met with major Korean firms to discuss opportunities for Alberta's emerging hydrogen industry to work with Korea's.

Building on Alberta's strong relationship with the Republic of Korea, commonly known as South Korea, the ministers had productive meetings about Korea's hydrogen ecosystem with SK Group, Kwangshin Machinery Co, Lotte Chemical and POSCO Steel.

These discussions advance Alberta's path to become a world hydrogen leader – an industry that could be worth up to \$11 trillion globally by 2050 – and continue to supply responsible energy products to the world.

“With Alberta's long history of responsible energy development, we are hopeful about ways to help diversify our economy and create new jobs for Albertans while further reducing our emissions. I am pleased we were able to meet with Korean companies like POSCO to learn about the exciting opportunities that could exist for Alberta companies to partner with Korean companies on the hydrogen economy.” -Brian Jean, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development

“I am committed to strengthening

partnerships to grow Alberta's international trade and was interested in the potential of Korea's hydrogen technologies. We discussed with major Korean firms, like SK Group and POSCO, how Alberta's advantages could help drive growing hydrogen ecosystems in Alberta and Korea.” - Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Trade, Immigration and Multiculturalism

The ministers had extensive discussions with executives from POSCO, one of the world's top steel companies. POSCO, which produces almost three times as much steel annually as Canada, explained the science behind and their long-term plans for developing low-carbon, hydrogen-based “green steel.” POSCO is looking for global partners to join its hydrogen-based alliance of companies interested in developing green steel. POSCO expressed willingness to enter into discussions with Alberta research institutes and agencies to explore the possibilities to utilize Alberta's hydrogen hub in their long-term plans.

“POSCO research and development is looking for cooperation in the field of clean hydrogen and hydrogen ironmaking (HyREX). We are open to finding partners to join in the research and development of hydrogen-based steel. POSCO is aware of Alberta's

commitment to hydrogen and is aware of Alberta's potential as a global producer of hydrogen.

POSCO views the hydrogen economy as a future growth engine.” - Kisoo Kim, senior executive vice-president, POSCO

SK Group, which has a presence in Alberta, runs many hydrogen vehicle fuelling stations throughout South Korea. The ministers toured one of SK's roadside hydrogen fuelling stations and watched Koreans stop to fill their passenger vehicles with clean non-polluting hydrogen. Kwangshin makes the industrial compressors that run Korea's growing hydrogen ecosystem. Both SK and Kwangshin indicated an interest in helping Alberta develop hydrogen fuelling systems.

The ministers also met with Lotte Chemical to discuss opportunities in ammonia and hydrogen.

These meetings were an opportunity to understand the interest that South Korea has in exploring trade, investment and energy opportunities in Alberta. The Government of Alberta provides pathfinding services for foreign direct investment into the province as a way to streamline communications and encourage companies to make investments

here.

Quick facts

- In 2022, Alberta exported approximately \$1.5 billion worth of goods to South Korea.

- Alberta currently produces about 2.5 million tonnes of hydrogen per year, making it the largest hydrogen producer in Canada.

- Hydrogen in Alberta is predominantly used in industrial operations, such as bitumen upgrading, oil refining and petrochemical manufacturing.

- Third-party estimates show that Alberta can be one of the lowest-cost producers of hydrogen in the world.

- There has already been interest in growing Alberta's hydrogen sector, with announcements from major international and domestic companies looking to establish hydrogen production and deployment projects in the province.

- Alberta's Hydrogen Roadmap charts a path for the province to become a global hydrogen leader. As part of this, Alberta's government provided \$50 million to create the Clean Hydrogen Centre of Excellence, which is led by Alberta Innovates and recently announced more than \$20 million to support 18 new projects to advance innovation in hydrogen use.

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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Coal's Future Assured Through Abated Coal Stewardship

The World Coal Association (WCA) says coal has a long future ahead of it as the industry embraces a program of abated coal stewardship which is reducing emissions and driving economic and social development.

Speaking at the Clean Coal Technologies Conference in Ankara today, WCA Director of Sustainability and Strategy, Paul Baruya, says the case for abated coal has never been more pertinent, or compelling.

“The glut of energy issues to emerge over the past year has confirmed coal's strength as a reliable, affordable, and secure energy supply.

“As energy obstacles have increased, coal has continued to deliver 37 per cent of global power generation, 70 per cent of global steel production, and 90 per cent of world cement.

“Combine that with a growing global population, set to reach 9.7 billion in 2050, a

growing middle class across Asia, and 860 million people still living without access to electricity, and it's easy to appreciate coal's ongoing role as a fundamental energy provider.”

But Mr Baruya says as compelling as those statistics are, the real coal story is what's happening now amongst a growing number of coal operators.

“There is an energy to embrace a future for our coal industry and assemble a more united network. We're enlisting innovative coal members along the whole coal value chain, and they're building a bold coal future based on abatement and best possible practice.

“These members – companies like Coal India, Seriti, Thungela, Menar, Bowen Coking Coal, Gainwell – are committed to a program of abated coal stewardship where technologies are deployed, consistent with the Paris agreement and its 2 degrees outcome, and where sustainable development practices are delivered to release people from poverty, hunger, unemployment, and all other forms of destitution.”

Mr Baruya says the fact remains that up to 99 per cent of coal pollutants can be abated with commercial technologies available today and these technologies need wide and rapid uptake.

“Technologies such as Carbon Capture and Storage, Coal to Hydrogen and Coal to Gasification are changing coal's footprint in perpetuity. We have built the zero-emissions coal plant, now we need to abate coal across all forms and types. This includes the multitude of advanced and waste utilisation applications – coal to polymers, coal to pitch carbon fibre and foam, coal to fertilisers for food, and the rest.”

Mr Baruya says while there is no near-term 100% credible renewables-only solution to global energy challenges, coal must remain part of any fuel mix.

“Our challenge now is to allow it to transition realistically, in a way that does not undermine people and progress and transform with all of the abatement technologies that are available to it.”

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Unique experience at Go Girls Conference

by Niki Luymes

Young ladies in Edson and Yellowhead County had a unique experience at the Go Girls Conference. The Go Girls Conference offers an opportunity for girls grades 5-9 to come out and spend a day learning new skills, meeting new people, and getting to be creative.

This year's Conference was hosted at Fox Creek in the Fox Creek Multiplex, but girls from towns all around the region came out to enjoy the event including Jasper, Hinton, Swan Hills, and Whitecourt. The event ran from 10am to 4:15pm April 29, with the bus from Edson leaving at 7:30am and getting home around 6:30pm.

The goal of the Go Girls Conference is to give girls an opportunity to connect and try things they never have before. There was a variety of activities for each girl to choose from. On the physical side there was aqua zumba, b. class, firefighting, tabata fitness, yoga, and nerf wars. On the more creative side, kids could choose classes for making mini terrariums, calming jars, dream catchers, and/or textured canvas. "It's just to get girls trying new things," said Lexi Abbot, Community Coordinator for the Town of Edson. "It's about expanding their interests and letting them be exposed to something different."

Each young lady picked her top five

activities then was sorted into three activities depending on which had room. Lunch and snack were also provided. This year's keynote speaker was Riley Calder, a holistic health coach. This was all included at the affordable cost of \$20 per person, and did require pre-registration. There were about 130 girls in attendance with 26 bussing in from Edson and Yellowhead. "It went really, really well and the girls really enjoyed it," added Abbot.

All activities were planned by this year's hosting community with financial support from the others. The Go Girls Conference is a traveling

event that moves to a different town each year. It has been taking place

since 2008. The event was paused during the COVID years, making

this the first year since 2020 that it has taken place.



The Fox Creek Multiplex was host to this year's Go Girls Conference on April 29. submitted

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GET THE FACTS ON CHARTER AND PRIVATE SCHOOL FUNDING

An Opinion Piece from the
Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

Ensuring a strong public school system should unite Albertans, not divide us.

Current conversations around 'choice' often lead to Charter Schools being identified as the answer. *But why?*

Alberta's public education system has been internationally ranked as a leader in curriculum, inclusion, instruction, and system leadership.

Alberta is the only province in Canada that has Charter Schools. One must wonder why. When Canada ranks highly in the *Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)* performance results, *why would we want to emulate the US approach, where they track to the much lower PISA ranking and where the public education system is broken?*

Consider this, in Alberta, Charter Schools receive 100% of the per student funding split and Private schools receive 70% in the same way as Public, Separate and Francophone schools do. Yet they only account for 1.4% and 5.11% of Alberta students respectively. Neither are freely equitable, nor do they accept or accommodate the needs of all students seeking access – that falls only to the public school system.

Diverting funds from the public system to support 'choice' weakens the public system.

At a time when Alberta public schools are losing EAs, teachers, librarians, and school counselors, is it fiscally responsible to funnel more provincial dollars into exclusive options outside of the public system?

As leaders in Public School Education and stakeholders in Alberta's K-12 education ecosystem, we believe that a strong public school system is fundamental to creating a strong society and a strong economy. Our students should not be sacrificed or disadvantaged for the benefit of a select few.

All Alberta students deserve the benefits derived from key learnings of Charter Schools.

Most people don't know that Alberta Charter Schools were initially established as a short term (five year) program to gather information on learning styles and teaching methodology. The information gathered at Alberta Charter Schools was supposed to be consolidated and flow back into Public Education. *Where is the value for Albertans?*

Public School Boards are ultimately accountable to the citizens of Alberta as Trustees are publicly elected. The same cannot be said for Charter and Private Schools. While they receive public funds for every student, they are not accountable to those providing the funds – the taxpayer. In fact, Charter and Private Schools are not required to have a democratically elected board.

Ask your 2023 provincial election candidate:

Should your party form government, will you limit the public funds that are diverted to support private and charter schools, and turn your focus back to funding a strong, inclusive, and world-renowned public education system in Alberta?

This opinion piece is part of the Board's advocacy for public education plan and illustrates their commitment to community engagement. The Board thanks the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta for resources to communicate the need for increased awareness of public education issues.



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YIA hosts evening of creative fun for kids

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Youth Interagency (YIA) group had an evening of creative fun Wednesday April 26. For this month's YIA event, the kids were able to come out and join a paint night at the Kinsmen Shack. The event ran from 3:45pm to 6:30pm, with snacks and refreshments provided. While not a large attendance, the event was a lot of fun. In total six kids came out to the event, all between the ages of 11 and 14. Under the guidance of Chrissie Handford of 'That Crafty Lady' each youth went home with a one of a

kind painting. While the subject matter of each work was the same, kids were encouraged to be unique and add their own spin to the project.

"They really enjoyed it," said Diana Inscho, Community Development Coordinator with the Town of Edson. "And they were much quicker than we thought. We gave them three hours and they were done in two. So, a lot of them did an extra paint project on a smaller canvas, but I think they really enjoyed it." The event cost \$30 to attend, but that covered all the supplies plus the food and refreshments.

Edson YIA plans at least one youth centered event each month. Previous events include dodgeball nights, free glow bowling, and a trip to the West Edmonton Mall Water Park. The next event coming in May will be a Glow Pool Party at the Edson Leisure Center; 7:30pm to 9pm Thursday, May 18.

Also coming in the summer is Wild Wednesdays. For almost every week in July and August YIA will host an event for Edson and area youths to come out and make the most of their summer vacation.



Connecting with Our Community



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Busy weekend for GYPSD at Chamber Trade Show

(GYPSD - GNS) It was a busy weekend for some central office staff at this year's Edson Community Trade Show. Along with several community engagement events at local schools, the Division is always seeking opportunities to showcase the great happenings and learning options at GYPSD schools.

Nikki Gilks, Special Projects Manager, Christine Van Neck, Director of Transportation Services, and Delany Ueland, HR Specialist, handed out bus safety activity books and games, picture and story books to excited readers, and talked to numerous attendees about the Division's current recruitment

of school bus drivers, casual administrative support staff, educational assistants, and substitute teachers. Additionally, the team spoke of early learning opportunities such as junior kindergarten, kindergarten, FRIM, and the Montessori program at Ecole Westhaven.

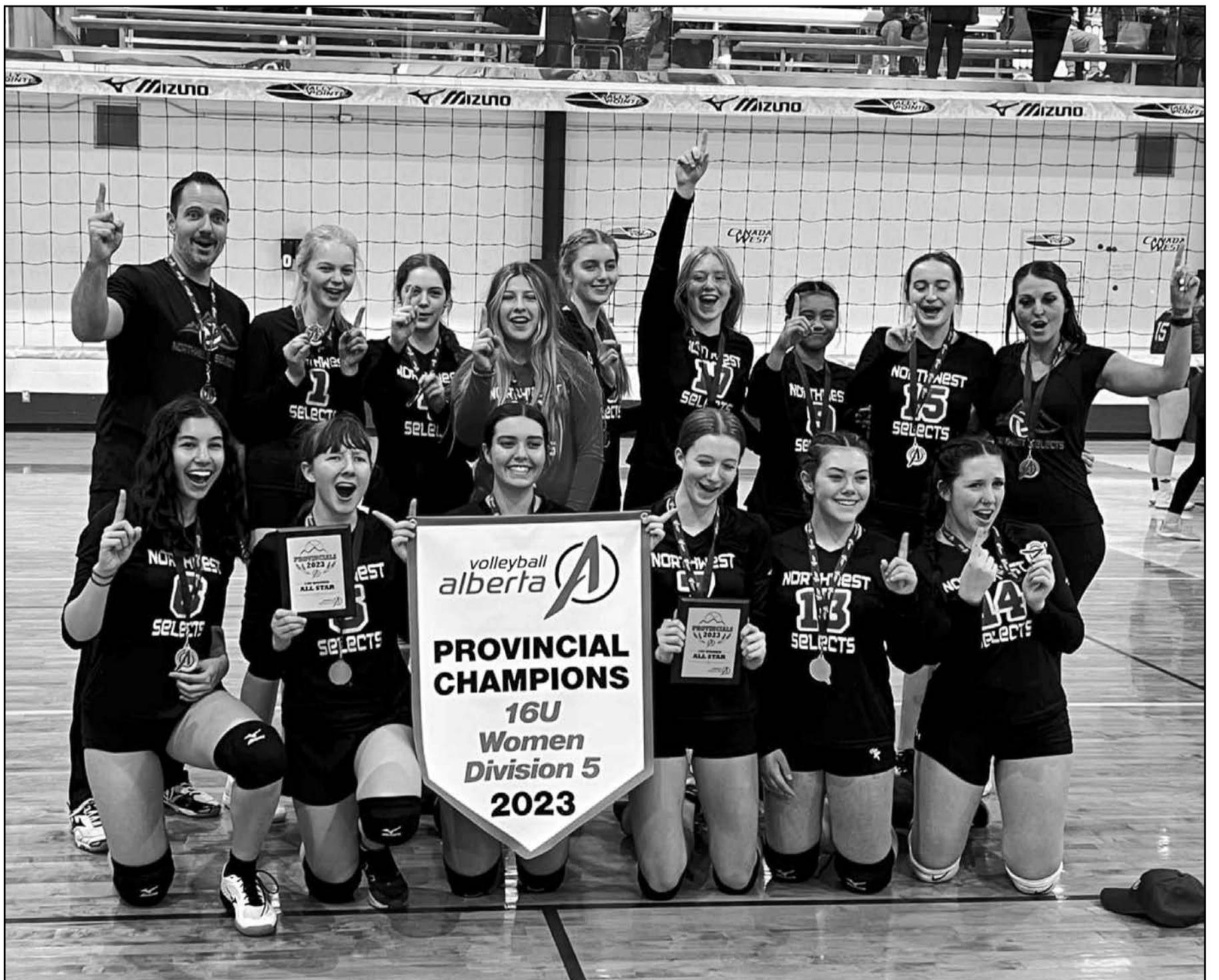
The Division's booth was set up beside Parkland Composite High School which had a number of displays showcasing their numerous learning, extra-curricular, and athletic program options, as well as providing live entertainment from their Performing Arts students. Over 2,000 people attended this year's Trade Show.

Edson Trustees Fiona Fowler and Jocelyn Pettitt stopped by as did Principal Debra Boos from Ecole Westhaven, Principal Steven Ripkens from Niton Central, B.E.S.T. Manager Erin Bezzola, and Learn, work, and lead ...with GYPSD! MP Gerald Soroka. Community engagement is the GYPSD Board's third priority which focuses on: highlighting the diverse offering of unique programs and services; assisting GYPSD schools in raising their profile in their community and celebrating students' accomplishments; and fostering stronger relationships with all key stakeholders.



Richard and Debra Popovich travel throughout Western Canada performing interactive shows. The couple were at Parkland Lodge on April 25. photo Deanna Mitchener

Seniors at Parkland Lodge enjoying an evening of entertainment on April 25th with Richard and Debra Popovich. photo Deanna Mitchener




On April 15-16 the Girls U16 NorthWest Selects club volleyball team, comprised of players from the Edson area, travelled to Calgary to participate in the Division 5 Volleyball Alberta Provincial Championships. With strong attacks, tough defense, and aggressive serving the girls won 15-13 against the Sharks Volleyball Club from Edmonton in the finals match to claim gold and win the Provincial Championships. Front Row (L to R): Alexis Oishi, Megan Sansom, Lily Teeple, Hailee Johnston, Sophiann Holmes, and Jadin Poirier. Back Row (L to R): David Johnston (Head Coach), Madi Kazakoff, Ashley Lougheed, Jersey Flett, Kayla Phair, Danielle Stone, Nicole Estavillo, Georgia Campbell, and Amanda Palkun (Assistant Coach). Missing: Amelia Goransrud, Brandon Teeple (Assistant Coach). submitted



Becca Harrison's grade two students from Mary Bergeron School seen at the Edson Pool on April 27th having some fun. photo Deanna Mitchener


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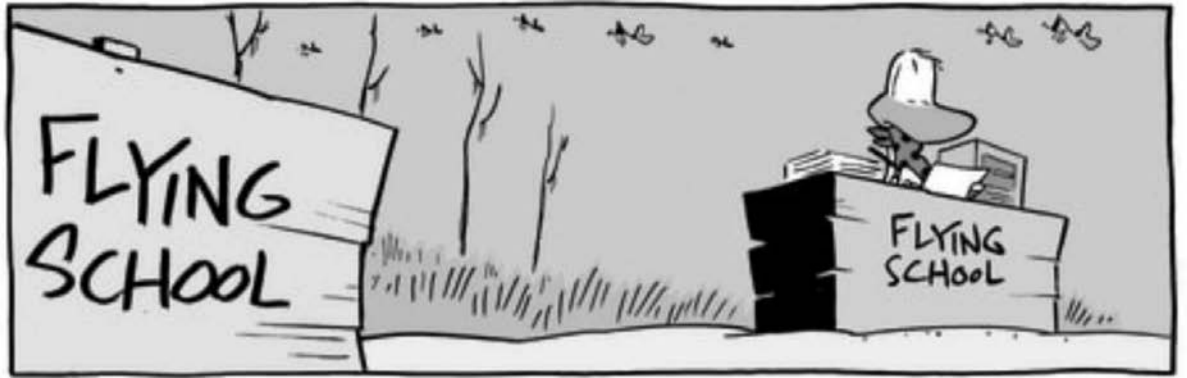
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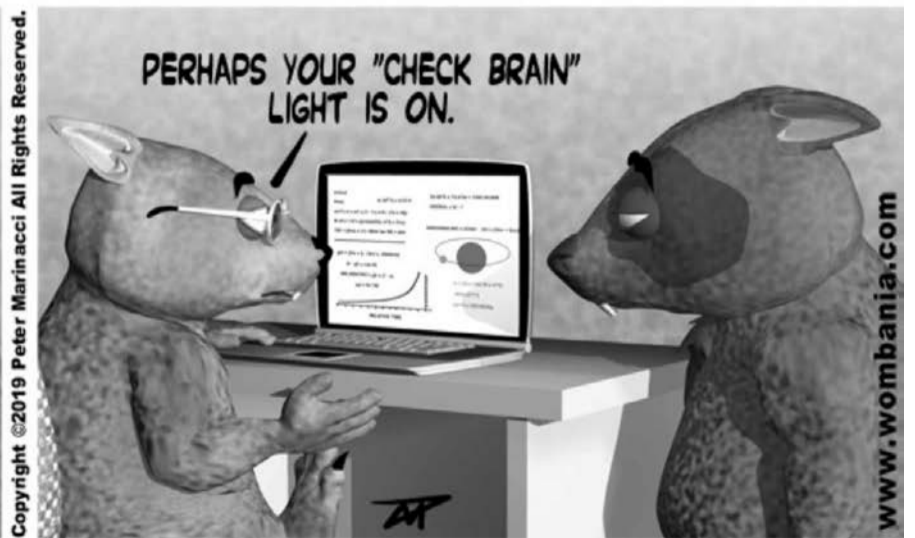


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Q: What is a cat's favorite song?

A: Three Blind Mice.

Mary Bergeron School hosts Book Fair

by Deanna Mitchener

Mary Bergeron School Elementary held a Book Fair on May 1.

School Book Fairs are always an exciting time for students and for the school.

Book Fairs are a way for the school to raise money for new books in libraries and some school supplies.

Lisa Becker, a volunteer with Mary Bergeron School's Parent Council, said, "Parent Council holds a Book Fair twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Raising money through Scholastic for new library books and classroom supplies such as levelled reading books for the classrooms, math and science equipment or other things that may be needed."

"We had two preview days, Monday and Tuesday, where every classroom got to come down and make a little wish list to take home and talk with their family, letting them know about all the exciting things at the Book Fair. Then Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday students came in to purchase books or other items on sale," said Becker.

The Book Fair was on the same week as the school's Celebration of Learning. That is when families come in and tour around the school, checking out things students are learning. Along with this, was an Art Show on display.

The Book Fair ran from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. giving students and parents time to browse together.



Lisa Becker, a volunteer with Parent Council at Mary Bergeron School, helping students with their wish list during the Book Fair on May 1. photo Deanna Mitchener

Trail Hall to host community garage sale fundraiser

by Deanna Mitchener

The Trail Hall is looking to the community for support with their fundraising efforts. A community garage sale will be

happening at the hall on May 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p. m. All funds raised will be used to help offset the cost of utilities and maintenance of the hall. Tables can be rented

or you can bring your own table for a discounted price. Concession will also be available to purchase refreshments, snacks, and hot dogs. If you would like to have a

table to display items or more information on the fundraiser you can contact Richard Parker at 780-728-5641.

Please come out to support this small community hall by purchasing a table for your items and help spread the word to

others to come check out all the treasures on May 27. Hope to see you there.

~ Obituary ~

Grace Evelyn Shepherd

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Grace Evelyn Shepherd on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at the age of 80. Grace was born on March 6, 1943 in Vilna, Alberta.

Grace is predeceased by her parents, Clifford and Annie Hagen. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, William (Bill) Shepherd, sons Bryan (Leanne), Brent (Barbara), grandchildren, Erik, Hannah, Kyrsten, Liam, and Brennan; sister Bertha Maybroda, sister-in-law Agnes Shepherd, special niece Marvie Baluch and numerous nieces, nephews and families.

Grace was raised in Vilna and after graduating from high school there, moved with her family, to Edson. There, Grace met Bill in 1962 and they were married on April 20, 1963 in Edson. Bryan and Brent soon followed, completing their family.

Grace worked for over 36 years, spending 13 years at Edson Motors and over 23 years at Jerry Ford working in the accounting departments. Grace was highly regarded by her co-workers at both organizations, forming lasting friendships with many.

When Grace wasn't at work, she was spending time with her family; hosting all the family gatherings for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter and birthdays, each occasion celebrated with generous amounts of delicious food, house shining from top to bottom and decorated accordingly. She also loved camping at the lake, renovating and building houses for Bill and herself, and later for her sons and their families. She loved to go shopping for clothes and home decor and Bill was always happy to accompany her (always carrying a book to read in case it took a while).

Grace had very high standards for everything she did. One of her most important tasks was to manage Bill and the boys during the many family projects undertaken over the years. Mom ruthlessly tidied the worksite, lending a hand to whatever needed doing and most importantly, making sure everyone was well fed many times a day.

Grace loved to travel; RVing in the US and Canada, Cruising in the Caribbean and up to Alaska, and spending time on the beach in Hawaii, Costa Rica, Jamaica and Mexico. She also loved hosting family and friends from Norway, Australia, New Zealand, the US and Canada. She loved the outdoors and found joy in spending time with their family dogs and other strays that showed up on their doorstep over the years.

Grace will be greatly missed.

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OBITUARIES AND IN MEMORIES

~ Obituary ~

William George Fisher (Bill)

With sadness, we announce the passing of William (Bill) Fisher at his residence on the 10th of March, 2023 at the age of 78 years.

He is survived by dogs Pebbles and Bambam, and nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his wife Patricia Ann, parents Bill and Iris, sister Grace Zayonce, and brothers Hal Fisher and James Fisher.

There will be a memorial service on May 06, 2023 at 12:00 noon at the Royal Canadian Legion 5016 5th Ave., Edson, Alberta.



~ Obituary ~

Lee Davis

Lee Davis of Hattonford, Alberta passed away April 28, 2023, at the age of 78 years.

Lee leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 58 years, Gladys; daughter, Leanne of Edmonton, AB; son, Zane (Julie) of Hattonford, AB; daughter-in-law, Karen (Erik); grandchildren, Colson, Rylan, Tailyn, Korben, Abby, Lizzie, Cassie, Scarlett, Quinn, Taylor, Scott, Dusty, Leo and Lex; brothers, Darrel (Eleanor) and Jim (Gail); sisters, Lynda (George) and Allie (Gord); and many more dear relatives and friends.

Lee was predeceased by son, Cody; and parents, Erle and Hazel. Thank you to STARS Air Ambulance, Associated Ambulance paramedics, the doctors and staff of Mayerthorpe Healthcare Centre and Royal Alexandra Hospital ICU.

A Celebration of Life took place Friday, May 5, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Beaver Meadow Hall, 55518 Range Road 123, Hattonford, AB, officiated by Ron Deleeuw. A private interment was held in Hattonford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hattonford Cemetery, c/o 12317 TWP Road 555, Yellowhead County, T7E 5B5 or to Hayin' in the 30's Cancer Support Society, Box 35, Mallaig, Alberta, T0A 2K0.

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A Special Meeting of the Citizens of the Métis Nation of Alberta has been called to address the following:

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On May 27th a Special Meeting will be held to review and vote on new bylaws. These bylaws will enable the implementation of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution, which the Citizens of the Métis Nation within Alberta ratified in a province-wide vote in November 2022. This is an important step in our transition to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government. All Métis Nation of Alberta Citizens are welcome to attend. Have your voice heard and be part of this historic journey to Métis self-government.

Doors open at **9:00 AM** on **Saturday, May 27th, 2023** at the **Edmonton EXPO Centre**

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Farm & Field News and Views

Spring is here for Edson 4-H Club

by Raydn Wright, 4H Club Reporter

The Edson 4-H Club have been waiting for this warm weather and have been taking advantage of it since March 10 when two senior members and one intermediate member traveled to Vermilion where they did regional judging at Lake Land College.

They judged a variety of things from hogs to magazines. After they finished judging they were able to tour the campus and got to see things like the vet clinic, dairy barn, and the equine center. Then they hustled back to Edson because on March 11 Jaqueline See did a clinic for all the members.

Every member went away learning something new. The advanced members were taught rollbacks and circle 'S'. The younger participants practiced circles and horsemanship. The clinic was 'chattered' about for weeks afterwards and the club is very grateful that Jaqueline was able to take time to teach horsemanship skills.

On March 18 in Onaway there was the annual Horse Play event and or many of Edson's members this was their first Horse Play. Those that attended left with a smile on their face and new knowledge.

An old 4-H member came and shared tips for preparing for a show and her experience in showing as now she is know for competing at a world level in Western Dressage. At the end of Horse Play a demonstration was done on how to properly fill out 4-H equine record books and was very helpful for all members. Then on March 23 and 24 there was a local equine Frist Aid course that all age members found educational.

The club did more judging and on April 14 five intermediate members went to Beaver Meadow Hall and judged all kinds of things from Yearling Heifers to Cuts of Beef. Then on April 22 there was regional judging in Barrhead.

Edson 4-H is doing some fundraising on May 6 and they plan on doing Highway clean up. Then on June 4 they are running the EARS concession at the Dog and Pony show at the Yellowhead Agricultural Society Arena.

The members are taking advantage of the hot sun as long as they can and are having their Achievement Day at the Yellowhead Agricultural Society Arena on June 7th at 6:30pm. The equine members will show off their new skills and their pretty horses as the do all sorts of events like Trail, Pattern, Equation, Showmanship and of course the fast Gymkhana events like Barrels, Pools, and Thread the Needle. Then to knock off their summer some of the members are packing up their horses to go to a 4-H show in Barrhead from June 30 to July 2.

The Edson 4-H members are grateful for all the support from the community and the volunteers that give them all the special opportunities that they have.



Photo from Jaqueline See clinic. Left to right: Annaliese Borysko and Caramel, Alexis and Jnoah, Tanya Goodwin and Star, Joyce Kelly, Raydn Wright and Max, August, April and Starlight, Isabelle Stone, Payton Hunder and Buddy, Sade Stewart, Clare Sweezey and Candy, and Mrs. Stewart. Photo submitted by Lana Wright



4-H members during Horse Play. photo submitted by Lana Wright

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May 2,9,16: Aqua Gentle drop in Tuesday 9:30-10:15am
June 17: Eddie's Big Run, Kids Fun Run, 3km, 3km, & 10km runs. Save the date.
May 13: Resilience Project Premiere and Gala. Edson Legion A night to celebrate Resiliency and hope featuring and created by local residents 6:30pm doors open 7:00pm visit www.edson.ca/canoe to RSVP
May 19: Family Fun Day at Bear Lake join us for fun outdoor games and a hot dog roast. 12pm-2pm. Please register your family at www.yhcounty.ca/registration
June 23: Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament. Register now.
June 24: The Hamlet of Robb is celebrating 100 years with a full day of activities for all ages. There will be a Beer Garden, Children's Carnival and Food Trucks, Historical Display and many other surprises. Bring your family and help us celebrate in style. 10am to 6pm with a park memorial and time capsule unveiling. Be a part of history.
July 20: Bear Chase Triathlon. At Bear Lake Campground Registration opens May 24. Ages 3-13 Heats begin at 5:30pm.

Every Tuesday: Winter Walking Group @ 5:15 pm. 60 min guided walk through the Town of Edson exploring the beautiful trails. Drop In no registration. Dogs & kids welcome. See facebook @edsoncomserv for updates and muster locations.
Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.
First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 1 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge.

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