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**Edson Legion commemorates Remembrance Day**

by Niki Luymes

On November 11, the Edson and area community gathered in solidarity in honour of the men and women who serve and

those that gave their lives in service of the country. Remembrance Day both commemorates the end of World War 1 on November 11, 1918, and gives Canadians a

chance to remember the price that has been paid for our freedom. In Edson the ceremony began at 10:30am with the outdoor memorial parade. The official

flag bearers led the line around the Edson Legion Branch #51 before entering in for the Remembrance Day service. This year the parade included

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Local Veterans, Legion members, and Edson Air Cadets during the March of Colours at the Remembrance Day service at the Edson Legion on November 11. photo Niki Luymes

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# ...Edson Legion Remembrance service

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representatives from the Legion, Veterans, RCMP, Edson Air Cadets, and the Edson Girl Guides. The Edson Pipes and Drums accompanied, performing traditional music throughout.

Edson Legion's 1st Vice President, Ron Ronneseth, led the ceremony which began with a welcome followed by the singing of Oh Canada. After was the Two Minutes of Silence. Legion President Wendy Williams Led the call and response.

After the performance of Amazing Grace by the Edson Pipe and Drums and the retiring of the Colour Party, Williams then gave the President's address. "Every year since 1919, at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, on the 11th month we pay respect to the brave men and women who proudly wore the uniform for defence of our great nation. We must remember their sacrifices, sacrifices that they made for us, so that we can enjoy the freedom to pursue our dreams."

Sherry Wassing, President of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary (LA), then gave the LA President's address. "I was born into freedom given to me by those who came before and sacrificed so much. I continue to live in peace, safety, and freedom because of those who continue to serve and protect."

These addresses were followed by the Laying of Wreaths. Representatives from multiple groups and organizations such as the Town of Edson, RCMP, and Edson Legion #51 all came forward one by one to place a wreath at the monument.

This was followed by the Scripture reading and prayer, led by Padre Dianne Ronneseth. Then LA Vice President Erin Wassing read aloud the traditional excerpt from 'In Flanders Fields'. The singing of 'God Save the King' and the March off of the Colours marked the end of the morning service.

For those who desired, the Legion offered an afternoon program which included a Lunch and Legion Award ceremony. The meal cost only \$10 per plate and was a great way for people to spend some time in community after the service.



The parade marked the beginning of the annual Remembrance Day Service in Edson on November 11. The parade did a loop of the block before marching into the Edson Legion for the service. photo Niki Luymes



Remembrance Day Service in Edson brought a crowd of people into the Legion Hall. The service began at 10:50am to allow for the Two Minutes of Silence. photo Niki Luymes



Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara carrying the wreath representing the Town of Edson during the Laying of Wreaths at the Remembrance Day Service in Edson. photo Niki Luymes



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# Yellowhead County Legions honour Remembrance Day

by Dana McArthur

Remembrance Day services were held in Evansburg and Wildwood on November 11 to remember and honour our Veterans.

In Wildwood, the community gathered at the Cenotaph in Veterans Park across from the Legion at 10:50 am. Past Legion President Lori Rehn welcomed the gathering and later delivered the Act of Remembrance. After the One Minute of Silence and a prayer from Chaplain Tom Myrholm, local officials laid wreaths beside the cenotaph.

After the outdoor service, the gathering including Veterans, dignitaries, Yellowhead County Fire Department, Legion and community members returned to the Legion for the remainder of the service. This was followed by a lunch and comradeship.

Wildwood student Mya Renkema did the readings for the 'Honour Roll of Dead' as well as the poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

Addresses were delivered by Yellowhead County Councillor Anthony Giezen and retired RCMP and former MP, Jim Eglinski. Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams made a very heart-warming speech, as well as played a beautiful rendition of 'Hallelujah' from his phone, performed by 1st Vice President Dave Velichko, Alberta NWT Command Council.

'Roll Call of Wreaths' was led by 2nd Vice President Barb Kjelland and 'Amazing Grace' was led by Elsie Veitch. The service concluded with 'God Save the King' led by Chaplain Tom Myrholm.

"It was such beautiful weather to mark such an absolutely beautiful day of honour at the Wildwood Legion," said Lori Rehn. "Thank you so much to our honoured Veterans, and all the volunteers that assisted in making Remembrance Day at the RCL Wildwood Br 149 a success!" Special thanks also went to the Army, Navy, Air Force, RCMP, Cadets, EMS, and Fire Fighters.

The Evansburg Legion Remembrance service began at 11am at the outdoor Cenotaph with the remainder of the service inside the Legion's Community Hall. A lasagna lunch and comradeship was available after the service, with the live band 'Flat Broke' booked for after 3pm.

(with files from Lori Rehn)



The Wildwood community gathered at the Cenotaph in Veterans Park for Remembrance Day. photos submitted



Legion Chaplain Tom Myrholm and Past President Lori Rehn during Wildwood's Remembrance Day service.



Guests at the Wildwood Remembrance Day service included Jayme Runn, James Booth, Jim Eglinski, Tom Riendeau, Evansburg RCMP Sgt Jeff Sutherland and Constable Carter Boytinck.

## Yellowhead Agricultural Society

# AGM

The Yellowhead Agricultural Society

will be holding their

### Annual AGM

### November 23, 2023

### at Pinegrove Hall

Dinner will be provided at 6:00 pm  
with the meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

We will be electing a new board of directors and executive so if you are interested in becoming involved plan to attend.

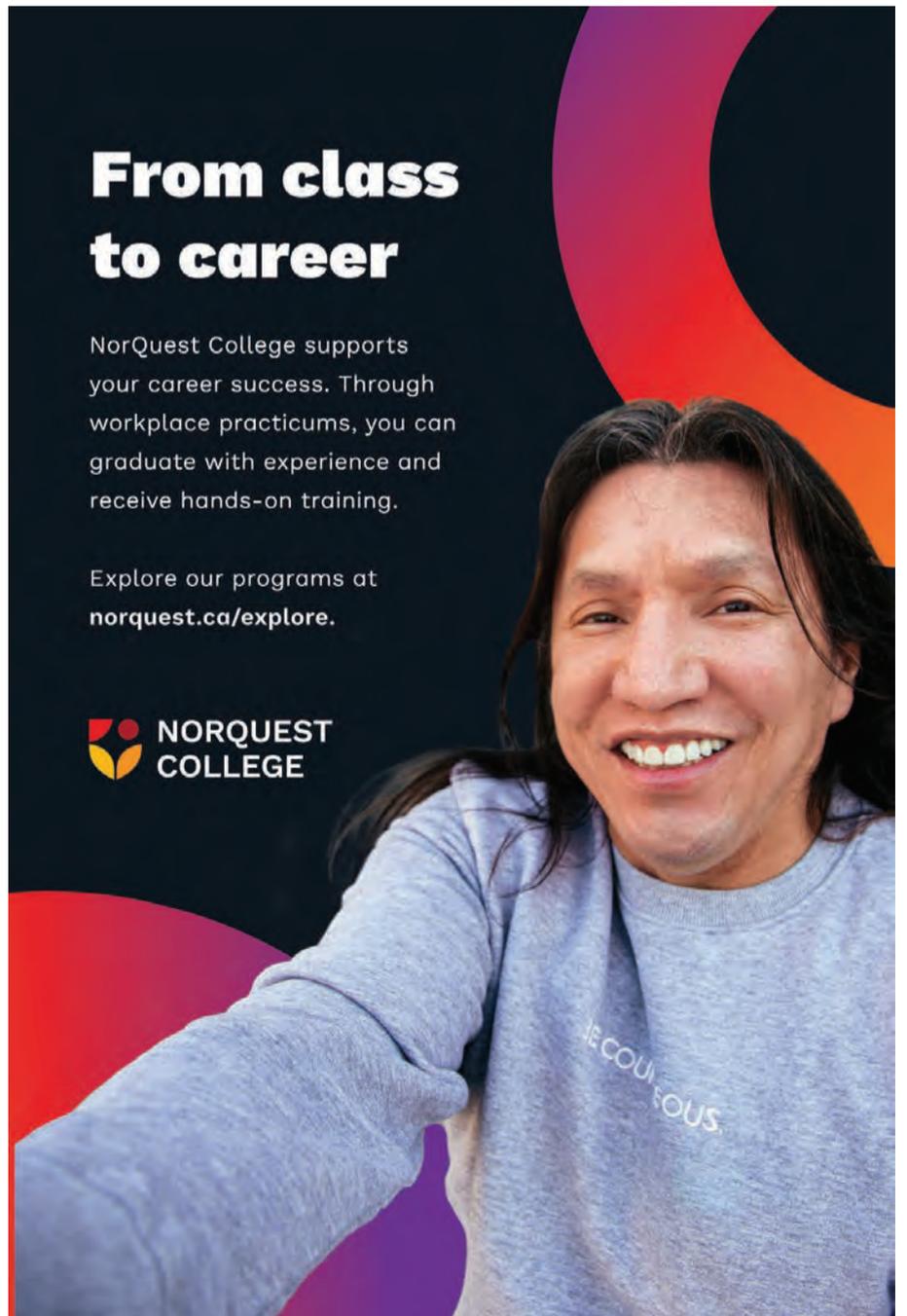
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# Red Brick hosts Annual Festival of Trees

by Niki Luymes

November 6 was the official start of the Edson Cultural Heritage Organization (ECHO) and the Red Brick's 18th Annual Festival of Trees fundraiser.

There are two parts to this event. The in person display running at the Red Brick throughout the week and the online bidding taking place from Nov. 12 to the 15. The event serves as the biggest fundraiser of the year for ECHO and also allow people to do some Christmas shopping.

The Festival features a silent auction. From November 6 to 15 anyone can stop by the Red Brick and look over the items. The official bidding began online on November 12, and closed on the 15th at 9pm. Final winners were then announced on November 16. The auction went online for the first time in 2020, which has worked well, and so continues that way for now.

This year there were over 120 items up for bid. While this included the traditional trees, there was also a wide selection of other donated items to choose from. "There were lots of awesome donations from businesses," said Kirsty Maskowitz,

Museum and Archives coordinator for the Red Brick. "It's not just trees anymore. There's lot of stuff as we take anything really."

There were 10 fully decorated trees up for auction this year. Each one will be wrapped and delivered as is to the winning bidder. These trees were decorated in a variety of styles. From the pink 'Cotton Candy' tree to the 'Rustic Cowboy' tree, there was much there to enjoy.

Like previous years, this year also had Mini Trees up for auction. Mini Trees are little trees created especially for the residents of Parkland Lodge. Bidder buys the trees, which are then donated to the lodge in their name.

Quite a few people managed to make their way over to the Red Brick to view the items. Nov. 10 alone saw over 70 people come through.



Edson Cultural Heritage Organization and the Red Brick held their 18th Annual Festival of Trees fundraiser with many people coming to view the items up for bid. photo Niki Luymes

## Letter to the Editor

## Christmas Hamper donations needed

We are writing on behalf of the Kinette Club of Edson, regarding our annual Christmas Hamper Project. We are working very hard to make Christmas a happy time for the families in our community that require some extra help. As in the past, the Kinette Club will provide food hampers to the people and families in need. These hampers contain a turkey or ham, and enough food to get them through the Christmas week. Any food left over after the hampers are given out is donated to the Edson Food Bank. Another area that we focus on is the children. We try to ensure that each

child receives a bag of toys and an age-appropriate book in hopes that they will experience the joy and excitement that the Holiday Season should bring.

Last year, with your help, we brightened Christmas for over 340 families which included over 500 children. This year we hope to raise enough money to continue to assist everyone in need.

The Christmas Hamper Project depends upon the financial contributions and generosity of Edson individuals, businesses, and organizations such as yours. If you can contribute in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. The contributions may be sent

to the address above.

We will be assembling the hampers and toy bags December 11-15, 2023. On Saturday December 16, 2023, the Hampers will be delivered.

We will be picking up Food and Toy Donations from the schools and local participating businesses on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, with our Stuff the Bus Campaign. If you require any Toys or Food to be picked up, please contact Sharon at 780-728-5160 to arrange a pick-up time, but please call before Monday December 11, 2023.

If you or anyone in your company would like to volunteer to pick up donations or deliver hampers, please contact us at the number below. All the help we can get is so greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support! Warm Regards. Kinette Club of Edson

For more information email: [edsonkinettes@gmail.com](mailto:edsonkinettes@gmail.com) or visit the Edson Kinette FB page.

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## Annual Christmas Hamper Project

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The Kinette's also try to ensure that each child receives a bag of toys and an age-appropriate book in hopes that they will experience the joy and excitement that the Holiday Season should bring.

Monetary contributions may be e-transferred to: [edsonkinettes@gmail.com](mailto:edsonkinettes@gmail.com)  
Cheques can be mailed to: Kinette Club of Edson Box 5020 Edson, AB T7E 1T3

Food and toy donations can be dropped off at participating schools and businesses including:

Ford, GM, and Dodge dealerships in Edson, all banks, all schools, Dollarama, Nova Theatre, Diana's Pets, Top Choice, Edson Public Library, Parkland Lodge, Galloway Museum, Peters & McKone, Aurora Eye Care, Red Brick, Baron Oilfield, The Other Side Hair Salon, Canadian Tire, Edson Legion, Jensen's, Walmart, Shoppers Drug, In Your Drawers, Century 21, local churches... and more.

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This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate has been found.

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division appreciates all interest in this position, however, only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.



# TOWN OF EDSON

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## Edson Snow Clearing Process and Priorities



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## Triggers

Snow removal is generally triggered when there has been a snow event of 10cm or more, or if snow and ice pack has been determined to be excessive.

\*\*No Snow Control or Ice Control will occur in school zones between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to reduce the risk of pedestrian or vehicle accidents.

**NEW FOR 2023/2024 SEASON** - The Town of Edson will be contracting out snow removal for sidewalks along 2nd and 4th Avenue this snow season. For more details on the Sidewalk, Facility, and Trail Snow and Ice Control Policy, visit our website.



[www.edson.ca/snow](http://www.edson.ca/snow)

## Priorities

**Priority 1: Emergency Access Routes** – completed within 3 days of the end of a snow event.

**Priority 2: Essential Services Routes** – completed within 5 days of the end of a snow event.

**Priority 3: Collector Routes** – completed within 6 days of the end of a snow event.

**Priority 4: Residential Routes** - completed within 21 days after all other priority routes (1-3) have been completed, unless service times and priorities are reset.

**Priority 5: Town owned or operated parking lots** – completed when time permits.

Detailed priority maps can be found on our website.



[www.edson.ca/snow](http://www.edson.ca/snow)

## Procedure

Once a Snow Event has ended, Snow Control will begin.

A grader will work approximately one (1) hour ahead of other Snow Control personnel and either:

- a) push snow into a Windrow along the centre line of the road or boulevard; or
- b) push snow into the ditch along the roadways with rural profile; or
- c) push snow onto a boulevard where it will not cause issues with motor or pedestrian traffic and not cause any issues with flooding.

The snow blower will then load windrows into tandem trucks and snow will be hauled to an authorized snow storage site.



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**Communication:** Our website and electronic signs will be used to notify the public of Snow Control for Priorities 1-3. As snow removal begins in residential neighbourhoods (Priority 4), signboards will be placed ahead of time and regular notices will be placed on the Town's website, on the Town of Edson Facebook page, and on our mobile app.

**Concerns:** Issues can also be submitted through our report-a-problem feature of our mobile app, or directly on our website at [www.edson.ca/report](http://www.edson.ca/report).

Need more details? Visit [www.edson.ca/snow](http://www.edson.ca/snow) for priority maps, snow control policies, regular updates, and more!

## NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2070 as amended, can be found at [www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications](http://www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications). Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or [engineeringandplanning@edson.ca](mailto:engineeringandplanning@edson.ca).

Any person who is deemed to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority **by 4:00 p.m., on the 21<sup>st</sup> day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website**. On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 2070. On Discretionary Uses, all aspects of the proposed development may be challenged upon appeal. Written notice of appeal, accompanied by the appeal fee as established by Town Council, must be filed through the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7. **Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.**



# Alberta Pension Plan?

According to the provincial government's figures, for decades Alberta's young working population, higher employment rates, and higher pensionable earnings have resulted in Alberta workers and businesses contributing approximately \$60 billion more into the CPP since inception than has been paid out to Albertans during that same time period.



by Dana McArthur  
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

for public engagement runs until May of 2024. "From there we're expecting to see what we have

heard, documents, and probably some recommendations that they will give back to myself, the premier, and cabinet to try to let us fully understand where people sit with this idea."

"If we find that the idea had enough support we could take the next step and take it to a referendum, but that is not certain," Horner said. He added that it could be put on a municipal ballot by October of 2025.

There is a case to be made that Albertans should not be asked to disproportionately fund retirements across the county. Besides, Ottawa certainly hasn't been doing Alberta any favours lately.

According to the StatsCan the Quebec pension plan (separate from CPP) is worth \$103 billion and the Quebec government has stated it is sustainable and profitable. Proponents state that because Quebec's population is smaller and older than Canada's, as a whole, the QPP may be costing residents up to 10% more for similar benefits.

One of the issues that may have the federal government railed up, is whether its true they have been reassuring foreign markets about its escalating debt levels by taking into account CPP's holdings. As the CPP is totally separate, this should not be taking place.

The province has since announced Bill 2, the Alberta Pension Protection Act, designed to guarantee that any assets transferred from the CPP to Alberta would need to be used to set up and operate an Alberta Pension Plan. "It could not be used for pet projects, but will be invested wisely to grow the plan and to keep it sustainable and secure for generations to come," said Alberta Finance Minister Nate Horner.

As with all investments, there are risks with the CPP and there will be risks with an APP. The savings and possible increase in benefits of an APP will be tempting to many. However, leaving the well-known CPP system may give serious concern to others.

Alberta's NDP has launched a series of its own town halls across the province in light of what they say is overwhelming public concerns with an APP.

Thankfully, as the Alberta government has stated, they will not proceed with an APP without a referendum. More information can be found at [albertapensionplan.ca](http://albertapensionplan.ca)

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The reasoning goes, that moving to an Alberta Pension Plan would end that continued over-contribution and free up those savings to benefit Alberta seniors and workers for generations.

Alberta's government recently released an independent third-party report exploring the possibility of setting up a potential Alberta Pension Plan (APP).

The report estimates that Albertans could save over \$5 billion in the first year alone by moving from the CPP to an APP. That money could be used to increase pension benefits for Alberta seniors and pay cheques for workers. This could also mean a reduction in costs for Alberta businesses.

Business owners – small, medium, or large – already match the Canada Pension Plan premiums paid by employees. An Alberta Pension Plan could reduce the premiums businesses pay by up to \$1,425 per worker, per year. The province suggests that businesses could invest that money to buy equipment or hire more employees.

According to the report, the Alberta Pension Plan would be more stable than the current Canada Pension Plan. An APP with an initial asset transfer from the CPP of approximately \$334 billion, would have a much bigger pool of assets compared to its expenditures (benefits for seniors) than would the CPP by comparison. An APP would also have portability like the Quebec Pension Plan does.

There's a lot of debate regarding the \$334 billion estimate, and until talks take place with the federal government, the exact amount is unknown. While the CPP agreement does allow for a province to withdraw, none have ever done so, so the exact application of the rules are also still to be tested.

A provincial panel is currently undertaking a series of regional telephone town halls to provide Albertans the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts. There is a "listen live" feature for anyone not participating directly in the calls.

During a Rural Media Roundtable with Minister Nate Horner recently, he stated that the expected timeline

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Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
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
D23-143	SW-29-53-11-W5 Cold Creek Area	Work Camp (Bunkhouse) Discretionary	Nov 3/23	Nov 24/23
D23-146	Plan 7622234 Blk 2, Lot 7 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Entry & Covered Deck & Attached Garage	Nov 9/23	Permitted Use

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**Unique display of over 5000 hand-crocheted poppies at Galloway**

This Remembrance Day, the Galloway Station Museum is proud to unveil a unique display featuring over 5000 hand-crocheted poppies made by talented local artist Rhonda Dick.

The poppy is a well-known yet powerful symbol of Remembrance, commemorating the courageous men and women who died protecting our country.

During the First World War, millions of soldiers saw the bright colour of the poppies as a morale boost amongst the bleak and barren landscape of the Western Front. The war-torn landscape, disturbed by artillery bombardments, infused the chalk soils with lime, thus creating the perfect growing condition for these resilient flowers. Many soldiers plucked the poppies and pressed them into letters to send to their loved ones at home as a symbol of hope.

The inspiration for the use of the poppy stemmed from one of the most well-known poems about war: 'In Flanders Field'. Penned by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae in 1915, the poem was written following the funeral of a friend and fellow soldier who perished in battle.

The Great War was documented in a way no other war had been before. The atrocities of the war, such as the use of chemical warfare, affected the mood of the public and for this reason, 'In Flanders Fields' resonated with them. The poem served as an inspiration for Madame Anna Guerin of France, who created fabric poppies to raise funds for her charity that worked to rebuild war-torn regions of France. Guerin later presented her concept to France's allies, which included the Great War Veteran's Association (the precursor to the Royal Canadian Legion). The poppy was adopted as the Association's official Flower of Remembrance in 1921.

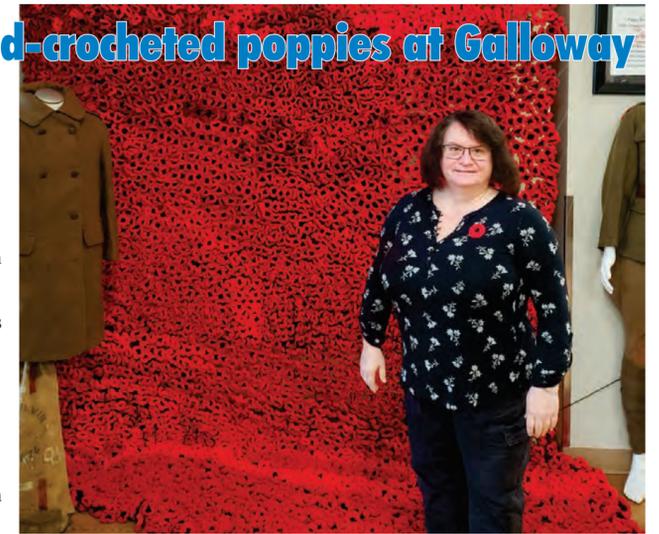
Today, millions of Canadians wear the poppy as a pledge to never forget those who served and sacrificed their lives in the war. The poppy is also a symbol for the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Campaign, which raises funds to support veterans and their families.

Inspired by the impressive poppy displays seen in England, local artist Rhonda Dick began crocheting poppies near the end of April to be used for the Galloway Station Museum's annual Remembrance Day Display. "I saw a picture online of what they are doing in England and overseas...and I thought it would be a nice backdrop for [the museum's] display," said Rhonda.

With yarn contributions and help from North Armour, Diane Skimming, Marg Kearse, Charl McPherson and Nancy Walters, Rhonda managed to crochet 5000+ poppies in only six months. The poppies were then affixed to a mesh net one by one, resulting in an impressive 13-foot display of a sea of red. In addition to the traditional red poppy, Rhonda also crocheted several purple poppies to commemorate the animals that were victims of the war, as well as a few black poppies to honor the Indigenous, African, West Indian and Caribbean people who lost their lives in service to the country.

The poppies were displayed at the Galloway Station Museum during the week leading up to Remembrance Day. Alongside the display were authentic WWI artifacts, including war medals and uniforms, along with a video of Edson's own fallen soldiers supplemented with a devastating oral war story.

The Galloway Station Museum would like to thank Rhonda and her helpers for their hard work on this touching memorial. If you missed the display this year, be sure to stop by the museum in November 2024 to see it with your own eyes!



Talented local artist Rhonda Dick beside her 5000 hand-crocheted poppies.

~ Obituary ~

**Jan Bjerne Beck Madsen**

December 14, 1954 - August 23, 2023



It is with sadness that the family of Jan Bjerne Beck Madsen announce his passing on August 23, 2023.

Jan was born on December 14, 1954. He will be missed by his wife Donna, children, brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts and many friends.

Jan worked at Weyerhaeuser for many years. Some of his loves were to fix cars/trucks, build their family homes and renovating. Friends and family will miss Jan's love of arguing about politics.



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# County not included in Drought Livestock Assistance Program

by Dana McArthur

On October 20, the governments of Alberta and Canada announced they are providing \$165 million to support livestock producers affected by drought and extreme growing conditions.

Funding for this joint AgriRecovery initiative is cost-shared through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), with the federal government providing \$99 million and Alberta's government providing \$66 million. Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) will administer the program.

Livestock producers with grazing animals will be able to apply for financial support to cover losses they incurred to manage and maintain their breeding herds. For example, eligible producers could access up to \$150 per head for breeding animals. However, Yellowhead County residents are not currently included in the programs.

During the Yellowhead County Council meeting on November 14, Jennifer Benson, the County's Agricultural Services Supervisor, stated, "The province, through AFSC (Alberta Financial Services Corporation), announced a 2023 Canada/Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance Program, Opening November 1. At the same time, the 2023 AgriRecovery Tax Deferral Program-Livestock Producers was also released. Neither of these programs include Yellowhead County residents."

"While the AgriRecovery Program considers forage yields, spring moisture, and summer rainfalls, the preliminary map shows that Yellowhead County producers will not be included in this program," said Benson. "The Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance Program has already eliminated Yellowhead County residents based on drought projections made by experts and supplemented by Alberta Government weather stations placed throughout Alberta."

"I'm sure I don't have to tell any of you how hard this spring, summer, and fall have been for our producers. Last winter, we effectively had a drought with very little precipitation," said Benson. "There was no moisture in the spring of 2023. Drought conditions led to the 2023 fires that played out in Yellowhead County. Some of our residents were evacuated from their homes for days. Some of them for weeks; and this happened multiple times."

"Hayfields and pastures burned. Producers had an inability to seed or fertilize until late June because of the evacuations, fires, and road closures. Pasture land was destroyed because the fire itself either burned the pasture or removed kilometres upon kilometres of fences. Smoke hindered the growth of pasture and haylands. Producers experienced two cycles of grasshoppers; arguably three. When the rain did come in the end of June, it came so fast and heavy that overland flooding was a result. High temperatures in the latter part of the summer continued to impede growth," Benson concluded.

On November 2, an email survey was sent to Agricultural Service Board (ASB) members asking if they support a letter being presented to Council—they unanimously agreed.

"I am asking that Yellowhead County Council approve sending a letter to the Ministry of Agricultural and Irrigation asking for Yellowhead County to be included in the 2023 Drought Livestock Assistance Program and the 2023 AgriRecovery Tax Deferral Program as presented," said Benson. Councillor Ken Groat made the motion.

Councillor Shawn Berry said, "Our Ag producers were hard hit this year. I don't think I've seen anything quite like this before, especially with the fires on top of it. I really hope the Alberta government cooperates with us and working with our producers."

Councillor David Russell said, "When I read what you [Benson] had presented to us that the Canadian drought monitor has excluded central

Alberta, including Yellowhead County, and deemed that area not analyzed, to me, it spoke that they made a decision based on no facts and no data. I know of two producers in my area that received cattle from southern Alberta because of the droughts. They had no pastures left, so they moved their cattle all the way up to my area. And partway through the summer, they had to find another home for them again as there was no grass for them here. So if that isn't an indication of drought, I don't know what is."

The motion was carried unanimously.

**Ravine Community Hall** – Council approved a request for funding from the Ravine Community Association for \$27,000 to upgrade kitchen facilities to bring them to CSA standards so they can resume commercial use. The Ravine Community Association is contributing \$21,000 along with donated labour and materials to match the Community Hall Capital Assistance Grant.

In loving Memory  
of my husband and  
best friend,  
**Peter Setzer**  
Who passed away  
November 18, 2011



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Until we meet again,  
Lovingly remembered,  
Mildred



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## Thank-You!



The family of Donald Smith would like to send a big thank you to Dr. Odendaal, Dr. Oishi, and the many nurses who helped care for him in his final days at the Edson Hospital.

We would also like to thank everyone who was able to come to his Memorial Service, especially those who helped provide food for the luncheon.

Thank you everyone for your support during this very difficult time.

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Nov 25: Country Dance Night - Couples or Singles 7:00pm - 10:00pm Galloway Station Museum

November 25: Niton Jam at Niton Community Hall 1:00-5:00pm

December 1: Santa Parade starts at 6pm in Edson.

December 14: Nite Owl Sale in Edson

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**A** Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

## Wetlands spontaneously forming in reclaimed oil sands boreal forest

### *Wetlands and peatlands are a crucial part of the boreal forest ecosystem*

By Will Gibson

A zoologist by training, Jan Ciborowski has spent more than three decades wading through wetlands in the Great Lakes and northeastern Alberta. During that time, he has come to appreciate how nature can change the best-laid plans of even the smartest scientists and engineers.

Ciborowski and a team of undergraduate and graduate students are now studying a recently documented phenomenon that highlights nature's guiding hand: spontaneous wetlands forming in reclaimed areas in the oil sands.

These so-called "opportunistic wetlands" began developing on oil sands sites reclaimed and planted to become forests decades ago at Suncor Energy's Base Mine and Syncrude's Mildred Lake Mine north of Fort McMurray.

"Up to 18 percent of the reclaimed area expected to become forests have seen wetlands spontaneously forming. We are investigating whether they are likely to persist and forecast whether they will be able to sustain themselves," says Ciborowski, who has held the NSERC/COSIA Industrial Research Chair in Oilsands Wetlands Reclamation at the University of Calgary's Department of Biological Sciences since 2019.

"We can make forecasts about what will develop over hundreds of years when you

reclaim an area, but it's not in our hands. Nature makes those decisions."

Wetlands and peatlands are a crucial part of the boreal forest's ecosystem, serving as vital habitat to hundreds of species of wildlife, including waterfowl, songbirds, and mammals such as beaver and moose. They act like sponges, absorbing precipitation and run-off that prevents flooding, and providing water during dry periods to the surrounding upland forests. Peatlands also serve as sinks to store carbon.

Because oil sands companies are legally committed to reclaim their leases to a status equivalent to prior to disturbance, they benefit from wetlands on their reclaimed sites.

The two oldest mining operations – Suncor's Base Mine and Syncrude's Mildred Lake Mine – have constructed man-made wetlands on reclaimed sites, where the companies have conducted research.

This is why the presence of opportunistic wetlands, which have been forming on their own, have created a great deal of interest within the industry.

Ciborowski's team is studying 120 wetlands in the region ranging from two to 40 years of age. Half are on reclaimed oil sands sites and the other half are not.

"These are all very young compared to mature peatlands that have taken hundreds of years to develop. We are monitoring water quantity, water quality, landscape disturbance, and the colonizing plants and animals to understand how conditions develop and to forecast wetlands' succession," he says.

Outside of the oil sands, opportunistic wetlands can form when water balances change after forest fires consume the trees or when beaver activity causes ponds to start forming.

"These can be our frame of reference for comparison with the wetlands forming on reclaimed landscapes. The real challenge is being able to understand whether those wetlands will remain when the trees grow to maturity," he says.

While it is hard to forecast the future for opportunistic wetlands, Ciborowski has seen how early studies have influenced the science of reclamation and practices within the industry.

"What's exciting about our work is we've gathered experts in a number of different disciplines – hydrology, geosciences, plant ecology, aquatic ecology to name a few – to work together on reclamation science. My belief in research is that collaboration is crucial. One can't expect to find the necessary breadth of expertise to do it in a single lab."

*Will Gibson is the Principal with Will Gibson Consulting Limited in Edmonton, Alta.*

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### Event Reminders

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**A** Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

## Coal still has a valuable place in the energy mix

**Coal is the unjustly vilified energy source that's here to stay**

By Ian Madsen

The Climate Apocalypse alarmists look more than a little discredited with their claims of solar and wind energy reliability and low cost, global warming escalation, and more frequent extreme weather events.

Their ultimate warning that life on earth is on the brink of extinction due solely to human-generated carbon dioxide emissions appears far-fetched and is likely an exaggeration. It is high time we revisit the very source of energy that has been most vilified: coal.

Coal is the cheapest of all energy sources on a full-cost basis – not the misleading 'levelized cost' often cited, which conveniently leaves out essential factors. Coal is flexible to electrical demand fluctuations and is the most globally abundant fuel.

According to the International Energy

Agency (IEA), coal is projected to generate more electricity in 2040 than all new renewable technologies, excluding hydro, combined. The IEA estimates that by 2040, there will be 730 gigawatts of new High-Efficiency Low Emission (HELE) coal plants, primarily located in developing countries.

In terms of efficiency, the average coal-fired power plant operates at 33 percent efficiency. However, state-of-the-art ultra-supercritical coal plants boast efficiencies of up to 45 percent, and advancements in technology could see this number rise to 50 percent by the end of the decade.

The IEA and other bodies project that the vast majority of new energy supply will come from coal-fired plants, with nuclear a distant second. Solar, wind, and other renewables are escalating but are still a relatively small proportion of overall supply. This is mainly because of the vast areas required and the high cost of either energy storage – batteries, usually – or baseload power needed to make them at least tolerably semi-reliable.

The benefits of coal are numerous. It is energy-dense, subsidy-free, relies on proven technology and can be easily transported via existing railways. Additionally, coal is abundant in countries that are not hostile, and existing shipping capacity makes it easy to export to allied nations. The reliance on unstable petro-regimes in

Russia and the Middle East has proven to be unwise.

The impact of energy use in Canada, America, and Europe on greenhouse gas emissions is minimal, and the demonization of CO2 – a gas essential for plant life – and coal is misguided.

Natural gas, nuclear energy, oil, and coal all have vital roles to play in sustaining human civilization, until such time as fusion or other innovative technologies become viable alternatives.

Ian Madsen is the Senior Policy Analyst at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy.

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## Edson Legion installs new flag poles around Cenotaph

by Niki Luymes

On November 11, the Edson Legion celebrated Remembrance Day in traditional fashion. Along side this event the Legion proudly revealed some upgrades to the Cenotaph located at the end of the Legion parking lot. These upgrades included new flag poles and new landscaping around the base.

"This project was truly a community project, with 109 hours of Legion member volunteer labour, and the generous contributions of 10 local businesses," said project manager and Legion member Ian McGill. These contributions included both material for the project and hours of labour spent bringing it together.

"The generosity and efforts of all involved made this valuable addition to Edson possible," added McGill. The Legion would like to thank the following business:

- Baron Concrete for labour and materials.
- Carry Picker Services for crane

services.

- Edson Concrete for materials.,
- KSM construction LTD for bobcat work and trucking.
- Mountainside Sales and Rentals for equipment.
- Popular Place trailer court for equipment.
- Rack Creek Construction for discounted materials.
- Steelworks Manufacturing for welding and hauling.
- Jim Timchuck Excavating for backhoe use.
- Yellowhead Coring and Cutting for donated labour and materials.

This upgrade brings a much needed update to the Legion Cenotaph. There are now flags flying alongside the monument including the Canadian, Alberta, and Legion flag. "It's amazing when you get the community together, how much can be done," said McGill.

These changes are hopefully only the beginning, with plans to possibly add a bench in the spring.

*(Thank-you space provided by The Weekly Anchor)*



*The Cenotaph by the Edson Legion was upgraded and now features three new flags and shale landscaping. All the work was done by dedicated volunteers, who came together to make the project possible. photo Niki Luymes.*



## Edson Craft Centre Celebrates 70 Years as a Society

by Annette McGill, Education Coordinator Edson Craft Centre

The Edson Craft Centre Potter's guild (ECC) will soon be reaching a milestone; celebrating 70 years as a society. All told, the story of the ECC is a story to be proud of, a story of dedicated volunteers continually giving time, talent and funds to support a cause they believed in and which enriched themselves, as well as the community of Edson.

### THE EARLY BEGINNING

In the early 1950's a letter was provided by the Dept. of Recreation to the Edson Public Library offering a six-week course in Pottery, Leather and Woodwork for a cost of \$25. The letter was received with much enthusiasm and after many arrangements were made, the Pottery course was held in the basement of the 'old' Medical Centre, the Leather Course in the Library and Woodworking in the School Division workshop. Once classes were completed, a great interest was shown in continuing the newly learned 'crafts'. Enquiries were sent to the Provincial Dept. of Cultural Affairs. The reply was most encouraging: if Edson supplied a permanent location and registered under the Societies Act, the Province would provide \$1,500 worth of equipment, repayable by way of annual payments of \$250 for 6 years. Additionally, the Department supplied two instructors for 6 weeks for several years. The Edson Craft Centre was incorporated under the Societies Act on December 9, 1953. The people signing the original document were Myrtle Madge, Frances Mahon, Joe Klikach, Lily Seldon and Louise Buck.

### A NEW HOME

In 1956 the Edson Craft Centre was given two old buildings, one which

was originally constructed in the 1920's and the other the former Boy Scouts Hall. Finally, the ECC had its own home. Funds were raised to make much needed repairs to insulate the building, repair the floor and paint inside and out. For quite some time the building was heated by a pot-bellied stove. Potters often returned to the shop to find their previous day's work ruined by freezing. Eventually, a gas furnace and running water were installed. Edson clay, mixed with a commercial clay was used for most projects in the early years. The ECC offered courses to adults and young people, with Pottery and Weaving proving most popular. However, other courses included Basketry, Copper-tooling, Leather-tooling, Millinery and Jewellery. Craft activities were centered in these two buildings until January, 1981 when the present Edson and District Public Library and Arts and Crafts Centre opened. The old Edson Craft Centre building was demolished on January 10, 1981.

### THE EDSON CRAFT CENTRE TODAY

The Edson Craft Centre today is a non-profit community potter's studio, situated in the Edson & District Public Library. With the assistance of several grants throughout the years, the Edson Craft Centre has been able to purchase and upgrade equipment within the facility. The studio features many items including: 3 kilns, 6 electric wheels, glaze sprayer and compressor, slab roller, clay storage shelving, and various tools and equipment items necessary in the operation of the studio. Currently, the studio is temporarily closed as the renovations of the Library and Pottery area proceed.

### STUDIO MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Once the studio re-opens after renovations, it will again offer

memberships to the studio facility upon completion of the Beginners Pottery Program. Pottery Courses and Instruction to the community are offered through adult classes, workshops and children's group classes. Several local Pottery Exhibits and Sales are held annually.

Over the years, the Edson Craft Centre has diversified in its methods of 'pottery in the making'. Members have expanded their craft to include new glazing and decorating techniques; working with a variety of

clays, and the art of Raku firing. The Edson Craft Centre is known throughout the province for the caliber of its artisans.

It is hoped that our founding members would be proud of the place the Edson Craft Centre holds in the community of Edson. Pottery is an exciting leisure activity and a fascinating adventure for the young and elder alike. It is an absorbing craft which the ECC hopes to offer to the community of Edson for many years to come.

### ~ Obituary ~

#### Leanne Saulnier (Einarson)

Leanne Saulnier (Einarson), 58, of Niton Junction, Alberta, passed away at the Edson Healthcare Centre on November 07, 2023 after a long battle with kidney disease. She will be forever loved by her husband Wayne of 36 years; her children: Michelle Saulnier of Edson, AB; Justine Saulnier of Edson, AB; and Duane Saulnier of Niton Junction, AB. She will also be remembered by Wayne's Dad Joseph & Faye Saulnier of Murfreesboro, TN USA; brother Danny Einarson: sister-in-law Cary Hipkin and family; sister-in-law Tammy (Lanny) Solem and family; sister-in-law Mary Plante; and multiple aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Leanne was born in Saskatoon on July 05, 1965 to Arlin & Elsie Einarson. The family moved to Chauvin, AB when they bought and managed a hotel there. Once Leanne graduated from high school she moved to Edmonton, and worked in an office. She was planning to go to law school but after coming to Edson from Edmonton to see a friend, Leanne met Wayne, and they fell in love and were married on February 14, 1987. At first they lived in Edson, but later moved to Niton Junction where they now have the family farm.

Leanne enjoyed her work at the Parkland Lodge with all the staff, and she especially liked spending time talking with all of the seniors'. She was very passionate about gardening, sewing and crafting, and spending time with her family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2023 @ 2 p.m. at the Baptist Church in Edson, AB. The address is: 4717 9 Ave Edson, AB. Refreshments to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada 11227 Jasper Ave #202 Edmonton, AB T5K 0L5, in memory of Leanne Saulnier



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# HRH Drama Dept excited to perform Miracle on 34th Street

(HRH) November is here and the fall season is slowly slipping away as we enter into winter and that can only mean that things are heating up in the world of the Holy Redeemer Drama Department as tickets are officially on sale for their 2023 main stage production of Miracle on 34th Street (plus The Grinch).

“Our students have been working incredibly hard on this production,” says Drama Teacher Peter Taylor. “Some of the actors have been rehearsing up to three or four times a week in preparation for the run of performances at the end of the month.”

Over 40 grade 7 to 12 students will take part in the production. The play is based off of the 1947 movie of the same name, but it will take place in modern day New York City. Not only will the play have the same magic and belief in the Christmas spirit as the film, but it will also feature a very special Grinch featurette. “People have been asking how we will incorporate The Grinch into our show,” says Taylor. “Well, you’ll just have to buy a ticket and find out.”

The students are set to perform the play eight times over a four day period. Five of the performances will be for the general public. Showtimes will be at 7 pm from November 29th to December 2nd, plus a special 2 pm matinee on December 2nd. The other three performances will be for the local school community such as Vanier and Mary Bergeon,” says Taylor. “We always love welcoming the many schools in our community to join us.” All performances will be at the Red Brick Arts Centre.

Tickets for the play will be \$10 each and available at the school office by calling 780-723-7437. More information on the show can be found on the school’s website, holyredeemerhigh.ca. In past years, HRH plays have sold out fast, but COVID certainly slowed things down,

so be sure to call for tickets as there will likely be some for sale over the next few weeks. But don’t wait too long, or they will all be gone.

As the students continue to rehearse, they become extremely excited to hear that the show is only weeks away. “It’s crazy to believe that we’ve been working on this show for the past month and a half, but here we are,” says grade 10 student Hayden Greiner, who will play Kris Kringle. “Every time it’s mentioned how many days we have until showtime, everyone gets even more excited.”

For some students, this play will be bittersweet as this will be their last main stage play at HRH because they are graduating at the end of the year. “This is my last big play,” says grade 12 student Delaney Kuilboer, who will play The Grinch. “I couldn’t ask for a better part in my final show. I really want to do this character justice.” Other grade 12 students who will be singing their swan song are Aisha Bartolay (Ms Sawyer), Kensley Bodner (Bag Lady), Hayley Pardy (Judge Harper), Cassie Squire (Doris Walker), and Dylan Watson (Fred Gayley).

The play has already garnered a lot of community support from local businesses through sponsorship donations. Thus far, the major sponsors of the play are Bannister Edson, Canadian Tire, Chyln Safety Services Ltd, Jensen’s Lifestyle Clothing, Weyerhaeuser, and Wild Rows Pump and Compression. The Drama Department is still collecting sponsors and if any business is interested, please contact Mr. Taylor at the school.

With that, we hope to see everyone buying their tickets as these young actors look forward to seeing you at the show.

If you would like more information on this article please feel free to contact the school at 780-723-7437 or holyredeemerhigh.ca. Feel free to visit our social media pages.



The cast and crew of Holy Redeemer’s main stage production of Miracle on 34th Street (plus The Grinch) are extremely excited to announce that tickets are now on sale. The show runs from November 29 to December 2. Call HRH for tickets and information. Here, the main cast of the show are all smiles in preparation for the big event. submitted

## Remembrance Service visits Lodge

by Deanna Mitchener

On November 11 members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, Edson Pipes and Drums, and members from Town Council made their way over to see the many seniors at Parkland Lodge on November 11.

The visit and performance by the Edson Pipe and Drums were very appreciated by the seniors.

To understand a bit of the history of bagpipes, a piper has been understood for years to be a symbol of Scottish patriotism, a fierce and brave fighter, and a cultural icon. Seeing the piper on the front lines of the First World War had the effect of energizing the soldiers and lifting morale.

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