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Edson Legion's Remembrance Day Service

Town responds to increase in homeless encampments and loitering...

by Niki Luymes

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This event, and many others weren't able to come home.

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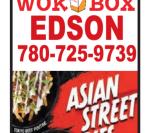
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Edson Legion's Remembrance Day Service

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the Girl Guides were all part of the solemn procession. The group was led by the official flag bearers and the Edson Pipe and Drum group which was performing music throughout. The crowds then moved inside for the rest of the service.

This year, the service was presided over by Legion #51 president Ron Ronneseth. After the flags were carried in the crowd was led in the singing of O Canada before the Two Minutes of Silence. Ronneseth then led the Act of Remembrance and Response before going to the president's address. "On the 11 hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we pay our respect to the brave men and women who proudly wore a uniform for defence of our freedom. With the current conflicts in our world today, it is important for us to remember the past sacrifices in hopes to avoid those future world conflicts," said Ronneseth

Sherry Wassing, the President of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary gave a short speech highlighting a specific aspect of army history. This year she talked about the National Silver Cross mother, and its significance throughout Canadian history. "It is a symbol of personal loss and sacrifice on behalf of

widows and mothers who lost a child on active duty, or to a death that is later attributed to that duty." said Wassing. "The Ladies Auxiliary is founded by women like these. The mothers, the wives, the widows, and the children. We thank them for their service, and we thank you for yours."

Following this, Ronneseth began the roll call for the Laying of Wreaths. Each wreath represented branches of the army, a branch of government, a veterans group, various branches of the Legion, and other organizations. Edson Councillor Greg Pasychny, Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams, and MLA Martin Long each laid a wreath for on behalf of their repetitive areas of government. After the official procession, families were welcome to come and lay a personal wreath for lost loved ones.

After a prayer and a customary reading of 'In Flanders Fields', the flags were carried out, marking the end of the service. It was followed later in the day by an afternoon program. This program included a paid lunch and official greetings from the various branches of government. The day ended with the Legion's award and pinning ceremony.



The Parade of Colours ended at the Edson Legion #51 as the flag bearers prepared for the Remember Day Service. photo Niki Luymes



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Town responds to increase in homeless encampments and loitering

by Niki Luymes

At Edson's Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 12, town council discussed the implementation of the AGENT program. The AGENT program is a direct response to the increase in number and frequency of homeless encampments and loitering around local businesses.

"Local business owners have reported a noticeable up-tick in encampments on their properties leading to concerns about unsightly conditions. Many have expressed that the presence of unhoused individuals and encampments adversely affects customer perceptions of safety, ultimately impacting their business operations," said Eric Christensen, Enforcement Services Manager.

Currently, Peace Officers and RCMP do have the authority to remove trespassers from public property without a warrant. Private properties, however, are more complicated requiring additional investigative measures and permissions. Legislation enacted in Alberta grants officers the authority to remove individuals suspected of engaging in suspicious activity on licensed premises, "The AGENT program further extends this authority, enabling the RCMP and Enforcement Services to act on behalf of participating businesses to remove patrons deemed to be disruptive or present a potential risk to public safety," said Christensen.

The AGENT program allows participating businesses to authorize Peace Officers to act as their agents, allowing for immediate action against disruptive individuals. This operation is within the legal framework established by the Petty Trespass Act, Trespass to Premises Act, and the Town of Edson Community Standards Bylaw. After signing up for the program, business will receive a AGENT sticker to place in their window that will cue in officers to their participation.

Under this program, the property owner will still be responsible for cleaning up the encampments after individuals have been removed. Businesses will also still be required to contact the RCMP directly if they observe unauthorized individuals on their property. "It won't really change what we're doing, it will simply give us tools," added Edson RCMP Staff Sergeant Christian Delisle. The program will be monitored and evaluated throughout its use.

Councillor Peter Taylor, one of council's representatives on the Homelessness Task force, said, "Every municipality in the country is playing a game of whack-a-mole. If you knock down an encampment it's just going to pop up over here, knock that one down and it's going to pop up over here. If you are looking for a better solution, right now, [AGENT] is not a solution, but it will help to mitigate the problem. That's the best we can do until we create long term solutions."

"How soon can we start?" asked Councillor Gean Chouinard, "I am looking forward to it." Eric Christensen replied, "We would have to bring it back to council for a decision, but once that's done we can get started right away."

"I am in support of bringing this program into place within the Town of Edson," said Mayor Kevin Zahara, "We have seen a larger number of encampments in our community that are more visible. It's not illegal to be homeless, but it is illegal to be causing problems and making people feel unsafe, and that cannot be tolerated. Until now, how have you been dealing with these issues?"

Delisle responded, "The RCMP's practice is that if we see something that is out of place or someone who probably shouldn't be camping in a public place or business, or loitering inside a business, is to stop in and have a conversation with that person. This usually results in that person leaving that place. This AGENT program will give us another tool in the toolbox were will

be a able to enforce a trespassing ticket, of example, without the owner contacting us."

Councillor Krystal Cacka, said, "It's not a solution and I don't think we should be looking at this or suggesting that it is a solution. I think we need to be very clear on what the expectations are when we're talking to people about this. It's not solving the homelessness problem in Edson. But it is one method of enforcement that can help provide support to our businesses, and I think that's a really good thing."

At this time, Administration is seeking feedback from committee on the Town's participation in the AGENT Program. If supported, this item will be brought to the November 19, Council meeting for consideration. Further discussion on this program will also take place at the RCMP and Homelessness Taskforce's business town hall meeting on Nov 20.

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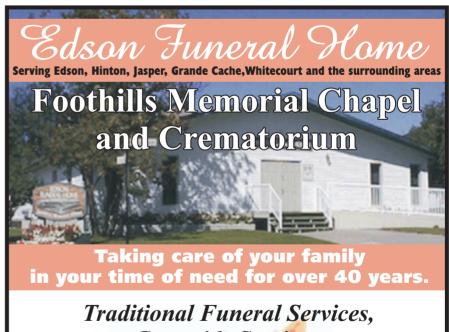
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Mary Bergeron Elementary honours Remembrance Day

by Shaylyn Thornton

Mary Bergeron Elementary School held their annual Remembrance Day assembly on November 6 at the school. The assembly gave students from kindergarten to grade 5, as well as teachers, parents, and community members, an additional opportunity to honour those who gave their lives to serve our country.

The assembly featured local legion members marching around the school gymnasium with some carrying flags or playing instruments such as the drum or bagpipes. "We were honoured to have many distinguished guests from the Edson Royal Canadian Legion, RCMP, Canadian Military Special Forces, and Edson Pipes and Drums join our ceremony," said MBE in a social media post about the service.

All those in attendance sang O Canada, and Mrs. Johnston's Grade 1 students recited the poem "Little Poppy." This was followed by a beautiful performance from the MBE Choir of the song, "We Remember."

Each class had their own wreath placed on

the cenotaph as a tribute to the fallen soldiers who fought for our freedom. The classroom wreaths were carried up by students from each class. The school thanked Ms. Martin for her "passion and dedication in organizing such a touching ceremony."

MBE has also put together a Remembrance Day display, which will remain in the school foyer for the month of November. The display was put together with photos and stories from MBE families. The school said, "Many teachers visit the display with their class to discuss the importance of Remembrance Day."



Landon Hawryluk and Lilah Hinchey carry their classroom's paper wreath during MBE's Remembrance Day assembly. photo Shaylyn Thornton

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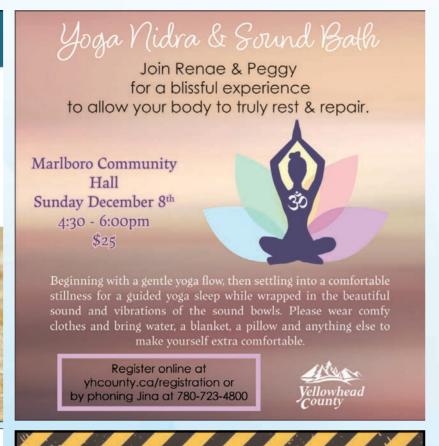
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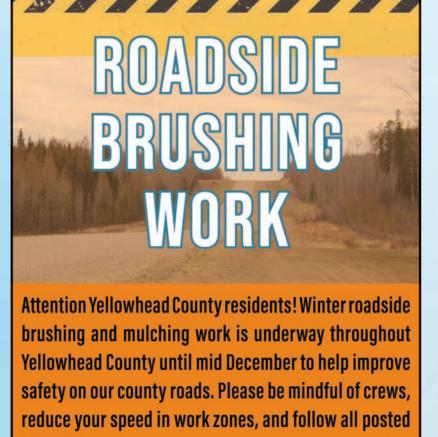
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Legion Remembrance Day service in Wildwood

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Wildwood Legion Branch 149 held a beautiful Remembrance Day Service

The service began with an outside ceremony at 10:50am at the Cenotaph in Wildwood followed by a ceremony held indoors at the Legion.

RCL Wildwood Br 149 President Tom Myrholm welcomed those in attendance and led the group in O Canada. The Last Post, which is the traditional final salute to the fallen, was played. A period of silence at 11am was followed by the a wonderful job and are such a great addition to the Ceremony!" said Rehn. playing of Reveille, and RCL Wildwood Br 149 Past President Lori Rehn recited the Act of Remembrance. Prayer was led by Myrholm.

Attending dignitaries participated in the Official Wreath Laying part of the ceremony before participants were directed inside the Legion for the remainder of the ceremony. Wreaths from others were pre-laid on the stage in the Legion

"We were so excited for the large attendance this year at our Wildwood Legion," said Past President Rehn. "We had many special speakers and guests

Rehn noted that those Honoured included the Military, Navy, Army, Airforce, RCMP, Cadets, and Fire Fighters.

Rehn and Myrholm. Yellowhead County Councillor Anthony Giezen, Retired RCMP member and Former MP Jim Eglinski, and Armed Forces Corporal James or just stop by and have a visit," said Rehn. "We would love to see you!"

Booth CD Retired also spoke during the ceremony. MP Gerald Soroka also gave a Special Video Address.

Three students from Wildwood School took part in readings, with Mya Renkema reading the Honour Roll of the Dead, Kali Hupka reading the Youth Commitment to Remember, and In Flanders Fields being read by Maddison

"It truly means so much to have the students from the Wildwood School participate in our Remembrance Day Ceremonies each year, they always do such

Rehn also thanked the Cadets and their Leaders, as well as the RCMP and Sgt. Sutherland, for their involvement in the programs each year.

"I feel it was such a Heartfelt day of Remembrance, the mood was Somber, full of so much Love, Respect and Honour for our Veterans, as they so truly deserve," said Rehn. "There was such a feeling of gratefulness in the room towards our Honoured Veterans, it was so special!"

"Special thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this very special day such a success," said Rehn. "Again, we extend to our Honoured Veterans: thank you so very much for your service!"

Legions continue to be a hugely important part of our communities, and supporting them when we can is imperative. The Wildwood Legion will be Heartfelt addresses were given by many members of the community, including hosting a Christmas Supper in December as well as an Entertainment Evening. "We would like to extend an invitation for people to join our Wildwood Legion

Evansburg Legion's Remembrance Day service

The Evansburg Legion Branch 196 held their annual Remembrance Day Service on November 11. Members of the community were invited to "join in honoring all those who have served in the past and those who continue to serve

The ceremony began at the Cenotaph at 10:45am before continuing into the Legion Hall. "We had a respectable turn out for our small community this year with approximately 150 people in attendance for both the cenotaph and Hall ceremonies with over 40 wreaths laid by businesses and community members in honor of those lost," said Cris Grahame, Office Manager. "We are always grateful for the support of our community."

Several notable dignitaries and guests participated in the day's services, including MLA Shane Getson, Yellowhead County Councillor Patrick Soroka, and Silver Sands Mayor Bernie Boulin.

Participants from many groups participated in the march to the Cenotaph, including members of the Lord Strathcona's Horse Regiment, the RCMP, Yellowhead County Fire Department, and Alberta Fish and Wildlife.

"As with any event there are always bumps, but 2024 was a fairly smooth year for our ceremonies, including a video presentation by our Service Officer," said Grahame. "Remembrance Day is a huge part of what we do as a Legion, it is increasingly important for the communities to remember the sacrifices made for the freedoms we have today."

"While the number of veterans in our communities seem to dwindle, their impact and sacrifice is no less important today than it was 20, 40, and 80 years ago and our Legion strives to keep that memory alive and always honor those who have gone before us," Grahame explained.

The Legion and their goals have such a positive impact on our local communities, and in turn they need community support. "The best way to support our Legion is to come participate in any events we host and, of course, become a member!" said Grahame. "With so many changes coming on the horizon for the Evansburg Legion every voice makes a lasting impact and difference for our

The Legion would not be who they are without the support of volunteers. "We

cannot thank our volunteers enough for all that they do. From kitchen duties, to draws, to shopping and cleaning, and just being amazing human beings," said Grahame. "Without the time these individuals put in we could not accomplish nearly half of what we do."

Upcoming events at the Evansburg Legion include weekly meat draws, raffles, and Chase the Ace, which are held every Friday at 8pm and Saturday at 3pm. A paint night is also coming up on November 21, and Christmas markets will be held in the community hall this holiday season.



Approximately 150 people attended the Evansburg Legion Branch 196's Remembrance Day Service on November 11 this year. photo submitted



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Yellowhead County 2025 election appointments

by Shaylyn Thornton

At their November 12 meeting, Yellowhead County Council was asked to appoint a Returning Officer and Substitute Returning Officer for the 2025 Municipal Election.

Section 13(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act allows an elected authority to appoint a Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting elections. If the election authority does not appoint a Returning Officer, the role "falls to [the] CAO as being the person who takes care of the election," said Legislative Services Supervisor Shannon Wharton.

"I'm recommending Tracy Parker. She has the required training and she's actually been the Returning Officer for the County since elections from 2007 all the way through to 2021, as well as the by-election in 2019," explained Wharton. Additionally, in the event of illness, absence, or

other incapacity that would leave the Returning Officer unable to perform their duties, appointing a Substitute Returning Officer provides an alternate.

"The Substitute Returning Officer that I'm recommending is Ashley Tompkins. She as well has election experience and she would be a great addition to help out during the elections in 2025," Wharton said.

County Council voted unanimously to appoint Tracy Parker and Ashley Tompkins to the roles of Returning Officer and Substitute Returning Officer, respectively.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux noted during the discussion of the item that the Local Authorities Election Act had some recent changes, and

inquired if the changes will impact the County's current bylaws.

"The acts have just been proclaimed and just going through the printing processes," County CAO Luc Mercier said. "We will bring a summary of those as well as our bylaw to Council for your review and a summary of the changes that have resulted with the recent act changes."

"We still don't have the final copies of all the pieces of legislation to make changes. We don't anticipate any significant changes but we will bring them forward to Council as soon as we do," Mercier explained. "I assume by December that we should have a full summary."

More information on the 2025 Municipal Elections can be found at https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-electionsoverview.

Town drafting new bylaws governing municipal elections

by Niki Luymes

on the horizon, Edson Town administration has decided to draft a process. At the November 12, Committee of the Whole meeting Town Council had an opportunity to discuss these standards in order to best fit them to the community.

Some of the bylaws are inflexible standards from coordination with the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA) which governs municipal elections. This includes the prohibition of automated voting equipment, a requirement to create a permanent electors register, an extended nomination period, and mandatory orientation training for Councillors. In total, there are 10 immutable bylaws regulated by the

There were nine flexible proposed bylaws that are up to council's discretion. The main choices for debate included whether of not to require candidates to get a criminal record check. Whether or not to require a \$100 deposit for candidates. And finally, the voting hours and election date. LAEA was also consulted on the creation of these optional bylaws.

In regards to requiring candidates to get a criminal record check, Adrienne Tait, Returning Officer for Edson, explained what this would mean for candidate with a record. "A candidate is disqualified and ineligible to continue if they have been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment of five years or more." Council agreed that it was a good idea. "I am in support of having criminal record checks done," said Mayor Kevin Zahara.

"We are leaders in the community and we need to be transparent in terms of our history, who we are, and what we're proposing to do," said Council Councillor Krystal Cacka.

Council then discussed whether or not to require the \$100 deposit at nomination. The deposit would be returned if the candidate is elected or if they withdraw by a set date. Edson does not currently require a despot to run. The conclusion by council was to keep it at that standard. "I see no point in putting in a \$100 deposit. Campaigns cost more than \$100," said Councillor Gean Chouinard

Council was also given discretion

on the details of election day, "One of the discussions that was occurring amongst With the 2025 municipal election municipalities, including Yellowhead County, is that we may choose to set an alternate election date with the municipal new set of bylaws to govern the election occurring the same day as the federal election [October 20, 2025],"

explained Tait.

"I think we should keep election day as set out provincially. We don't need to cause additional confusion. We have enough problems getting people to vote as it is," said Mayor Zahara.

Council must pass the bylaws before

December 31, 2024, as it will affect nominations, candidacy, and financials. Administration, and the returning officer will take council's feedback and come back to council at a later date.





November 30

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Murder Mystery at the Galloway!

by Deanna Mitchener

The Galloway Station Museum will be hosting an unforgettable Murder Mystery event on November 30.

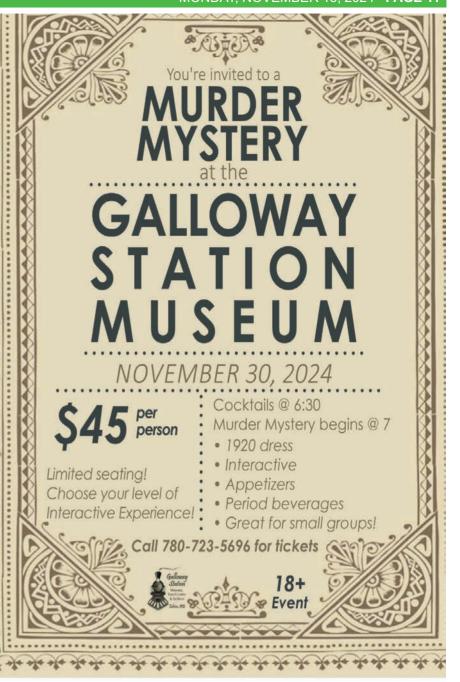
The ticketed event allows guests to choose their level of interactivity during the performance and offers an opportunity to come dressed in your best 1920s attire.

You will be able to enjoy appetizers and period beverages as you immerse yourself in the mystery.

It is a unique evening out, so join in the fun. For more information or tickets you can call 780-723-5696.



Janet Wilkinson was honoured to receive the King Charles III award recently from MP Gerald Soroka. photo submitted Deanna Mitchener



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Stand up against bullying

The Community Engagement **Action Team** invited the community to join them from

Views & News

by Deanna Mitchener

texts, or emails—to harass, threaten, or embarrass another person.

against bullying. This year, they were empowering youth to choose respect and treat one another with kindness, even when they disagree with someone.

November 11 to 15th to stand up

It's okay to have your own thoughts on things, and there will be times when people disagree. There is nothing wrong with disagreeing. Just because someone disagrees, it doesn't give anyone one the right to be mean.

National Anti-Bullying Week and beyond, is a time to help others understand the harmful effects of bullying. It's an opportunity to ask questions, talk, and seek guidance if you feel the need. Everyone should feel safe to speak up against bullying. If you suspect someone is being bullied, do the right thing and speak up.

The four most common types of bullying are physical, verbal, psychological, and cyberbullying. Physical bullying is sometimes easy to spot; sometimes not. It can include kicking, hitting, punching, shoving, and breaking possessions.

Verbal bullying is when words are weaponized to harm, demean, threaten, or intimidate someone.

Psychological bullying is about manipulating someone's emotions to control or harm them. It involves tactics like spreading rumours, intimidating, belittling, isolating, or repeatedly undermining someone's confidence and self-worth.

Cyberbullying is when someone

The anonymity of the internet makes this type of bullying especially pervasive and cruel. Someone also might post personal information, pictures, or videos designed to hurt or embarrass someone else.

Bullies often pick on someone who they believe doesn't fit in -whether it's appearance, behaviour, origins, religion, identity, or something else. Bullying can happen at any age so it's important to stand up against it —together. Putting a stop to these toxic acts is what's important.

Bullying can have lasting effects, especially if the bullying goes on for long periods of time. It can cause a person to feel stressed, afraid, anxious, or worse. They can even have thoughts about hurting themselves or suicide.

Kids can struggle to complete their schoolwork and suffer declining grades. They can have problems with mood, energy level, sleep, and appetite.

There are some safe things you can do to help make bullying stop. Talk to a parent, teacher, or another adult you trust. Adults need to know when bullying happens so they can help. Be kind to a person you know is being bullied. Show them that you care by trying to include them.

Have open conversations with your children about bullying to help them understand what steps they can take to help prevent it for others or themselves.

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Assistance Calls 13, Suspicious Persons 20, and Theft Complaints 19 topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 0; Alarms/False Alarms 2; Animal Calls 4; Assault 4; Cause Disturbance 2; Child Welfare 0; Fail to Comply with Conditions 0; False/Abandoned 911 Call 0; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 3; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 2; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 1; Information File 1; Lost or Found property 1; Mental Health Act 5; Mischief or Damage 6; Missing Person/Request to Locate 2; Municipal Bylaws 0; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 0; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 0; Traffic Collisions 7; Traffic Complaints 10; Traffic Violations 5; Trespassing 3; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; Wellbeing Check 3.

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County FCSS hosts Fall Fun Days

by Niki Luymes

The Yellowhead County FCSS team planned some fun for kids from age 6 to 11, during fall break with Fall Fun Days, on November 7th and 8.

The November 7th event was at the Wildwood Community Hall and the November 8th event was at the Peers Multiplex. Each event started at 10am and ended at 2pm.

There was a variety different activities planned for the day, some of which were creative and others that were more active. Both events started with a quick icebreaker game to get the kids acquainted.

At the Peers Fall Fun Day, the first activity was a

self-esteem craft. Lobstick BEST (Bringing Empowered Students Together) Success Coach Karen Riggs, led participants in creating a glow in the dark painting with positive messages. In Wildwood, there was a different activity that was run in partnership with the Yellowhead County Libraries.

This was followed by a game of bingo and then some movement and action games like freeze tag and an obstacle course. For lunch, the kids got to make their own sub sandwiches and fruit kabobs.

Afterward there was time for free play with jumbo sized games like checkers. "To end the day, Yellowhead County Heritage Coordinator Madison Sharman came out and led participants through a heritage focused craft where they got to make their own sun dials," said Jenna Truemner, Children's Program Coordinator with Yellowhead ECSS

This is the second year that the County has planned and put on these fall fun events. This was, however, the first time the event ran in Peers, which had a good turnout. "Our goal with these events is to have opportunities for children to build social connections and improve self-esteem through a variety of new activities," said Truemner. "We had a great group of participants and everything ran smoothly throughout the day. Some didn't want to leave at the end."

4th Annual Santa's Little LEAP Gift Shop

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson LEAP Society has been busy organizing their 4th annual Santa's Little LEAP Gift Shop. This two day, reserve-able event will be held on December 13 and 14.

This is one of the LEAP Society's main fundraisers for the year.

The LEAP Centre, based out of the Red Brick building, provides specialized support for families in the Edson region who are raising or caring for children, youth, and dependent adults with diverse needs.

Anna Vander Haeghe, Director with the centre, said, "Children and youth of all abilities and dependent adults will be able to book a time to shop with the help of an expert 'Elf'. This allows them to purchase a present, wrap it, and gift it to their special person(s)." Shopping appointments are limited so follow Edson LEAP Centre on social media to watch for the link to book your spot.

"The LEAP Society is there to support our community through respite groups, special equipment, parent consultation, support for families to attend medical or individual appointments, and contracted access to occupational therapy, and speech-language therapy," Anne said.

At this time, the society is looking for donations of new gifts, handmade items, monetary donations, wrapping paper, and gift bags for this year's event. Donations can be dropped off up to December 6. For more information, please contact Melissa at 403 304-0364 or Christina 780 728-3424.

"We would like to extend a thank-you for all the contributions we received for last year's gift shop. It was a huge success with 270 children shopping for gifts. We hope to exceed last year's success with the support of the community," said Anna.

All donors will be recognized through social media and the local newspaper. Receipts are available for all monetary donations.

Friendship Centre's Culture Program plans trip to River Cree Holiday Market

by Deanna Mitchener

Are you looking for some holiday fun? Look no further, because on November 22, the Edson Friendship Centre Culture Program is heading to the Holiday Market at the River Cree Resort.

Renay Thebeau Woelfing says, "We will be bussing Indigenous Youth and Elders to the market for Christmas shopping, holiday entertainment, great food, and even better company. We supply the transportation, supper, and a Christmas honorarium —you bring the Christmas spirit."

"This includes Indigenous youth ages 13-20 years old, and elders ages 5-100 years young. You will need to register for your seat on the bus with Ben at 780-517-4308. The pick-up and drop-off location is the Edson Bingo Hall parking lot. We plan on leaving by 9:00a.m. and returning by 9:00p.m.," said Renay.

The is a great opportunity to enjoy a festive, indoor holiday market experience like no other. The market is presented by Enoch Cree Nation. They will showcase First Nation, Métis, and Inuit artisans and vendors, and their inspiring, creative handcrafted gift ideas locally made by Indigenous Peoples. There will be live entertainment, along with some delicious Indigenous cuisine.

Community Engagement Action Team seeking new members

by Deanna Mitchener

Lexi Abbott with the Community Engagement Action Team (CEAT), is excited to welcome new members.

"We will be at the Light Up Festival and Fireworks on November 22, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to hand out free hot chocolate and candy canes. We are still looking for volunteers at this event, so please let me know if you are interested in helping," says Abbott.

"As we are eager for new members, we invite everyone interested to attend our AGM. Dinner will be included, so please ensure that you RSVP by Monday, November 18 at noon by calling the Griffiths Park Centre at 780-725-0582. We have a lot of really fun activities to take part in."

It is free to attend and open to anyone who is interested in joining their team. It will be held on November 20, at 5:00 p.m. at the Griffiths Park Centre (5414 6 Ave).

You can also find the link to register at Edson.ca/CEAT or they can email LexiA@edson.ca.



On November 6, students at Vanier Community Catholic School spent some time reflecting on Remembrance Day. A special thank you went out to Miss Stang and Mrs. Stang for guiding students through a meaningful Remembrance Day beading activity. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener



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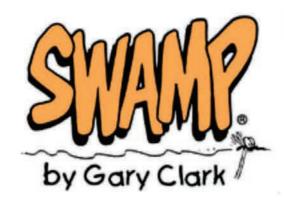
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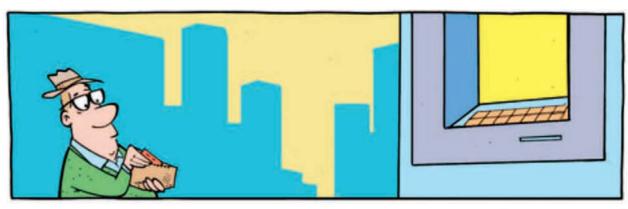
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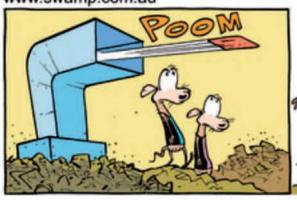
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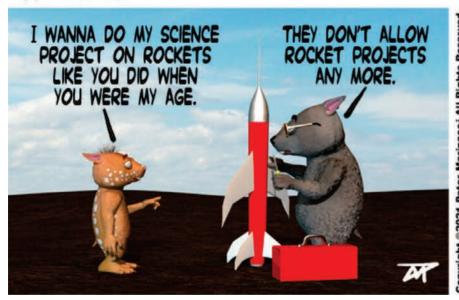


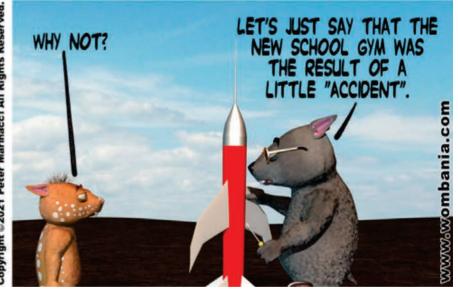


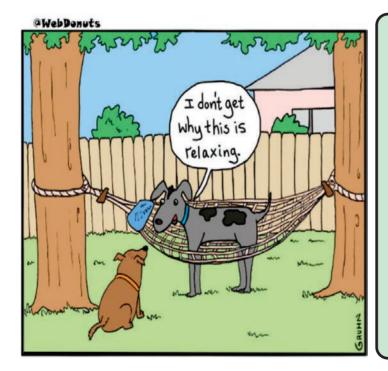


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2024 harvest wrap-up

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"While many Albertans were enjoying beautiful fall days with aboveaverage temperatures, farmers were working around the clock to get crops off their fields before the weather turned. I commend their continued dedication to growing quality crops, putting food on tables across the province and around the world.

Favourable weather conditions in August and early September allowed for a rapid start to harvest, leading to quick and efficient completion.

The final yield estimates show that while the South, North West and Peace regions were slightly above average, the yields in the Central and North East regions were below average.

Crop quality for oats and dry peas is currently exceeding the five-year average, with a higher rate of these crops grading in the top two grade categories. In contrast, spring wheat, durum, barley and canola are all grading in the top two grades at rates lower than the five-year average." *AgriNews*

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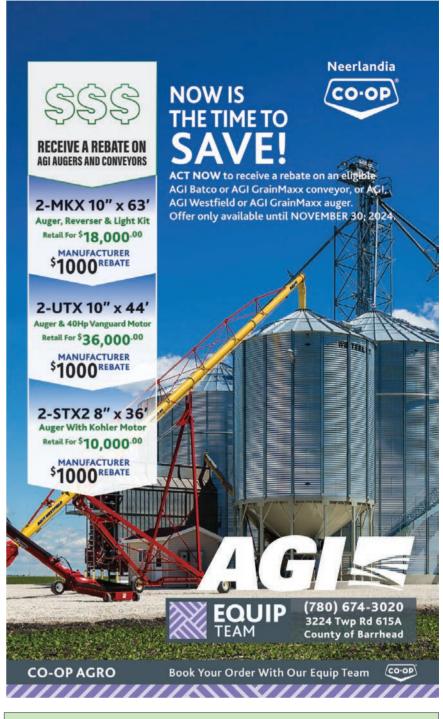
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November 21: Lite up late night Shopping.

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