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Galloway hosts end of prohibition fundraiser

by Niki Luymes

The Galloway Museum gave people a reason to party at the first 'Prohibition Ends at Last' Fundraiser. The event took

place on November 4 at approximately 7pm.

The ticketed event was themed entirely around the 100 year anniversary of the end of prohibition in Alberta. Guests

were encouraged to dress up in 1920's style outfits and the museum was decorated and run like a traditional speakeasy. Each ticket contained a secret password that when given at

the door allowed access to the speakeasy's 'secret' bar. In total the event sold about 70 tickets at \$50 each bringing a sizeable crowd for the festivities.

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Galloway hosts end of prohibition fundraiser

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Upon arrival attendees could enjoy a variety of activities. Along with period appropriate drinks such as Bee's Knees and Mary Pickfords, there were many small games with prizes to be won. This included a 50/50 draw, costume contest, door prizes, a scavenger hunt, and other smaller games of chance.

As part of the night's festivities, folks were also taught how to dance the Charleston to live music. "We had an amazing band that was perfect for the era. The Misery Mountain Boys' were just great," said Shari McDowell, Manager at the Galloway Museum, Travel Centre and Archives.

Volunteers were also dressed up in full costume creating the perfect atmosphere for a fun night. All the prizes were donated by local businesses with the event being run by Galloway staff and local volunteers. This event has been in the works for a few years now, with circumstances finally bringing it to fruition this year.

"The patrons had great time. We've had really positive feedback. It was just a fun event. It was a fundraiser, but it was also really nice just to do something for the public," said McDowell. All the proceeds from 'Prohibition Ends' go back to the Edson and District Historical Society, that runs the Galloway Station Museum, Travel Centre and Archives.



Gangster and flapper costumes of the roaring 20's were all the rage at the Galloway Museum's 'Prohibition Ends at Last' Fundraiser which took place on November 4. submitted



The Misery Mountain Boys provided the music during the Galloway Museum's 'Prohibition Ends at Last' Fundraiser. submitted



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Edson RCMP warns public of group physically impersonating police officers

Edson, Alta. – Edson RCMP have recently been made aware of a scam involving a group of people physically impersonating police officers.

In the most recent case, an Edson victim was called by a number listed as RCMP. When they answered the phone, the person on the other end of the line stated they were calling from the RCMP and that the victim was going to be arrested due to some outstanding “money laundering” scheme.

At the same time, two people, dressed as police officers, knocked on the door asking if the victim had gotten a call. The two suspects confirmed that the victim would be arrested unless they pay a fee. The victim was instructed to empty their account and purchase gift cards and give the information to the

person on the phone. The suspect on the phone said that the money would be given back if it was proven that they were not part of an ongoing investigation.

Edson RCMP are asking anyone who was in the area of 4th avenue, 63rd street and 56th street in Edson, on Nov. 3, 2023, between the hours of 10-11 a.m., and may have seen something or have access to dashcam or surveillance footage, to please call the Edson RCMP detachment.

Alberta RCMP would like to remind the public to always be aware of scammers:

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local detachment or dispatch number to confirm that the officers before you are who they say they are.

If you, or anyone you know, has fallen victim to this scam, please contact the Edson RCMP Detachment at 780-723-8822, or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) online at www.P3Tips.com.

Town Council Highlights: November 7

Water Sustainability Study. The Town of Edson depends on water from the Edson Channel and Paskapoo Formation Aquifer System to supply safe potable water to our residents and businesses. To better understand this complex water system, Advisian (Worley Canada) was retained to complete a full technical analysis of the aquifers and a final report was presented to Council. While the study predicts that groundwater availability is not an issue, recommendations were made to add groundwater production wells at more distributed points across the aquifer management area and to investigate groundwater production at greater depth within the system. Council accepted the report as information.

Highway Adjacent Sidewalk Snow Removal. Council has approved a 2024 budget request of \$42,000 to move forward with the highway adjacent sidewalk snow clearing program. This increased service level was approved by Council in May, shifting the responsibility of clearing sidewalks along the Highway 16 corridor to the Town of Edson. This will be a contracted service and, with budget approval now in place, the Request for Proposals process will begin. A temporary contract has been put in place to provide the service until the RFP process is complete.

Revenue Sharing Agreement. Council has authorized Administration to finalize and execute the Town of Edson / Yellowhead County Revenue Sharing Agreement.

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Recycle Depot Christmas Garage Sale a massive success

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Recycling Depot helped people prepare for the holiday season with the annual Massive Christmas Garage Sale. This year the sale started on November 4, running from 10am to 4pm. The sale was set up in the Reuse building just southwest of the Take it or Leave it.

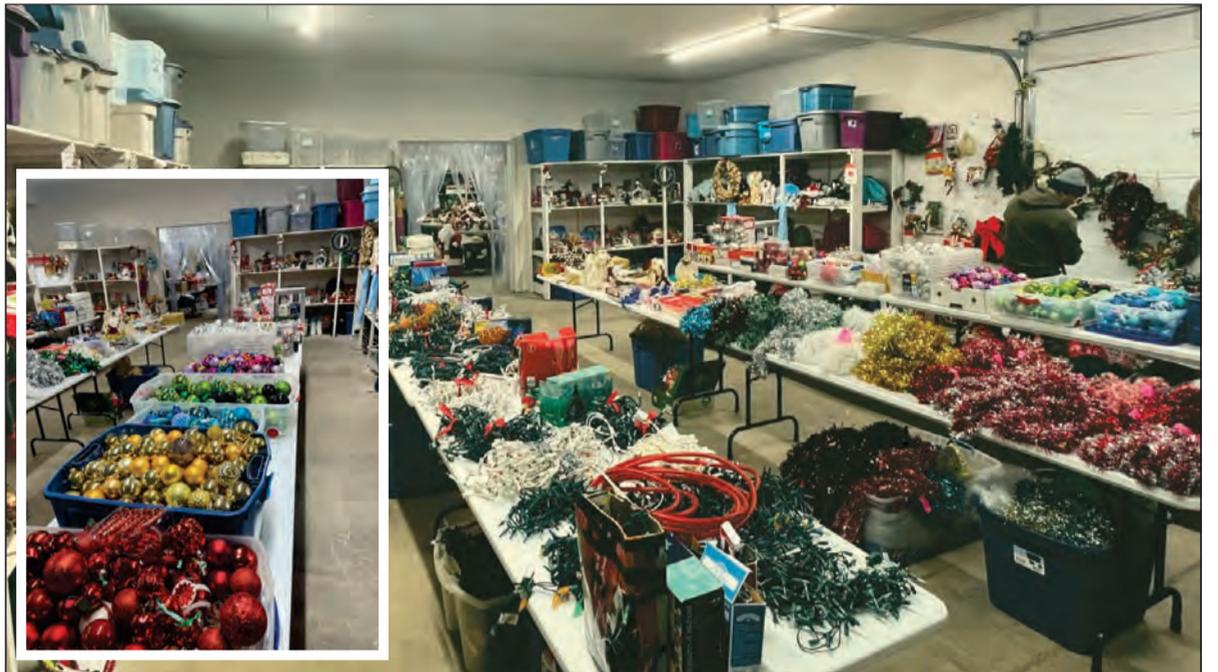
Each year after the holiday season the Edson Take it or Leave it receives an abundance of left over Christmas decorations. All of it is placed into storage to be brought back out each year for the Massive Garage Sale. Consequentially, the sale has almost everything a person could need to decorate for the holidays. From trees to tree stands, and ornaments, to lights, candles, and figurines there is no shortage of items to choose from. All of these items are sold for a base rate of \$5 a bag/box with some flexibility depending of the individual item.

This year the sale went very well. "We have never been this busy in the 15 years we've done it. Very, very successful," said Ann Auriat, Manager at the Recycle Depot. There was an incredible variety of people stopping by too. From new residents, to families, to local businesses, many people took advantage of the opportunity. Some people even use this sale as a way to 'rent' decorations for the season, returning

them to the Take it or Leave it after the holidays end.

These crowds did manage to take most of the items, however, there are still some items available. The sale will continue during regular

Take it or Leave it hours until it become small enough to be moved into the Take it or Leave it building. If you are looking for some small decorations to spruce up your holiday, pop over and take a look.



The decorations were placed in the Reuse building with care, in hopes that crowds soon would be there. The Recycle Depot's Massive Christmas Garage Sale was huge success.

Moving Remembrance Day display at MBE

by Deanna Mitchener

Mary Burgeon Elementary School had a unique display of photos and stories for Remembrance Day which will remain up until the end of November.

The photographs were from families that had loved ones lost during war. This made a very moving presentation as families shared what must be very heartbreaking memories for them.

Many of the teachers visit the display with their class to discuss the importance of Remembrance Day and those who lost their lives fighting for our freedom.

Special thanks went to the school and the families that brought this all together for the students.



Mary Burgeon School set up a display of veteran photos and stories for Remembrance Day. submitted Deanna Mitchener



A group of Embers had the opportunity to visit the Leaman Exchange recently. They had a wagon ride with a scavenger hunt along the way. They also played games in the field and went to see the horses. On way back they all got to pretend to drive tractors. Embers are a branch name for girls ages seven and eight years old through the Girl Guides of Canada. submitted Deanna Mitchener

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 (You must be an Ag member to vote. Memberships cost \$5)

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Highway Adjacent Sidewalk Clearing

Attention Property Owners along 2nd and 4th Avenue

Recognizing the challenge posed by increased snow accumulation along the highway corridor due to snow plowing and traffic volume, Town of Edson Council has approved a service level enhancement regarding sidewalk snow clearing for improved safety and community walkability.



Key Points:

1. Sidewalks along 2nd and 4th Avenue will now be cleared by the town, reducing the responsibility for adjacent property owners and enhancing the safety and walkability of our community.
2. Sidewalks will be cleared within 72 hours after a snow event, in line with the Sidewalk, Facility, and Trail Snow and Ice Control Policy C-5-9.
3. A temporary contractor has been hired for this service as we finalize the policy implementation.

* Please ensure snow from your properties isn't stored on public boulevards, sidewalks or roadways.

Official correspondence will be circulated to the property owners affected by this change.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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If you are wondering about your own coping, or concerned about friends or loved ones, or simply looking for a safe space to connect with neighbors about the events of the last summer, this is for you!

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Gesture says it all?



Liberal MP Ken McDonald grins and may have flipped the middle finger during vote.

The federal rural economic development minister said if the Western provinces want to have more input



by Dana McArthur
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

into the federal government's carbon policies, they should elect more Liberal MPs [like Atlantic Canada does].

On October 26, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a three-year pause on the carbon tax on heating oil [where the federal tax on fossil fuels is in effect].

The highest proportion of people using home heating oil across the country is in Atlantic Canada, with 305,900 homes out of 1,022,256 currently using oil. 70-80% of homes in Western Canada use natural gas; with a much lower carbon footprint than heating oil, by the way.

In essence, the federal government has decided that one area of Canada using a more carbon intense type of home heating is worthy of a carbon tax break, while those living elsewhere using more efficient types of heating — are not.

So, if the carbon tax isn't about reducing emissions, what is it about?

In an interview on CTV the host asked the Rural Economic Development Minister (also responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency), Gudie Hutchings, whether the federal government is looking into further carbon price relief measures for people outside of Atlantic Canada, or for other types of home heating.

In response, Hutchings said that "perhaps they [meaning us] need to elect more Liberals in the Prairies so that we can have that conversation as well."

If there was any doubt who the federal Liberal government serves, that shocking statement clearly should remove it.

In our parliamentary democracy, the federal government is elected by the people, and that elected government should represent everyone. The government should be responsible for the welfare of all its citizens regardless of their race, religion, gender, social status, demographic, location, or

politics. The government should ensure that the rights of all its citizens are protected — not just those who voted

their party in!

No country can say that it's strong and free unless these fundamental democratic principles are clearly understood and practiced. So, the carbon tax apparently isn't about reducing emissions, it's now about punishment for provinces not voting for enough Liberals.

As many predictions foretold, the carbon tax has proved to be a major cause of inflation as the cost gets passed down to consumers, with little environmental benefit to show for it. Alberta Premier Danielle Smith recently called for "an end to the failed carbon tax and the burden it places on each of us and our families".

A federal Conservative motion from Pierre Poilievre to expand a carbon-pricing carve-out to all forms of home heating failed to pass the House of Commons, despite surprising support from the New Democrats, as NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh backed the motion. Unfortunately, the motion was defeated by a vote of 186 to 135, with the Bloc and Liberals standing opposed.

If more evidence is needed on how divisive and unsympathetic the federal Liberal government has become towards the prairie provinces, then you need to decide if Liberal MP Ken McDonald did grin and flip a well-timed middle finger during his vote against removing the tax on all forms of home heating, for all Canadians. His fellow MPs were grinning beside and behind him.

If so, then it's a big slap to Canadians who are struggling to heat their homes, as the carbon tax continues to mount.

So, why does it surprise Ottawa when Alberta threatens to pull out of the CPP, as the federal government continues to wreak havoc on our economy?

But that's another column...

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Oct 30 to Nov 5, 2023

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The Edson Legion hosted the Country Mama's Show and Sale on November 4th. There were multiple booths selling everything from homemade blankets to woodworking crafts, everything a person would need to get a start on their holiday shopping. Photo Niki Luymes



The Wild Sheep Foundation of Alberta (Edson Chapter) has generously donated all the funds to develop an outside classroom at Westhaven School. The classroom will be set up in Spring 2024 for outdoor education use by our teachers and students. (L to R): Liam Brook, Kendustski (Wild Sheep Foundation), Debra Boos (Principal), Rebekah Steil, Dylan Christie. The three students are in grade 5 at Westhaven School. submitted

Health and Wellness at Parkland Lodge

by Deanna Mitchener

Mousa Toushehjo is the Health and Wellness Coordinator at Parkland Lodge. Mousa had a Master's degree in Kinesiology and started as the Health and Wellness Coordinator in May of 2023.

"The programs we offer here are morning exercise sessions at 9 a.m. which focus mostly on muscular strength and endurance. Afternoon exercise sessions at 2:30 p.m. focus on either flexibility or balance and coordination. With these programs we are adding a hand strengthening exercise twice a week in the mornings," said Mousa.

"In addition to the group sessions, I offer a lot of one-on-one sessions with residents who follow either a reconditioning or a general fitness program. The reconditioning side of programs is offered with the supervision of a Physiotherapist through a program called Telerehab," Mousa said.

When asked why it's important for seniors to stay active, Mousa replied, "I would say seniors are capable of improving all the metrics of health that a young individual is capable of developing, albeit at a different pace or though different protocols more adapted to their condition."

When asked what he enjoyed the most about his position at Parkland Lodge, Mousa replied, "What I like about the programs we offer is that they give an opportunity to our



Mousa Toushehjo, the Health and Wellness Coordinator at Parkland Lodge doing some morning exercises with the residents.

residents to develop certain physiological adaptations that will help them with the demands of everyday life, or they can address some of their musculoskeletal problems since we offer Telerehab (physiotherapy consultations) as well. Also, engagement in these activities give them an opportunity to develop social connections and a lot of them find it quite rewarding."

~ Obituary ~

Donald Herbert Smith

July 27th, 1935 - November 7th, 2023

Donald Smith was born in 1935 in Carrot Creek, Alberta to Frank and Isabel Smith. He grew up with siblings Alan (Mona), Brian (Barb) and Audrey in Carrot Creek where Don said he would ride a horse to school but 'only on the days he could catch it'.

Don left school and started working very young. He always enjoyed nice cars, even proposing to his wife Jean (Bossert) from the glovebox of a '55 Pontiac. She accepted and Don and Jean were married on August 22, 1959.

For most of their marriage Don and Jean lived in Edson in the same home and raised their three children, Jerry (Patti), Doug (Kathy), Donna (Cliff). For many years Don was employed in the oil field, working long hours. He had a very strong work ethic that he instilled into all of his family. When he wasn't working, he was spending time with his family, going golfing or going camping and on fishing trips. He also enjoyed spending time with all of his grandchildren, Brent & Sandi, Jennifer, Russell, Ryan & Stephanie, and Taylor & Shandi. On the day he passed away, he also had 12 great grandchildren.

Don always had an appreciation for the Bible and in his later years spent a lot of time reading and drawing comfort from the scriptures. After his retirement he spent more time with family and friends and also enjoyed gardening and puttering in his garage. He was constantly frustrated by what his body or family told him he couldn't do, especially when told he shouldn't be up on ladders or on the roof.

In 2018 Don had a major cardiac event that weakened his heart. Then in 2021 his sister Audrey died which greatly saddened him and in June 2023 his youngest granddaughter Shandi passed away which was truly heartbreaking for him. At 88 years of age, with his heart weakened, he passed away peacefully at the Edson Hospital. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

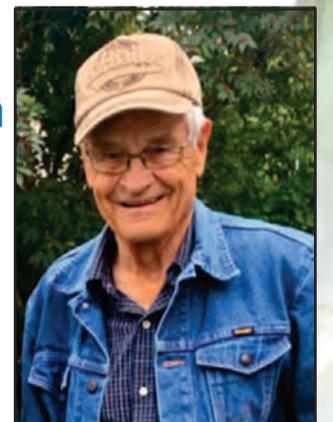
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Marlboro Community Hall

Friday, December 1
from 6 PM - 9:30 PM
Saturday, December 2
from 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, December 3
from 9 AM - 5 PM

Course Cost: \$400+gst

- Cost includes access to online course materials for the duration of your certification and use of all medical supplies required during the course.
- Upon successful completion, participants will receive a Remote First Aid certificate and a Basic First Aid with Level C CPR certificate (for the workplace). Both certifications are valid for 3 years.

Please register online at yhcounty.ca/registration



Grant Connect Database



Grant Connect has funding for health, arts, recreation, social services, environmental projects, community and economic development, agriculture, non-profit development and a wide variety of other topics.

Yellowhead County now has access to a national database of grants available to organizations and societies serving a wide variety of purposes. Funding includes Federal grants, provincial grants, philanthropic and corporate funding opportunities.

Running a non-profit organization is rewarding but at times difficult work. Include a pandemic, which may have significantly impacted a group's fundraising ability, and it is especially challenging now. The Grant Connect database can help you find those dollars, or identify funding for your next big project.

How does it work? If you are with a non-profit, you can call the office to set up an appointment to search the database with a staff member. Simple as that. And if you can't make it into the office, we can help you out over Zoom or a phone call.

Call 780-325-3782 and ask to speak with FCSS about the Grant Connect program, or email wrobinson@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca to make an appointment.



Need help around the house?

Check out our home support program!

The Home Support Program offers light housekeeping services to people who have difficulty with basic household chores because of decreased mobility and health issues.

APPLY NOW,
Call 780-325-3782

or
1-800-814-3935

Services can include dusting, vacuuming, washing dishes, cleaning bathrooms, mopping and washing floors, laundry, meal prep, and other assorted chores.

County-employed personnel will visit your home on a regular or as-needed basis up to a maximum of 8 hours of service per month. Call for pricing info.



GOOD NEIGHBOUR Snow Shoveling Program

Do you have a member of your community that could use your help to clear their sidewalks?

Reach out to someone in your neighbourhood who may need help and you could be nominated as a **good neighbour!**

Nominated volunteers will be entered into the prize draw in April!



Have a **good neighbour** who is helping you out with snow removal?

Nominate them and enter them into April's volunteer prize draw for one of three \$100 Visa gift cards!

PLUS - you can recognize your volunteers with an "I Have a Good Neighbour" sign!

Nomination forms and recognition signs are available at the Yellowhead County Wildwood and Edson Offices, or contact Karen at 780-325-3782 or kschatz@yhcounty.ca



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE EDSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 2716-1ST AVENUE AND THE EDSON SHOP, 2828-1ST AVENUE EDSON, ALBERTA

Yellowhead County invites interested contractors / suppliers to submit proposals for the Cleaning Services for the Edson Administration Building 2716-1st Avenue and the Edson Shop, 2828-1st Avenue in Edson, Alberta, in accordance with the Request for Proposal.

A detailed information package will be available from October 25, 2023, on the Alberta Purchasing Connection website (<http://www.purchasingconnection.ca>).

Proposal submissions must be received no later than 2:00 pm Alberta Time on November 15, 2023. Proposals must be submitted via email to Amir Syed, Manager of Engineering Services, Yellowhead County at asyed@yhcounty.ca or mailed to:

Yellowhead County
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

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

- Accept a proposal without negotiation.
- Reject a proposal without negotiation.
- Reject a proposal from a bidder that has had a previous contract terminated by the County.
- 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.

LEST WE FORGET

ON NOVEMBER 11

Yellowhead County Council & Staff honour those who fought to preserve the freedoms that have made Canada proud, strong, and free.



Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Tax Recovery Auction Notice

YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta T7E 1N9 780-723-4800

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Yellowhead County will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Yellowhead County office in Edson at 2716 - 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta, on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., the following lands:

ROLL	Pct of Sec	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	M.	Acres	C.of.T.
031055	NE	02	54	16	5	10.08	182 051 413

ROLL	Lot	Block	Plan	Acres	C.of.T.
150955	6	7	5838RS	LOT	022 213 944
184842	7	1	7622234	LOT	992 249 859

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

The land is being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and Yellowhead County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, vacant possession, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser.

No bid will be accepted, where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions will be considered, other than those specified by Yellowhead County.

Yellowhead County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

Terms and conditions of the sale will be announced at the sale or may be obtained from Yellowhead County.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.



Jeffrey Morrison
General Manager Corporate Services

Yellowhead County Corporate Services



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D23-137	NE-31-55-20-W5 North of Edson	Natural Resource & Extraction Processing- Discretionary	Oct 24/23	Nov 14/23
D23-132	Plan 0828903 Lot 18A NW-20-49-26-W5 Folding Mountain	Fence- Variance for Height	Oct 26/23	Nov 16/23
D23-139	Plan 1823454 Blk 1, Lot 1 SE-31-54-7-W5 Evansburg Area	Single Detached Dwelling (Additional)	Oct 26/23	Permitted Use
D23-141	Plan 6185NY Block OT SW-12-46-14-W5 Brazeau Reservoir Area	Accessory Building (Office Trailer)	Oct 26/23	Permitted Use
D23-140	Plan 0821255 Blk 1, Lot 33 SE-18-53-16-W5 River Ridge	Existing Recreational Cabin- Discretionary	Oct 26/23	Nov 16/23
D23-142	N-7-50-12-W5 Rat Creek Road Area	Natural Resource & Extraction Processing- Discretionary	Nov 1/23	Nov 22/23
D23-144	Plan 3577KS Blk 14, Lot 10 SE-30-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Accessory Building (Storage Shed)	Nov 2/23	Permitted Use
D23-144	SW-29-53-11-W5 Cold Creek Area	Work Camp (Bunkhouse) Discretionary	Nov 3/23	Nov 24/23

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 Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

Black Knot Info & Pruning Guideline



Black Knot - What Is It?

Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department has received numerous calls regarding black growths on residents' fruit trees.

These tar-like black swellings are a sign of Black Knot and will distort and stunt any tree species within the *Prunus* genus.

Black Knot reduces the aesthetic value of affected trees and, if left long enough, may result in eventual death of the tree.

The disease spreads in the spring, attacking new growth on branches. The spores released by the fungi can be carried by wind and splashing rain.

The only reliable method of controlling Black Knot is pruning.
Go to www.yhcounty.ca for pruning tips.

Questions? Call 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.

Municipal offices CLOSED on Monday, November 13th



The Yellowhead County offices in Edson and Wildwood will be closed for Remembrance Day.



LANDFILL - REMEMBRANCE DAY - CLOSURE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2023

The West Yellowhead Regional (WYR) Landfill in Hinton will be CLOSED on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

Regular hours will resume on Monday, November 13, 2023

WYR Landfill in Hinton

Winter Hours:

Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays & Holidays.

Please ensure all loads are secure.

For more information, please call the West Yellowhead Regional Landfill at 780-865-1414.

OPEN LETTER TO ALBERTANS AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Alberta is refocusing our health care system on patient-centred care

Alberta's government is taking significant action to make health care better for Albertans and frontline workers who work tirelessly every day to serve their patients.

We are at a critical time when it comes to health care in Alberta.

We have heard clearly from Albertans that the current system centred on Alberta Health Services (AHS) is not working. The AHS organization is shouldering a burden it was not intended to carry and, through no fault of our incredible front-line workers, Albertans are facing long wait times and delays to the care they desperately need.

Alberta's government has announced a significant refocusing of AHS and our health care system. The improvements we are making will provide more effective care and will improve frontline service delivery for Albertans.

This refocusing will centre around four priority areas: primary care, acute care, continuing care, and mental health and addiction to ensure Albertans get the health care system that actually works for them.

Additionally, we will focus on improving EMS wait times and the delivery of Indigenous health care services across the province.

Health care services will be accessed as they usually are during the system's transition period.

We know frontline health care workers provide exceptional care to patients and families and our priority is to protect frontline jobs during this transition and ensure all voices are heard.

To our health care workers, the work ahead will take time. We will partner with you to learn and find ways to best remove the many obstacles you face while working to serve Albertans and their families.

To all Albertans, we also want to hear from you: the patients, family members, caregivers and seniors who interact with our system day in and day out.

That's why we invite all Albertans to become involved in shaping a stronger provincial health care system. This starts now and will take many forms over the coming weeks and months.

For too long we have had to experience a health care system that is not operating as we all expect it should. It's time for that to change. Please join us on this journey!



Hon. Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta



Hon. Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Health



Hon. Dan Williams
Minister of Mental Health
and Addiction



Hon. Jason Nixon
Minister of Seniors,
Community and
Social Services

For more information, and to share your feedback, visit:

alberta.ca/healthcare



Province says new plan will refocus on patient-centred care

Smith emphasizes reforms have nothing to do with privatization; anticipates no job cuts

(Gov't of Alberta) A refocused health care system will improve health outcomes for Albertans and empower health care workers to deliver quality care across the province.

Alberta's front-line health workers provide exceptional care to patients and families, and Alberta's government is committed to supporting their work by providing a high-functioning health care system. Alberta's government has been working to address wait times and health care service disruptions, but challenges still exist in the system, including accessing community care like family doctors and local health services. The current health care system's structure limits the government's ability to provide system-wide oversight, set system priorities, and to require accountability for those priorities on behalf of Albertans.

To overcome current challenges and deliver the right care for Albertans at the right time, Alberta is refocusing the health care system. These changes will focus on the priority sectors of primary care, acute care, continuing care and mental health and addiction to ensure Albertans receive the best care within a single, fully integrated, high-functioning system.

These changes will improve front-line service delivery, and front-line jobs will be protected during this transition. Albertans will continue to access health care services where they regularly receive their care during the system's transition period and beyond.

"Albertans deserve access to the health care they need, when and where they need it. Health care workers move mountains for their patients every day. For too many years, Alberta's health care system has been too complex and uncoordinated, leading to unacceptable wait times and poorer health outcomes for Albertans. It's time to change that. It's time to put Albertans first in every health care decision and give our front-line experts the right space to properly care for Albertans. This is why we are refocusing the health system to provide better care for generations of Albertans to come." Danielle Smith, Premier

"We are at a critical juncture when it comes to health care in Alberta. We need to refocus how the system is structured and create a path forward that will get us the outcomes Albertans deserve. This work will take time and it will not be easy. We will lean on the world-class talent and expertise that exists in our health care system every step of the way. I ask health care workers to join us on this important journey so they can work in a better system – for them and for their patients." Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

"Minister LaGrange has acknowledged that our health care system needs urgent reform. This work will only succeed with the involvement and leadership of physicians. The AMA looks forward to meaningful consultation and collaboration as these reforms are further elaborated." Dr. Paul Parks, president, Alberta Medical Association

Alberta's single health care system

Alberta's government will establish advisory boards to provide initial direction and support for the transition into the reorganized provincial system. The four provincial organizations dedicated to each sector will be in place by fall 2024.

A streamlined AHS role

Alberta Health Services (AHS) will continue to have a strong role as part of the refocused system. Under the new structure, AHS' primary focus will be acute care and continuing care. Other AHS delivery functions will move to be accountable to the new organizations.

Acute care

The acute care provincial organization will oversee the delivery of hospital care, urgent care centres, cancer care, clinical operations, surgeries and emergency medical services. The organization will work directly with acute care providers including Alberta Health Services, Covenant Health and chartered surgical facilities to speed up access to quality care and make sure the patient's journey through the acute care system is efficient and effective across the province. Key outcomes for the new organization include:

- Shorter wait times for emergency departments and surgeries.
- Lowering emergency medical services response time.
- Higher quality care across the province and enhancing access to care in rural areas.

"I have been advocating for changes to ensure our health care system is sustainable and serves the current and future needs of Albertans, particularly those in the City of Grande Prairie and the surrounding region. I am encouraged by the elements within the plan, and I am extremely optimistic it will produce the outcomes we are looking for and that our residents need." Jackie Clayton, mayor, City of Grande Prairie

"The Alberta Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics Association believes in order to achieve improved ambulance response times and a community-focused pre-hospital care system that prioritizes the well-being of its practitioners, a structural change to the provision of health is in order." Elliott Davis, vice-president, Alberta Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics Association

Primary care

The new provincial primary care organization will coordinate primary health care services and provide transparent provincial oversight. Primary health care includes all the services Albertans access to support their day-to-day health needs through every stage of life. That includes visits with a family doctor or a nurse practitioner, visits to Primary Care Networks, consultation with a specialist, preventative care and chronic disease management.

Establishing a primary care governance structure was one

of the recommendations from the Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System (MAPS) report, which was released on Oct. 18.

The primary care organization will focus on achieving key outcomes, including:

- Ensuring every Albertan will be attached to a family physician or a nurse practitioner.
- Providing timely access to high-quality primary care services, including after-hours, no matter where they live.
- Supporting an integrated team of health professionals to provide comprehensive primary care, including family physicians, nurse practitioners and pharmacists, that has appropriate access to patient health information.

"The Nurse Practitioner Association of Alberta supports the decision by the minister and Alberta Health to restructure health care oversight in the province. The health care system in Alberta is in crisis and new ideas and approaches are required to address current need and to support Albertans into the future. The proposed changes have the potential to position Alberta as a leader in primary care, continuing care, emergency, acute and surgical services and integrated mental health supports. These are bold enhancements that if done well will lead to improved access, improved health outcomes and improvements to the bottom line. We look forward to working with the government and stakeholders to ensure success." Susan Prendergast, president, Nurse Practitioners Association of Alberta

"The Alberta Paramedic Association supports the Minister's refocusing of the current health model in Alberta. This re-visioning allows for opportunities to tackle current issues, and create system enhancements in the delivery of services for Albertans including those improvements linked directly to the profession of paramedics." Len Stelmaschuk, president, Alberta Paramedic Association

Continuing care

The continuing care system provides Albertans with the health, personal care and accommodation services they need to support their independence and quality of life, including rehabilitative or restorative care. These services and supports may be provided in different settings, including individuals' homes, continuing care homes, supportive living accommodations and adult day programs.

In alignment with the Facility-Based Continuing Care Review, the new continuing care provincial organization will provide provincial oversight, coordination, service delivery, home care and community care. This will renew focus on residents and create equitable, consistent and timely access to continuing care supports and services through a single, coordinated intake approach. All current contracted operators will continue to deliver services under contract with the new organization.

The new organization will continue the work to add more continuing care spaces, attract and retain health care workers, advance innovative solutions and support Albertans as they choose where and how they'd like to live. The new organization will focus on achieving:

- Equitable, consistent and timely access to continuing care services.
- An increased number and geographic distribution of beds to meet the needs of Albertans.
- Improved team-based cross-sector care leveraging other health and social services.

"The Alberta Continuing Care Association applauds the recent health care reforms by the Alberta government and its commitment to advancing health care services for seniors. These reforms align with our mission of creating a sustainable and innovative continuing care sector. We're eager to collaborate with Alberta Health, providing expertise, advocating best practices, and fostering innovation for seniors' well-being." Feisal Keshavjee, chair, Alberta Continuing Care Association

Mental health and addiction

As part of the refocusing, Alberta's Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction will begin to oversee the mental health and addiction system, including managing funding. To continue the delivery of public mental health and addiction services, Alberta's government is establishing a new provincial mental health and addiction organization. This organization will be responsible for the delivery of services currently provided by AHS. It will continue to focus on recovery-oriented care for Albertans, delivering services that span prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery supports.

Oversight of the mental health and addiction system by the appropriate ministry will ensure Albertans are receiving high-quality recovery-oriented care in every corner of the province. This change will also allow for better coordination between services delivered by the public agency and the non-profit sector. Additionally, to support the ministry's enhanced responsibilities, a new Centre of Recovery Excellence will be established to improve the quality of mental health and addiction service delivery in Alberta.

The mental health and addiction organization will focus on:

- Supporting every Albertan struggling with the deadly disease of addiction and/or mental health challenges in their pursuit of recovery.
- Ensuring Albertans can access a full continuum of recovery-oriented supports that help them improve their overall well-being and sustain recovery.
- Improving mental health and addiction care for Albertans by further expanding access to treatment and recovery supports across Alberta.

"Our government is making sure Albertans have more access to mental health supports and addiction treatment

services than ever before. The direction we are taking Alberta is caring for Albertans and supporting them in their pursuit of recovery." Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

"These steps from Alberta's government create an opportunity to build on the strong foundation of existing mental health and addiction services and the exemplary work of our staff and clinicians. I am excited to lead the transition toward a new provincial mental health and addiction organization to ensure delivery of the best recovery oriented clinical care anywhere in the country". Kerry Bales, chief program officer, Provincial Addiction & Mental Health and Correctional Health Services, Alberta Health Services

Engaging the health workforce and Albertans

Alberta's health care workers deserve to work within a structure that will support their success and prioritize their well-being. Alberta's government will begin engaging with the health care workforce in a thoughtful and thorough manner. As the province moves towards implementing this new structure, understanding job obstacles and exploring opportunities to reduce red tape and implement other practical solutions will be critical to achieving success.

Engagement sessions with front-line workers, AHS staff, health care unions, health associations and a wide range of health partners are scheduled throughout November and more will be added into the new year.

Alberta's government is also committed to engaging with Albertans and listening to input from patients, families and caregivers. More information about public engagements will be provided in the coming months. Engagement session dates will be regularly updated online.

"The Alberta Association of Nurses is highly supportive of the bold steps the Government of Alberta is taking to refocus the health care system. These changes will help create better work environments for nurses and enable them to better provide care that meets the needs of Albertans." Kathy Howe, CEO, Alberta Association of Nurses

Local decision-making, accountability and integration

Front-line health care workers and regional partners have a direct line of sight on what needs to change to improve quality of care in their community. All four health system sectors will be mandated to empower local decision-making and work closely with new regional advisory councils. Alberta Health will restructure the 12 regional advisory councils that currently exist and create a new Indigenous advisory council to better represent community perspectives, bring forward local priorities and give input on how to improve the system.

The Ministry of Health will also realign its structure to better match with the new organizations, support the refocusing of the health care system and provide appropriate oversight. This includes ensuring each organization has its own reporting structure within Alberta Health.

In addition, the role of the Health Quality Council of Alberta will be expanded to support Alberta Health to set performance standards and performance indicators and to support audit and compliance functions. The council will also collect insights from patients throughout the transition toward achieving a high-performing health system.

A separate integration council will be formed immediately to ensure system alignment, identify efficiencies, remove barriers and make sure the system is delivering better health outcomes.

Finally, a procurement and system optimization secretariat within Alberta Health will negotiate standard offers for goods and services to drive efficiencies through economies of scale. This will allow the refocused system to continue to benefit from centralization of these services when appropriate.

"Across hundreds of hours of engagement with community leaders and health care providers in rural Alberta, I have repeatedly heard concerns with the health care system and the need for local perspectives in decision-making. I know this will be welcome news, and that the work being undertaken by the government of Alberta is going to lead to much-needed change in our system." Martin Long, parliamentary secretary for rural health

"We need to bring high-quality health care service back to rural Alberta. As a small-town Alberta mayor, I think this is a significant step in that direction, and we need to get started now." Kevin Ferguson, mayor, Town of Ponoka

Mayor Zahara comments on plan

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara said, on the release of the province's plan, "Healthcare in the province of Alberta has not been meeting expectations of communities despite the exceptional efforts of frontline staff and doctors. The system is complex, but the changes announced today focus attention on the key pillars of the system and should allow for more local decisions, which is what rural communities have long called for. MLA Long has engaged and listened to the feedback of many community leaders in his role as Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health and the announcement today reflects some of that feedback. Edson currently has a shortage of doctors, but recruitment has been underway with some new doctors arriving recently and more coming. I hope the changes announced will provide Edson residents and all Albertans, with improved health care." -DM

Thwart-off Cyber Crime this Holiday Season

(RCMP) The holiday season is just around the corner, which means more and more people will be shopping for presents. Online shopping has become an increasingly popular way to find deals and cross things off our lists.

With both Black Friday and Cyber Monday taking place this month, many Albertans will be handing out their credit card details in exchange for deals this month.

In the Alberta RCMP's jurisdiction in 2022 there were a total of:

- 34 reports of unauthorized use of credit card data (4 in November and 2 in December);
- 726 reports of Theft, Forgery, Misuse of Credit Card (53 in November and 47 in December);
- 1,796 reports of Fraud (money/property/security) greater than \$5,000 (183 in November and 150 in December); and
- 5,653 reports of Fraud (money/property/security) less than or equal to \$5,000 (445 in November and 401 in December).

The RCMP remind all online shoppers to protect their personal and financial information making online purchases.

Here are some tips to protect yourself while shopping online:

- Don't reuse passwords; change them often, and be sure to use a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters to create a strong one!
- Many websites, especially social media platforms, offer the option of multi-factor authentication. Multi-

factor authentication makes it more difficult for criminals to access your accounts by needing more than one piece of identifying information.

- Review privacy settings regularly in order to control who can see what personal information is posted to your profile.

- Don't purchase anything using public Wi-Fi; shop using your own data connection or a trusted network.

- Buy from reputable sources and don't let unbeatable prices cloud your judgement. Research retailers before purchasing.

- Install updates on your devices as soon as you're prompted. Updates fix security issues.

- Phishing is a commonly used tactic for cyber crime. Phishing messages ask you to validate information by clicking links and may threaten you with legal action. Verify legitimacy by calling the company directly.

Follow our social media accounts on Twitter @RCMPAlberta and Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, and check out #CyberSafety online for more tips.

RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com.



Parkland Lodge Auxiliary once again judged the Halloween costumes at the lodge, and there were lots to chose from. The winners were: Yvonne (witch), Mary (bubble bath), and John (ball player). This year they had one more surprise by having a lucky chair won by Angela. They each received a \$25 gift certificate generously donated by Independent Grocers. The event also featured great music, refreshments, and snacks. submitted Deanna Mitchener

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Customer Service Representative Level 1

Full Time: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Yellowhead Gas Co-op has an immediate opening for a full time Customer Service Representative. As the first point of contact with customers, applicant must have great customer service skills and the ability to multitask. Proficiency in Microsoft Excel & Word will be considered an asset, as well as general accounting software knowledge.

Yellowhead Gas Co-op offers a competitive wage and benefits package.

Please submit resumes to info@yellowheadgas.com

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



P.O. Box 7230, 210 26 Street, Edson, Alberta T7E 1V5
Ph: (780) 723-4214 Fax: (780) 723-7994 Email: info@yellowheadgas.com



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MILLWRIGHT

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- Relocation package
- Job Stability
- Career growth

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West Fraser believes inclusive, diverse teams build a more vibrant workforce, safer operations, and a stronger company overall. We strive to create workplaces and leadership teams that are reflective of the diverse communities we are a part of. We will not discriminate against any applicant for employment on the basis of race, gender, national origin or any other protected legal characteristic.

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DON'T DRIVE IMPAIRED



Impairment-related crashes among young drivers alarming

Young people have the highest rates of traffic death and injury per capita among all age groups and the highest death rate per kilometre driven among all drivers under 75 years of age. More 19-year-olds die or are seriously injured than any other age group.

Motor vehicle crashes are also the leading cause of death among 16 to 25 year olds, and alcohol and/or drug impairment is a factor in 55% of those crashes.

The 16-25 year old age group constitutes 13.6% of the population, but statistically make up almost 33.4 % of the alcohol-related traffic deaths.

Studies conclude that young drivers are over-

represented in road crashes for two primary reasons: inexperience and immaturity.

Driving while impaired by drugs is also a serious concern. Canadians between 14-25 years old have one of the highest rates of cannabis use in the world. It's the drug they use most after alcohol.

Most young people see cannabis as a benign drug, far less dangerous than alcohol. They think driving under the influence of cannabis is risk free, despite the evidence that shows cannabis can shorten and slow reaction times – all of which impair the driver's ability to respond to sudden events in traffic.

It also impacts attention span, alters perception of time and distance and slows reaction times – all of which impair the driver's ability to respond to sudden events in traffic.

It's important to keep in mind, especially during the holidays, that although young people are the least likely to drive impaired, the ones who do —are at very high risk of collision.

-with files MADD

Take turns being the designated driver

(AB) One easy way for you and your friends to keep each other safe is to have a designated driver (DD). A DD is someone who stays sober (that is, does not consume alcohol or drugs). Here are some tips for making it work:

- Decide in advance who will be the DD so everyone is ready. It can be more difficult for the DD if you 'pull straws' or choose at the event, since they may have been expecting to consume.
- Consider the size of your group. Do you need more than one DD to get everyone to and from home safely?
- Make sure your DD does not have conditions on their licence that will prevent them from being the

DD. Remember, drivers with a Class 7 Learner's Licence are not allowed to drive from midnight to 5 am.

· The DD should make it clear to everyone how long they are willing to stay out, and everyone should respect that timeline.

· At private events, make sure there are non-alcoholic drinks available for the DD. The DD may want to bring their own favourite non-alcoholic drink.

Find a designated driver

If your group has not identified a DD, or if the DD unexpectedly had to leave or chose to consume, you can still find a safe way home for everyone. You can call a taxi or a ride share service. There are also for-hire designated driving services. These services operate much like a taxi or ride share, but they drive you home in your own vehicle. Learn more about [designated driver services](#).

Responsible hosting

It is up to you to make sure your guests get home safely. Here is how to plan in advance.

Set the stage

Let your guests know that no one drives away from your party under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

- Include a time limit on your party invitation.
- Ask guests to leave their keys at the door. Do not return the keys unless you feel it is safe to do so.
- Instead of having guests help themselves to alcohol, serve drinks yourself or have a bartender.
- Plan ahead to designate a driver who will stay sober and drive drinking guests to and from home.
- Look up a local taxi or ride share so you are prepared in advance to get your guests home safely.

If you have any doubt about whether a guest is impaired, do not let them drive. Help them find a safe ride home or offer them a place to stay instead. Remember, as the host you may be held legally or civilly liable for damages caused by an impaired driver who drank too much at your party.

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GYPSED's newest committee explores building a healthy school system

(GNS) GYPSED's newest committee has convened for its first meeting. At the top of the agenda was the question: "What are the indicators of a healthy system?"

Representatives on the Health and Wellness Committee include staff from schools, central office, and a variety of departments. Committee co-chairs include GYPSED's Director of HR, Meghan Auriat, and Parkland Composite High School teacher Sean Sommerfeld. Additionally, Trustee Jocelyn Pettitt (Edson) sits on the committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

The committee is deepening the work begun by the Board and the Division last year in response to awareness of the impacts of the pandemic on students' and staff mental health. As part of a governance review, the Board added the System Health and Wellness Priority in January 2023, in conjunction with a policy review that included the addition of two important updates to the Board's policy on Health and Wellness which identified the right for staff to disconnect from work emails in their evenings and weekends, and the right for staff to not tolerate harassment or bullying while performing their work duties.

As part of an awareness campaign, representatives from Human Resources visited every GYPSED school to ensure staff knew of the extensive supports available to them, and how to access them through the Division's website.

During the Board's community engagement events, attendees received information on the Division's complete Pyramid of Supports for students - including the addition of Wellness Navigators within GYPSED's five high schools. In May, GYPSED began a partnership with EdCan through the Well at Work initiative and invited all GYPSED principals to consider how they are encouraging and supporting a healthy working and learning environment.

In its first working meeting, the committee engaged in a consensus-building activity to explore indicators of a healthy system and develop themes to look at more closely. Some of the initial themes, or categories, included collaborative culture, authentic communications, clarity of purpose and healthy boundaries, resiliency and flexibility, and ongoing feedback.

The committee will meet four times in total during the 2023/24 school year.



From left: Teacher Consultant, Adam Fragomeni; Executive Assistant Katie Brook; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Harding; Teacher Consultant Jenn Albrecht; ATA Local President Jessica Smeall; Grand Trunk Assistant Principal Rhonda Smith; OH&S Manager Jackson Kendrick; CUPE Local President Donna Conger; Summitview Principal Trina McKay; Jasper Junior Senior High School Principal Mark Crozier; Director of Human Resources Meghan Auriat; Acting Division Principal/Wildwood Principal Stuart Graham; HR Specialist Richelle Jesse; Parkland High School teacher Sean Sommerfeld; Superintendent Carolyn Lewis.



On October 24, Parkland Lodge residents took the bus into Edmonton to the Jubilations Dinner Theatre. The show was called 'Old Time Rock and Roll'. Amanda Wills said, "We had a full bus and the majority of our residents said it was one of the best shows they have been to. We like to make this a yearly trip." Pictured are three Parkland Lodge residents sitting at the Jubilations Dinner Theatre enjoying the show. submitted Deanna Mitchener

~ Obituary ~

Armin Franz Josef Seethaler

June 27, 1934 – November 3, 2023

Armin Seethaler passed away on November 3, 2023, in Edson, Alberta, at the age of 89. He was born on June 27, 1934, in Edson, Alberta, to Frieda and Erich Seethaler. He was born and raised in the Pinedale area, where his sister Lori was born on the farm. The family moved to Rosevear in March 1951, in July he joined the Air Force, becoming a Radar Technician. On July 23, 1956, he was honorably discharged.

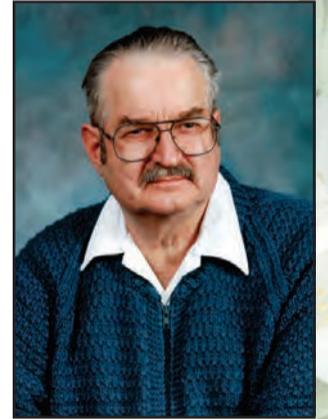
Armin decided to travel to the United States, where he was married, following which he decided to go to Pago-Pago in American Samoa, where he spent 10 years teaching in one of the schools. Later, he moved to the United States again, where he worked at Sears in a repair shop, before he came back to Canada. He lived in Edson, later moving into the Continuing Care Centre in 2018.

Armin will be dearly missed by those left to mourn his loss: sister Lori, great niece Katrina, nephews Chris (Wendy) and Alan (Amber), great nephew Steven as well as his stepson Mark Wells.

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~ Obituary ~

Ouita Dixie Dorene Petty

August 15, 1941 - October 29, 2023

It is with sadness, heavy hearts and a profound sense of loss that the family of Ouita Petty announces her peaceful passing on October 29, 2023 at the age of 82 years. She was a much loved wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother and friend to many.

Ouita was predeceased by her husband, Danny Petty; and her parents, Mal and Terry Davies & Ellen McBurnie (Bill). She is survived by her brothers, Ron McBurnie (Patricia Doyle) and Lorry Davies; her 3 children Cameron Petty, Karyn Soroka (Patrick) and Darlene See (Randy); her grandchildren Jaymie Petty, Tracey Mantey (Trevor), Jaqueline See (Dustin Dufresne), Daniel Petty, Logan Petty (Kennedy Dereg), and Meagan Petty; her great-grandchildren Tony Greatrix, Alex Greatrix, Bruce Smith, Kallie Mantey, Theo Knowles; and her great-great-granddaughter Taliah Gelowitz.

Ouita was born in Calgary in 1941, where she lived until she met and married the love of her life, Danny. She then moved with him to the Edson area and embraced living in the bush and on the farm. She loved gardening and became a certified herbalist through correspondence courses. Ouita wrote 2 children's novels, as well. Later in life, she also discovered that she was a talented painter.

Please join Ouita's family in a Celebration of her life on December 4 at the Edson Legion at 1:00. A light lunch will follow the service.

Donations can be made in Ouita's name to: EARS Edson Animal Rescue Society Box 7028 Edson AB T7E 1V3



~ Obituary ~

Norma Eileen Seibel

Norma Eileen Seibel passed away peacefully on October 14, 2023 at the age of 85 years. She was born on March 16, 1938 in Provost AB, and then moved with her family to Wolf Creek AB in 1943. Norma married George Seibel of Pioneer in July of 1956, and they remained married until her passing.

Left to mourn is her husband George, son George Seibel and his wife Jen, son Lyle Seibel and his wife Lynn, daughter Patti Smith and husband Jerry, and daughter Sue Dozorec and her husband Chris. Norma leaves a legacy of many grandchildren and great grandchildren, who will miss her dearly.

Norma is survived by her sisters Vivian Butterwick of Rocky Mountain House, and Doris Becker of Edson, as well as sisters-in-law Merry Dechamplain of Morinville and Phyllis Lindberg of Spruce Grove.

As per Norma's wishes, there will not be a formal service. In lieu of floral tributes, the family is asking that an alternative donation to the Alzheimer's Society or the Heart and Stroke foundation be made.

Norma's family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Gous, and the staff at the Edson Hospital's long term care unit for the exceptional care that she received during her stay in the facility.



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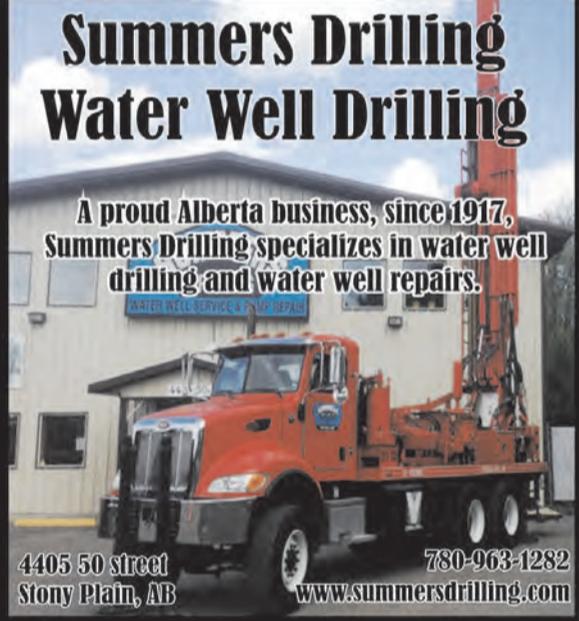
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