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On November 11, the Remembrance Day Parade marches past the cenotaph at Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51. photo Dawn Olsvik

EDSON REMEMBERS

by Dawn Olsvik

The 2022 Remembrance Day Service at the Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51 in Edson was once again held inside the auditorium. After the traditional parade, around 300 people attended the service including Veterans, service groups, and families.

The color party was led by Sergeant-at-arms John Wesley Coes. At 11:00 am the last post was played by Ryan Wensing, followed by Two Minutes of Silence. Branch President, Wendy Williams then recited the Act of Remembrance, "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn; At the going down of the sun, and in the morning: We will remember them." The crowd responded, "We will remember them."

The program also included addresses from Branch President Wendy Williams and Ladies Auxiliary President Sherry Wassing. The Lament and Amazing Grace were performed by the Edson Pipe and Drums. Laying of the wreaths took place at the inside Cenotaph – with the participants being escorted by Legion representatives and members of the 874 Tiger Moth Cadet Squadron. RCMP Chaplain Brian Walter did the scripture reading, followed by a prayer read by Ladies Auxiliary member Erin Wassing. Erin Wassing also read the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. The official service ended with the singing of God Save the King, a first for many present, and the marching off of the colors.

First Vice President, Bobbi Foulds said, "Today we stand in recognition of those who have gone

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Following the service, a delegation from the Legion went to Parkland Lodge for a brief service and a march through at the Edson Continuing Care Center.

The afternoon program included a catered lunch and speakers as well as presentations by the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary. Representatives of federal, provincial and local government addressed the attendees.

Janet Wilkinson who was representing our local MP Gerald Soroka, commented, "This Remembrance Day ceremony was so very well organized and gave us time to reflect on how truly blessed we are as Canadians. Our thanks to all who have fought for this freedom as well as to the peacekeepers who are assuring this in the future."

"It was great to see Edsonites of all ages taking part in the ceremonies," said Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

"With the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the ceremony hits much closer to home for many. We shall never forget the sacrifices so many have made for the freedoms we enjoy today. Thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion and all the volunteers who organized the November 11th ceremony."

Yellowhead County Deputy Mayor Dawn Mitchell spoke on behalf of the county. Mitchell is also the secretary/treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Donations to the Parkland Lodge Auxiliary were presented by the Branch as well as the Ladies Auxiliary to representative Ivan Strang. Strang also spoke on behalf of MLA Martin Long.

Service pins were awarded to members with length of service ranging from 5 – 55 years. Wally Coes was the recipient of a 55-year pin.

The final award of the day was the Legionnaire of the year. This award went to Ryan DeRoche. Candidates for this award are nominated by members and chosen by a committee. The candidate should be a member in good standing that has shown exemplary commitment to the branch, going above and beyond their contributing duties. First VP Foulds said, "He is an executive member. He's been helping with the catering, kitchen, repairs and maintenance as well as helping with any portfolios and general branch duties. He just always shows a positive outlook and sense of humor."



Ramona, Stella, Maggie, and Olivia of the Edson Girl Guides took part in the wreath-laying ceremony on Remembrance Day at the Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51 in Edson, escorted by Ladies Auxilliary Sergeant-at-arms, Marty-Jo Beier. photo Dawn Olsvik

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Edson and area gathers for Remembrance



Remembrance Day Parade marched down Edson's Main Street over to the Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51 on November 11. photo Dawn Olsvik



Harold "Dan" L'Hirondelle holding The Metis Veteran pin, gifted from the Aboriginal Veterans Association of Alberta. First VP Bobbi Foulds presented the pin on Remembrance Day to recognize his service. photo Dawn Olsvik

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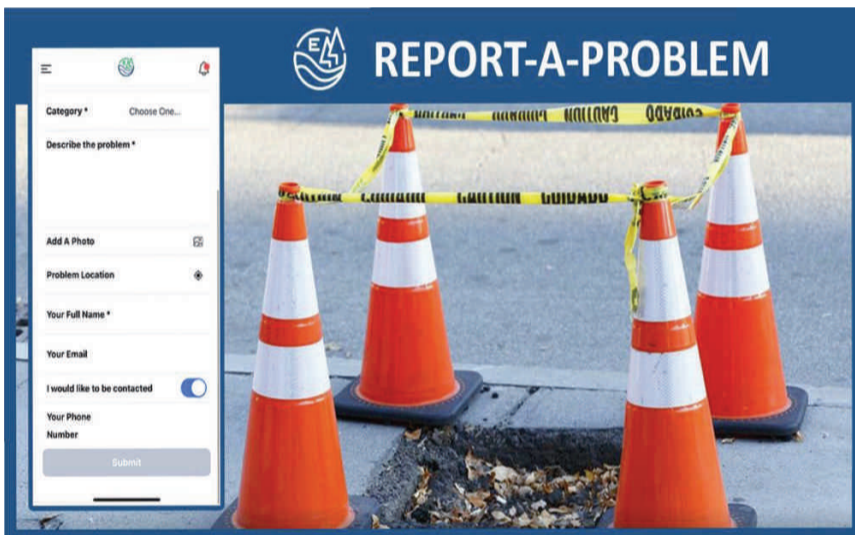
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Edson and District Leisure Centre Pool Update



Please note that the pool begins cooling Wednesday Nov. 23rd and closed Nov. 26th & 27th for the annual Edson Orca's Swim Meet.

*** Drop in Parent & Tot class is cancelled for Nov. 25th.**



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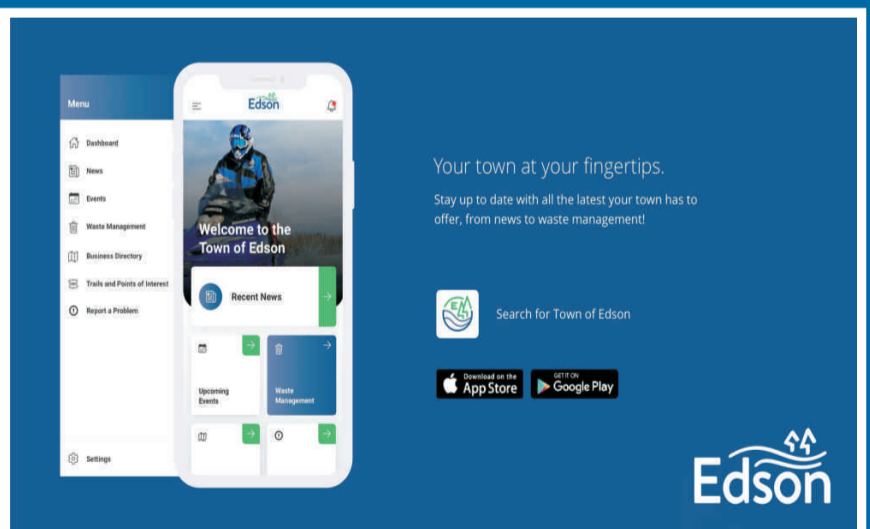
Available on our website (www.edson.ca/report) and on our mobile app, this is the best way to get your issue heard by the right people in a timely manner.

The Report-a-Problem feature allows you to choose your category, add a photo/location of the concern, and decide if you would like a follow up email as well.

This also acts as an issue tracking system for the Town of Edson, meaning we can pull reports on what areas of town are experiencing the most issues and this helps us determine priorities for things like snow removal. utility work. roads, and other areas of concern.

We encourage all residents to use this new tool to help streamline our issues management and tracking process!

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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. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or 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 21st 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.**

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Cyberbullying still on the rise...

The longer a child is bullied, the more likely they are to develop physical, emotional, and psychological scars that can last a lifetime.



From the Publisher's Desk
Dana McArthur
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

In spite of the fact that nearly half of teens have been victims of some form of cyberbullying, and

88% have witnessed online attacks toward others —many parents are not aware of the full extent of the problem.

Research from the Light organization and others shows cyberbullying has increased as much as 70% over recent years. They also found a 40% increase in toxicity on online gaming platforms, and a 900% increase in hate speech on 'social' apps like Twitter.

With a growing number of Alberta students are home sick with the flu, COVID-19 or RSV, and cases are trend upwards. This is putting everyone, including students, on edge. The result is that hostility toward others tends to increase along with the self-defensive behaviours that often feed into and escalate cyberbully attacks.

Laws are slowly catching up to technology, and some forms of online bullying are now considered criminal acts. Under the Criminal Code of Canada, it is a crime to communicate repeatedly with someone if your communication causes them to fear for their own safety or the safety of others.

However, with kids online more than ever before, the best way right now to put an end to cyberbullying is to tell a trusted adult, parent, caregiver, or teacher it happening.

The Bullying Helpline (1-888-456-2323) is available 24/7 in over 170 languages.

With Anti-Bullying initiatives taking place throughout November, it's time to promote awareness and understanding of bullying, its forms, and its impacts.

Bullying is a conscious, wilful, deliberate, hostile, and repeated behaviour by one or more people, which is intended to harm others. It can take on many forms including physical, emotional, gender, verbal, cyber, peer exclusion, and more.

According to Bullying Canada, "Bullying can be devastating —leaving children withdrawn, shy, and insecure. Kids frequently suffer stomach aches, headaches, panic attacks, and nightmares. They can become unable to sleep – or may sleep too much. They often do poorly in school due to loss of focus and confidence or erratic attendance as they try to escape the bullying. When unrelenting, bullying can even lead children to take their own lives. Bullying also hurts bystanders, who may become fearful that they will also be victimized."

The devastating impact of cyberbullying is that there's no reprieve. Cyberbullying is available for the whole world to see. It transcends school buildings and can follow a victim even after they have moved, enrolled in a new school, or started a new job. This type of bullying has no physical boundaries.

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D22-179	Plan 7921360 Blk 3, Lot 8 SW-29-53-15-W5 Pinedale Estates	Existing Addition to Accessory Building Garage (Carport) and Existing Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Covered Veranda)	Nov 3/22
D22-182	NW-10-53-15-W5 Wolf Creek/Pinedale Area	Outdoor Storage-Discretionary Use	Nov 3/22
D22-180	Plan 1022047 Blk 6, Lot 12 SW-15-50-27-W5 Brule	Single Detached Dwelling with Accessory Building (Garage)- Variance for Front Yard Location	Nov 4/22
D22-181	Plan 1922639 Blk 3, Lot 4 NW-11-51-26-W5 Hinton Area	Two Secondary Suites-Internal	Nov 4/22

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WHAT TO KNOW: As part of a province-wide initiative, Starting January 1, 2023, Ag jugs will no longer be accepted at Yellowhead County Transfer Stations: Peers, Parkcourt (Evansburg), and Wildwood.

Remember to get a free Cleanfarms collection bag when the product is picked up or delivered, and then:

- 1. Rinse**
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 - Remove paper booklets, and discard
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- 3. Return for recycling**
 - Return rinsed and bagged jugs to your participating ag retailer
- 4. Seed treatment containers**
 - Caps are to remain securely ON
 - Place in a separate collection bag (seed treatment containers are processed separately from chemical containers and need to be kept in their own bags)



All Yellowhead County municipal Ag Jug collection locations will stop taking jugs by December 31, 2022.

More info is available at <https://cleanfarms.ca/mb-ab-jug-transition/>

Yellowhead County EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Emergency Dispatcher (Casual and Full-Time)

LOCATION: Edson, AB
COMPETITION NO. 22-040

Under the direction of the Dispatch Supervisor, the 911 Dispatcher is responsible for 911 Call answer services, Dispatch Services and after-hours communications for Yellowhead County staff, partner municipalities and contracted clients.

The hourly rate range for the casual emergency dispatcher position is \$25.28 to \$27.52. The salary range for the full-time emergency dispatcher position is \$56,930 to \$72,065.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply please submit resumes online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until filled.

Please specify within your cover letter whether you are interested in the casual or full-time position. We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

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Email: jobs@yhcounty.ca

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Yellowhead County EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Firefighter

LOCATION: Evansburg, AB
COMPETITION NO. 22-039

Under the general direction of the Director of Protective Services and reporting to the Fire Chief or designate, and stationed as per staffing requirements, the Firefighter is responsible for the operational readiness of the apparatus and equipment to be used during the shift in the station they are posted to. The position provides emergency response as required, in accordance with the Yellowhead County Fire Services Standards.

The salary range is currently \$56,930 to \$72,065 per year.

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A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until **Wednesday, November 30, 2022**.

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

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Cyberbullying on the rise: see page 6

BULLYING AWARENESS: BE KIND

Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services Jeremy Nixon and Minister of Education Adriana LaGrange issued the following statement to recognize Bullying Awareness 2022:

“Bullying Awareness [this November] is an important opportunity to take action and stop bullying in all its forms. This year, the province has adopted the theme #BeKindAB to emphasize the importance of simply being kind.

“Bullying can happen to anyone, anywhere. Whether it be at school, the office, online, in the community or even at home, bullying can leave long-lasting, damaging effects. That is why it's so important to learn how to recognize bullying and learn the skills to prevent it.

“Everyone deserves to feel safe wherever they are. Being kind leaves a positive lasting effect that benefits the community. Alberta is home to so many deeply caring people, which is how we know Albertans will step up to the plate to help stop bullying.

“One of the most common forms of bullying is cyberbullying. Albertans young and old can be targets, which is why it's important to know where to turn when you experience or witness it. By learning how to better support those who suffer from bullying, we can expect to see a positive culture change in our communities.

“If you need help or know someone who does, resources can be found at alberta.ca/Bullying. Help

is available by calling the 24-hour Bullying Helpline at 310-1818, and an online chat is available at alberta.ca/BullyingChat.

“We encourage all Albertans to get involved and take action to stop bullying. Use the hashtag #BeKindAB to show what you are doing to help raise awareness and how you are helping make Alberta a more inclusive place for all.”

Teach your child how to respond to cyberbullying

Open up a discussion with your child about cyberbullying. It's the best way to show them you think it's important to their lives – and will make it easier for them to come to you in the future:

- Ask your child if they've ever seen any kind of cyberbullying and let them tell you about it. Learn what sites your child uses and what accounts they have. If you haven't already, start setting some ground rules with your child about their online activity. Insist your child use privacy settings. Social networking sites let users control who sees the information they share.

Let your child know you may take action if there's reason for concern. Tell them it's part of your job to keep them safe, and if you feel there's a risk, you may monitor their online communication. Encourage them to create different passwords for different sites and to never share their passwords with friends. A child can become a target of cyberbullying without ever expecting it. It can happen suddenly. You can help your child by teaching them in advance what to do should it ever happen to them.

Do not respond to the cyberbullying. Let your child know that kids that bully crave attention, and replying to them gives them more power. If your child receives a bullying message, teach them not to engage and not to openly show their emotions with those doing the bullying in person if they're people they see in real life.

Do not retaliate, keep a record of everything, tell someone. It's possible that your child may not choose to share with you if they do become a target of cyberbullying. Provide them in advance with alternate sources of information (like NeedHelpNow.ca) where they can learn how to deal with others and how to have pictures/videos removed from the Internet. And, of course, encourage them to come to you if they ever become a target of bullying. Children often feel a parent may make a situation worse, rather than better. Assure them you won't 'freak out'; that your concern is to keep them safe.

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November 14–18, 2022

Bullying at work can be hard to navigate. Know you are not alone. Help is available 24/7 by calling or texting the Bullying Helpline at **310-1818** or chat online at alberta.ca/BullyingChat. Trained staff will work with you to explore options and connect you with local supports.

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Town finalizes Fees and Charges Bylaw

by Niki Luymes

During the November 15 Town Council meeting, Bylaw 2283 received its final reading and has officially passed.

The bylaw, also known as the Fees and Charges Bylaw, outlines the various costs for services owned and/or operated by the Town. According to the Town's Council notes, "Each year this bylaw is reviewed and adjusted to reflect current procedures, move towards cost recovery, and to better line up with industry best practices."

The new rates will go into effect on January 1st and some of the key changes include:

Business Licence fees adjustments – Inclusion of Temporary Business Licences and other changes based on the new Business Licence Bylaw passed on October 4, 2022.

Landfill – Construction / Demo Material Fees increase from \$50 to \$61/tonne.

Cemetery – Addition of a Secondary Niche Plaque fee of \$75.

Water – Rate adjusted from \$1.47 to \$1.94/m³.

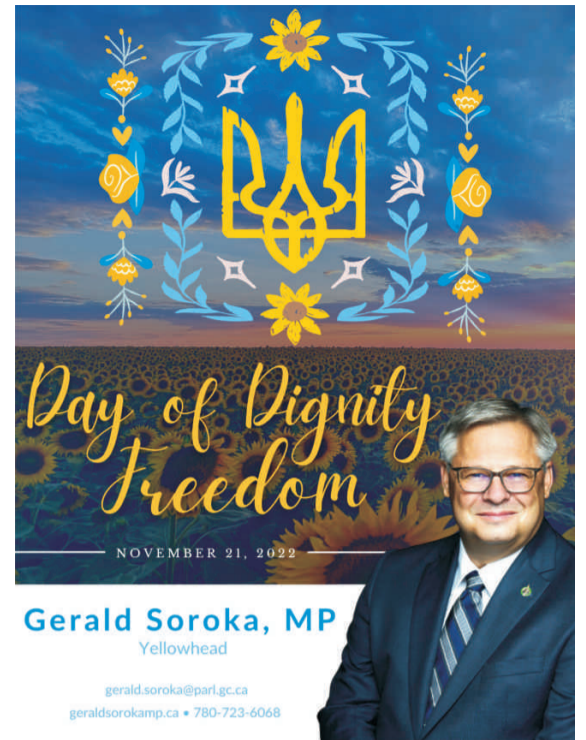
Sewer – Rate adjusted from \$1.51 to \$1.94/m³.

With the utility fee changes, the average residential consumer can expect to see an approximate monthly increase of \$19.09. The average non-residential consumer will see an approximate monthly increase of \$19.20.

These adjustments will bring in an estimated \$191,250 in additional revenues for the Town, and Administration plans on allocating the new income to the Water AMP Reserve to aid in the planning and development of Edson's water infrastructure repairs and updates.

A motion was also passed directing Administration to explore a full capital cost recovery rate model and bring forward a report to Council highlighting their findings and potential implementation steps.

The full bylaw is available to view at www.edson.ca/bylaws.



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Town's 2023 Draft Budget moves to final review

by Niki Luymes

After months of preparing, talking with the public, and drafting plans, the 2023 draft budget for the Town of Edson was put up for review.

During the November 15 Town council meeting, Administration presented the semifinal draft for discussion and review by Council. This year's budget was put together following a lengthy evaluation process and multiple hours of discussion between Administration and Council.

The 2023 budget comes in two parts. The Operating Budget which factors in the individual budgets needed for the various departments and their operation. This

includes everything from salaries and human resources to the landfill and Parks and Recreation.

The Capital Budget lays out the costs for large scale projects for improvement and maintenance of town infrastructure. The proposed leisure centre renovations would fall under this category for example, as would the repairs for the town water system.

Administration presented the draft 2023 Operating Budget to Council on October 15, 2022; a revised version incorporating Council's requested adjustments was brought forward on November 1, 2022, at which time no additional changes were directed. Based on these adjustments the total increase was

forecasted to be 8.25%. This number was reached by combining the base budget with service changes and requests as well as Council requests.

The draft Capital Budget includes 46 projects: 2 projects which may flow through the Operating Budget, 2 projects with deferred funding for future highway projects, 11 carryover projects from 2022, and 31 new projects for 2023. The total of these projects comes to \$31,240,645. \$23,767,900 of that will come from grants, \$7,433,220 from the Town of Edson Reserves, and finally, \$39,525 from different Cost-Sharing Partners for specific projects.

As part of the acceptance process,

council voted for the budget to be put forward for approval at a future Council Meeting. The exact date of this meeting is undetermined. The proposed draft budget could still undergo changes before adoption.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Peers and District Agricultural Society

2022 Post-Secondary education scholarships are available to students from the Peers and Fulham area.

Application deadline is Friday, December 9, 2022 at midnight

For application guidelines please email: Peersagsociety@gmail.com

Yellowhead Agricultural Society

AGM

Annual General Meeting:
November 22, 2022
At Pine Grove Hall

Cocktails start at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
with the meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

Current members as well as this year's sponsors and volunteers are invited. There will be elections for positions on the 2023 board so if anyone is interested please come.

Please RSVP by email to:
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(You must have \$20 membership to vote, available for purchase online or at the meeting.)

We look forward to seeing you there!



YELLOWHEAD SYNERGY GROUP MEETING

Thursday, November 24th/22

PRESENTATIONS:

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For more information call Carol 403-396-6700

Local Christmas Artisan Market held at Edson Legion

by Niki Luymes

On November 13, local residents got a chance to get started with their Christmas shopping during the Local Christmas Artisan Market held at the Edson Legion.

34 different vendors were set up from 11am to 4pm to sell their various wares. Items on offer included art, clothing, baked goods, canned goods, toys, woodworking, soaps,

beauty products and more. Whether shopping for yourself or a loved one there was no shortage of items available.

As a bonus Santa was onsite from 1pm to 3pm for family photos offered by Rustic Ridge Imagery. Purchasing items from any of the booths would also give you a chance to enter into a draw for great prizes.

This is the second year that the Local Christmas Artisan Market has run.

This year's event saw a substantial number of people coming through the doors. "It surpassed my expectations," said event organizer and operator of the Sweet Leggings booth, Liz Palma, "The turnout was amazing! Unfortunately I don't keep track of the amount of customers that came through, but it was a lot."

Entrance to the event was free. However, a cash or nonperishable food donation to the Edson Food Bank was encouraged. The event collected over \$200 and 120 lbs of food to give to the Edson Food Bank. "It was an excellent success. We live in a great community where


people are always willing to help others.

The push to shop local and support small business is extremely important," said Palma.



The Edson Legion was filled with vendors at the Christmas Artisan Market on November 13. photo Niki Luymes

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Community Care Foundation fundraising for additional cataract suite equipment

by Dana McArthur

During Yellowhead County's Governance and Priorities meeting on November 15, the Community Care Foundation of Edson & District requested support for the Ophthalmology

Program at the Edson hospital. The presentation was made by their president, Ruth Martin-Williams.

Martin-Williams advocated for the need of addition equipment for the cataract surgery suite at the Edson hospital. This would enable patients to have their pre-operative assessment in Edson. Currently patients must travel to Sherwood Park, she stated.

"Everybody had to go to Edmonton for [cataract] surgery and it increased the wait time for many surgeries up to two, three years. With cataract surgery now in Edson we are able to do it in about two and a half weeks." Over 560 people have had surgery at the new clinic since

2021.

"What we don't have for cataract surgery or any other additional special surgeries at any of the hospitals in the province is equipment, and that's where Community Care Foundations come in," she stated. Unlike AHS, Community Care Foundations are able to issue tax receipts for donations.

"Rather than having to drive to Sherwood Park to have the assessment done," where wait times are up to 3 hours, "we want to have these assessments done in Edson," said Martin-Williams.

She stated that the surgeon is prepared to complete the pre-operative assessment in

Edson, but requires the following equipment: an IOL master and a macular OCT machine, totalling approximately \$150,000. Martin-Williams requested the financial support of the County.

The cataract surgery suite's catchment area extends to all of Yellowhead County, west to McBride in BC, and north past Grande Cache. Martin-Williams stated they will also be asking the other communities for donations.

Mayor Wade Williams thanked Martin-Williams for the presentation. Council passed a motion to request Administration to return the request to a future council meeting for deliberation.

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Orcas first meet of the season

by Chrystal Johnston, Orcas Competitive Coach Intermediate and Senior Group

The Edson Orcas swim club had the opportunity to compete in their first swim meet of the 2022-2023 season on November 5-6, the Poppy Invitational in Edmonton at the Kinsmen sports centre. We had nine athletes attend and ready to represent our club, 7 from our senior/intermediate group and 2 from our beginners' group. With a late start to our season, practicing in the pool for only two weeks, many personal best times were not expected. But the Orca swimmers that attended had other plans.

The swimmers in the senior and intermediate group started things off strong, knocking time off many of their swims. In the girls 15 and over age group Ashley Blais (15) and Rachel Blais (15) achieved qualifying times for provincials at this meet. Ashley in her 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke. Rachel qualified in her 50 butterfly and 50 freestyle. These girls also achieved best times in most of their other swims.

In the girls 13-14 age category we had Emersynn Lamabe (14) come within less than a second for provincial qualifying times in her 50 butterfly, 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle. With this being the first meet of the season, Emersynn's coach is confident she will achieve these times before the end of the year.

One of our younger swimmers, Lilyan Shaw (10), dominated in the pool achieving festival times in five of the seven swims she competed in. Her coach was thrilled with her results! Tahlia Palkun (11) also came out strong, swimming hard and showing a lot of improvement in her technical abilities. This helped her get personal best times in her 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke.

Our senior and intermediate boys also represented with huge amounts of time being taken off. Tyson Bryldt (13) got personal best times in all of his swims, absolutely shocking his coach when he dropped 30.95 seconds off of his 100 breaststroke and 26.15 seconds off of his 100 backstroke. Kaleb Johnston (12) also came to this meet with a mission, getting personal best times in 6 of his 7 swims including knocking

off over 15 seconds in his 100 breaststroke.

In the beginners group we had Farhyn Domianczuk (10) and Kade Palkun (8) representing the club. Farhyn, although she could only participate in two swims, swam strong dropping 41.57 seconds in her 100 breaststroke. Kade also impressed his coach in the 100 breaststroke dropping a whopping 50.20 seconds. It was a great meet for Kade as he achieved personal best times in all six of his swims!

With a start like this to our season, we are looking forward to seeing what these swimmers and the rest of our athletes will accomplish this year. The next swim meet they will be participating in will be our home meet on November 26-27. Go Orcas!



Left to Right back: Orca team members Tahlia Palkun, Tyson Bryldt, Emersynn Lamabe, Rachel Blais, and Ashley Blais. Left to Right front: Kaleb Johnston, Kade Palkun, Farhyn Domianczuk, and Lilyan Shaw. submitted



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Festival of Trees at Red Brick



This Joy to the World Christmas tree and a Deer Wall sign were two of the 196 items up for silent auction during this year's Festival of Trees fundraiser. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Cultural Heritage Organization (ECHO) kicked off their holiday season with the annual Festival of Trees fundraiser.

The Festival of Trees is a silent auction style fundraiser that has been happening for the past 17 years. From November 7 to the 16th, people could come to the Red Brick to check out all the items that were available.

The actual auction began on Sunday the 13th and closed on the 17th at 9pm. This year the event featured 196 items, most of which were donated by local supporters and businesses. All money raised goes towards the continual upkeep and operation of the Red Brick School House.

This year's event had less actual trees than previous years, but that was balanced by the impressive variety of items. There were homemade quilts, preserved goods, toys, treats, gift baskets, and of course, many Christmas decorations including signs, inflatables, and lights.

One unique opportunity was done in partnership with the Parkland Lodge. Unique tiny trees are up for sale, however, while the money will go to the Red Brick, the tree will be gifted in your name to a resident of the lodge. "We've done that for a few years, and they love it," said Bobbi-Dawn Drader,

Office Manager for the Red Brick. "It's a nice way for people to support us and support the Lodge."

Since 2019 the auction has been online, hosted by the Edson Cultural Heritage Organization social media page. Prior to the pandemic the event was a gala where people could come out, enjoy food, and

socialization while bidding in person at the silent auction. The change has been generally well received, but was not without its hiccups. Regardless of the format, the Festival of Trees is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Red Brick.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Production Analyst



Position Overview

The Edson Asset Control Team requires a Production Analyst. The successful candidate would be responsible for the preparation, consolidation, and analysis of production information, ensuring consistency with the strategic/budget objectives set for the area, and the creation of information for optimal business management.

Edson-based applicants will be preferred however remote work may be considered to ensure the best candidate can be selected. Periodic travel to the Edson Asset will be a requirement to gain familiarity with the team, the asset, its infrastructure, and the people operating the business.

Responsibilities

- Working daily with Edson Asset operational and measurement personnel to ensure data integrity of daily data within Energy Components and support to identify anomalies.
- Validating and closing daily production results in Energy Components
- Validating all month end data prior to submission into PAS
- Ensure all communication corrections for daily measurement results have been reflected in Energy Components for prior validated production days.
- Coordinate with Edson Asset operational personnel to ensure daily and weekly production actuals/forecast and variance explanations are accurate and reliable.
- Ensure Monthly CME (Current Month Estimate) is accurately accrued for current month results.
- Compile monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Production related internal and regulatory reporting requirements.
- Support daily production results reporting requests
- Ensure well, facility and flow data are accurately reflected in Energy Components. (WI %, Well reference data, Well/Facility Status, etc.)
- Establish, document, and implement necessary workflows for processes (i.e. new well creation)
- Identify, troubleshoot, and correct inaccuracies within Energy Components through engagement with the Energy Components IT team
- Any other reasonable activity required by management

Qualifications

- Preference will be given to individuals who are working towards their CAPP designation or have had exposure to production accounting
- The following would be an asset:
 - An undergraduate degree in Accounting, Business, or other relevant field of study
 - Knowledge of field operations
 - Analytics/Production Accounting experience in oil and gas
 - Familiarity of regulatory reporting requirements
 - Experience with the following systems: PAS, Petrinex, PVR, Energy Components, Excel, SAP and QBLM
 - Experience in Energy Components and proficiency with Microsoft excel

Candidate Profile

- Strong analytical, problem solving, organizational skills
- Strong independent performer with the ability to prioritize and execute on tasks without management oversight
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
- Team player with a proven ability to perform well under pressure, meet deadlines, think independently, and demonstrate sound professional judgment

Additional Information

- Only candidates who are legally permitted to work in Canada will be considered.
- While this position is in Edson, AB, Canada, remote work placement within same time-zone (MST) will be considered.

By applying for this position, you consent to the collection, use and necessary disclosure of the personal information provided during the application and selection process.

Please apply at:

https://repsol.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/Repsol/job/Edson/PRODUCTION-ANALYST_65058

~ Obituary ~

Walter Tkachuk

March 4, 1932 – November 8, 2022

Walter's family is deeply saddened to announce the passing of our husband, father, brother, grandfather and great grandfather at the age of 90. Walter passed away peacefully with his loving wife by his side on Tuesday, November 8, at the Edson Healthcare Centre.



Walter was predeceased by his parents, Jeffim and Epistimia Tkachuk, his sister, Fanny Wojcik, sister Pauline Fedchuk and brother Paul.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, sons Gerald (Leah Ann), Mitchell and Warren, his daughter Kim Marcinek (David), grandchildren Mackenzie, Brett, Shayne and Becky, great grandchildren Kylie and Skyler, as well as his brother Philip and sister Katie Haresem.

Walter's funeral was held at the Baptist Church in Edson on Tuesday, November 15 at 11 am.

The family would like to thank Dr. Odendahl and the staff of Edson Health Centre for their dedicated care of Walter.

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Evansburg Legion's Remembrance Day Ceremonies

by Shaylyn Thornton

Alongside Legions around the country, the Evansburg Legion held their Remembrance Day ceremonies on Friday, November 11. Past President Floyd Fausak noted that the day went “really well” and had a “really good crowd” show up to take part.

Fausak estimated that around 230-240 people were in attendance, which is a great turnout but still less than what would typically be seen a few years ago. “I think it will take a year or two to get back to pre-COVID numbers,” said Fausak, “But it was still really well-attended.”

Fausak said that it was “a little chilly” out on Remembrance Day for the march to the cenotaph and wreath laying, but their “streamlined” approach meant the outdoor part of the event was only about 20 minutes. After the laying of wreaths, everyone was able to go to the hall where it was nice and warm.

Although the support with buying wreaths was a little short this year, Fausak said it was still a very nice day to “reflect on remembering” and to “recognize our service people and first responders.” He also noted

that the first responders didn't get to participate the way they normally would have as they got called out to an emergency, but that just goes to show how important their roles are in our communities.

Earlier in the week, the Evansburg Legion also attended Grand Trunk High School and Entwistle School, as well as the Good Samaritan Pembina Village and the Evansburg Legion Lodge to do Remembrance Day services. “It was really nice to get back to doing services at the schools and in the community,” said Fausak.


During their events on November 11th, the Evansburg Legion also took the time to recognize some deserving community members, handing out the award for Citizen of the Year to Tove Steckhahn-Jones and the Hermanrude Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service at the Legion went to Tony and Sylvia Barteski.

Fausak also thanked the community for their involvement and attendance. “We appreciate the support for the Friday night and Saturday afternoon meat draws as this is what pays our bills at the Legion,” he said. “Thank you.”

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