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# Remembrance Day service held outside Edson Legion once again

by Dawn Olsvik

At 11:00 am the last post was played followed by 2 minutes of silence. Branch president, Wendy Williams, recited the Act of Remembrance. Local Legion member Carlo Klemm

read the famous poem "In Flanders Fields" written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. Legion Ladies Auxiliary member, Erin Wassing read a poem called "an

Honored Son." Auxiliary chaplain, Sherry Wassing gave a brief history of the poppy as this year is the 100th Anniversary of the Poppy in Canada. During the condensed service, 9 wreaths were laid by local dignitaries and Legion

members. After the service a small contingent travelled to Parkland Lodge for a service while the others retired to the Legion for a short program and lunch.

Wade Williams, Mayor of

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The Edson Legion's Remembrance Day Colour Party led by Sgt-at-Arms Peter Carroll on November 11. photo Dawn Olsvik

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# Concerns raised about crime in Edson

by Adrienne Tait

In recent weeks concerns surrounding crime in town have been expressed online and in Council Chambers.

Mayor Kevin Zahara recently released a statement regarding the perceived spike in crime in the community.

With the exception of theft of motor vehicles; the data from January – September shows an overall decrease in crime, “Without question the last couple weeks we have seen a severe increase in thefts and break and enters. There are active investigations underway. Q4 data

which reflect recent events won't be available until early in the new year,” said Zahara.

“Historically crime is cyclical, when certain repeat offenders are in jail, crime is down and when they are out, it goes up,” said Mayor Zahara, “Property crime is often driven by addictions and/or mental health issues and as such we continue to lobby the government for more addictions and mental health treatment supports in our region. We also continue to call on the Federal Government for tougher sentences for repeat offenders.”

There has been a noted increase in visibility regarding the homeless population in the community. With the Out of the Cold shelter a recent topic of conversation at Town Council's committee of the whole meeting some citizens have taken to social media platforms to specify concerns surrounding the Shelter Pods and at the Edson Recycling Centre.

From June 1st to November 16th RCMP received 3429 calls for service. There have been 12 calls for service to the Shelter Pods since its opening in June with the majority of those being for well-being checks or disturbances between the people using the pods.

According to Edson RCMP S/Sgt Delisle three of those calls resulted in unwanted males being removed by the RCMP.

Once a citizen reported hearing yelling at the pods, however, police were unable to confirm or find anyone in distress when they arrived.

There were two calls for a well-being check in response to a female yelling. Police responded and were able to confirm with the female that she was safe/unharmed on both occasions.

One call resulted in a male being transported to hospital as he was discovered passed out.

Twice the RCMP responded to a call regarding a couple fighting at the pods and intervened both times.

An altercation between two males resulted in a call to RCMP but police assistance was declined.

One citizen, who was at the recycling centre, called RCMP as a homeless male attempted to get in the citizen's vehicle. The suspect was not located.

Other calls to the nearby area in recent months have included one mid-afternoon call to put out a bon fire which was lit by two females by the road. The Recycling Centre was broken into and the Take it or Leave It building was set on fire during this same time period.

RCMP were advised people were sleeping in the flower beds, garbage was being left, and some Provincial building employees were scared to go to work due to the homeless people on the property. The request was made for police to patrol the area each morning.

In addition to patrols in the vicinity of the Provincial building and Recycling centre, RCMP have increased patrols in residential neighborhoods in the last few weeks.

Detachment Commander S/Sgt Christian Delisle is scheduled to host Town Hall public information session at the Friendship Centre on November 24 to provide up to date stats, discuss strategies, and answer questions from the community. If possible, the Town of Edson is hoping to stream the event live for those who are unable to attend in person, wish to avoid a crowd, or prefer to view the event from the comfort of their own home.



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on

**November 24, 2021**

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# Provincial Task Force to develop homelessness action plan

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The task force will look at how communities are affected by homelessness. It will

also look at developing a model for responding to people with complex needs. Additionally, it will make recommendations that will help create an action plan on homelessness for the province. "As Alberta begins to recover from the

pandemic, how communities deal with homelessness is key to Alberta's recovery plan. With a measured approach developed by experts and community leaders, Alberta will be able to adapt better to the specific needs of our communities." -Jason Kenney, Premier

The task force has representation from across Alberta and members have a range of experience and expertise on the issues related to homeless-

ness.

"I would like to thank the community leaders and experts who have stepped up to help address this critical issue for vulnerable Albertans. Alberta's

government is committed to making a difference for people experiencing chronic homelessness. I expect this task force to move quickly

with clear actions that make a difference in communities across the province."

- Jason Luan, Minister of Community and Social Services

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# STARS requests funding from Yellowhead County

by Shaylyn Thornton

At their November 16 Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting, Yellowhead County Council heard a presentation from the STARS Foundation. Glenda Farnden (Senior Municipal Relations Liaison) and Jon Gogan (STARS Pilot and Provincial Director for Central and Northern Alberta) presented on behalf of the organization.

Farnden opened the presentation with STARS' response to the pandemic. "We are all well aware of COVID times now. It's been upon us for quite a long time, and so STARS' number one priority has been to maintain uninterrupted operations," she explained, noting that there has been a "significant increase in mission rate."

Farnden said that STARS remains under strict protocols, and that approximately 1 in 5 (about 23%) of their current missions involve COVID-related cases. "We only carry very, very sick, very ill patients. You know, intubated patients, that type of thing," Farnden said.

STARS Transport Physicians are also continuing to assist rural communities and rural doctors with critical care guidance, airway management, and ventilation/resuscitation procedures.

COVID has also had a significant impact on STARS' funding. With restrictions and safety in mind, they have had to cancel many of their fundraising events. 20% of their funding comes from the Alberta government, however the remaining 80% relies on fundraising.

"It forced us to think outside of the box, and to be proactive in our actions so that we could do things to also support our mission. And so we identified efficiencies, operational and fundraising, as well as we suffered the heartache of having to downsize staff members in affected areas, like events," Farnden explained.

The STARS Lottery continues to be their single-largest funding source. "We did go ahead with the 2021 lottery," Farnden said, "And

Albertans continued to stand by our side as that lottery did sell out, providing very much needed funds, especially with these extra missions that were happening." The 2022 Lottery will launch in January.

The STARS Calendar Campaign has unfortunately "suffered significantly" because of the organization's "inability to travel and have a presence within rural communities." In response, they decided to reach out to municipal partners, and this year the calendar will be for sale in "a lot of town offices across the entire province."

STARS also did what many other organizations have done throughout the pandemic and shifted to safe, online fundraising events like online 50/50s and raffles in place of their normal events that could not be held.

Farnden also detailed the Emergency Link Centre (ELC) that STARS operates. The ELC provides a 24/7 immediate safety network with live access to all available resources. The ELC utilizes GIS mapping and works to determine and then dispatch the appropriate level of response for a situation. The ELC receives over 31,000 emergency requests every year.

STARS is working on a pilot project with Transport Physicians to help provide "critical care everywhere and anywhere," said Gogan. The project involves having STARS Transport Physicians in the ELC in Calgary 24 hours a day. The project started out with one day a week but has expanded to three days, and while it was supposed to end in September it has now been extended until April of 2022.

"It's likely going to be the new model as we move into being able to support both rural and urban communities right across Western Canada with a STARS Physician in real-time," Gogan explained. "Our STARS Transport Docs are always with us via satellite or cell phone and are able to communicate with the team on board the aircraft. This is kind of the next evolution where they're actually in real-time."

"The new helicopters that we're getting... are completely Wi-Fi capable and all of the equipment on board the back of the helicopter is actually able to be sent to the Link Centre or to an iPad at the doctor's home where they can see in real-time what's going on, including body camera information," Gogan continued.

"So this is the evolution that we're trying for this year and while these doctors are at the link centre and kind of with their pulse on what's going on in real-time, they're able to call ahead to the hospitals, arrange cath labs, arrange direct transport to OR instead of going to the emergency room, and just help to be a source of that patient's journey to be as efficient as possible," Gogan said. "We've had tremendous success and the Ministry [of Health] has recognized that as such. A way to the future for us for sure."

Yellowhead County averages 35-36 missions per year, representing an approximate \$250,000 service value annually. Approximately 50% of these missions are scene calls and 50% are inter-facility transfers. Yellowhead County is served by the bases in Edmonton and Grande Prairie.

From 2017-2021, the County has received STARS assistance 178 times with the following breakdown: 2017- 36 missions, 2018- 41 missions, 2019- 28 missions, 2020- 29 missions, 2021- 44 missions (so far).

When including bordering neighbor municipalities (in which incidents have sometimes included County residents), 1107 missions have been flown between 2017 and October 31, 2021.

Farnden went on to explain the importance of financial support from municipalities, with some municipalities choosing to invest with a per capita dollar amount on a multi-year pledge, and others (including the Towns of Edson and Hinton) include a fixed dollar amount within their Protective Services budget.

"We have municipalities that have committed up to \$210,000 per year,

recognizing the value of what STARS brings for their residents," Farnden said, noting that municipal funding is currently contributing over \$2 million per year. "That is sustainable operational funding that we can rely on each year."

The presentation concluded with a request for the County to "join your municipal neighbors" in supporting the foundation. She noted that since their inception in 1985, more than 45,000 STARS missions have been flown, at no cost to the patient.

"A life is saved every day. Partnerships make this possible," Farnden said. "Help us to continue to, for the future of our children, our grandchildren, to continue to have this type of service available to them."

Members of Council asked some questions of the presenters regarding funding processes, procedures, their affiliation with Alberta Health Services as well as the Ministry of Health, and more.

After the question-and-answer period, Mayor Wade Williams thanked the pair for their presentation. "Obviously everybody here is well aware of the good work that STARS does and I don't think there's probably anybody at this table that STARS has not

affected in one way or another with a loved one," he said.

Williams also noted that Council will have discussions at a later date regarding the funding request and will get back to STARS with a decision.

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## Santa Claus Parade Route



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Land Use Amending Bylaw No. 2267

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Council will hold a Zoom Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm through Zoom Meeting online.

If approved, Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 will be amended to add the following uses to the M-1A (Light Industrial—Served) District: Outside storage of industrial materials, heavy trucks and equipment (permitted); Industrial vehicle, construction equipment sales or materials services establishment (discretionary); Truck depot (permitted); Light industrial building such as a shop or garage for equipment storage and light servicing work (discretionary).

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or by hand delivering to the Civic Centre drop off box at the front door entrance.  
Submissions must be received by the Town prior to the Zoom Public Hearing for Councils consideration.

Registration will remain open until the beginning of the Public Hearing on December 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Register here at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oYYRybEmScW3B8R7J9jCzg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oYYRybEmScW3B8R7J9jCzg) or contact [engineeringandplanning@edson.ca](mailto:engineeringandplanning@edson.ca) for meeting details.

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Frances Haugen who released documents on the company's ongoing propagation of divisive content and misinformation that seems to put profits first.

With vitriol and extremism at an all time high, a new US survey by SSRS states that 75% of adults, including frequent users of the site, believe Facebook makes society worse.

The impact of online abuse is devastating for anyone, with one in four experiencing mental health challenges and worse as a result of the harassment.

Even journalists, including small town journalists like us, have borne the brunt of this animus.

The first-ever Canadian survey of online harassment against journalists and media professionals shows that attacks are on the rise and having serious repercussions on both individuals and the industry as a whole.

The results of an Ipsos survey of journalists revealed that:

- Harassment is prevalent and pervasive — 72% experienced some form of harassment in the past year.

- Harassment online is most common — 65% experienced harassment online. One in five experience online harassment weekly or more frequently.



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

- Online harassment isn't criticism, it's personal — The most common

forms of harassment are sexualized messages or images, physical threats, comments related to gender identity and ethnicity or nationality, and use of people's names or images without their permission.

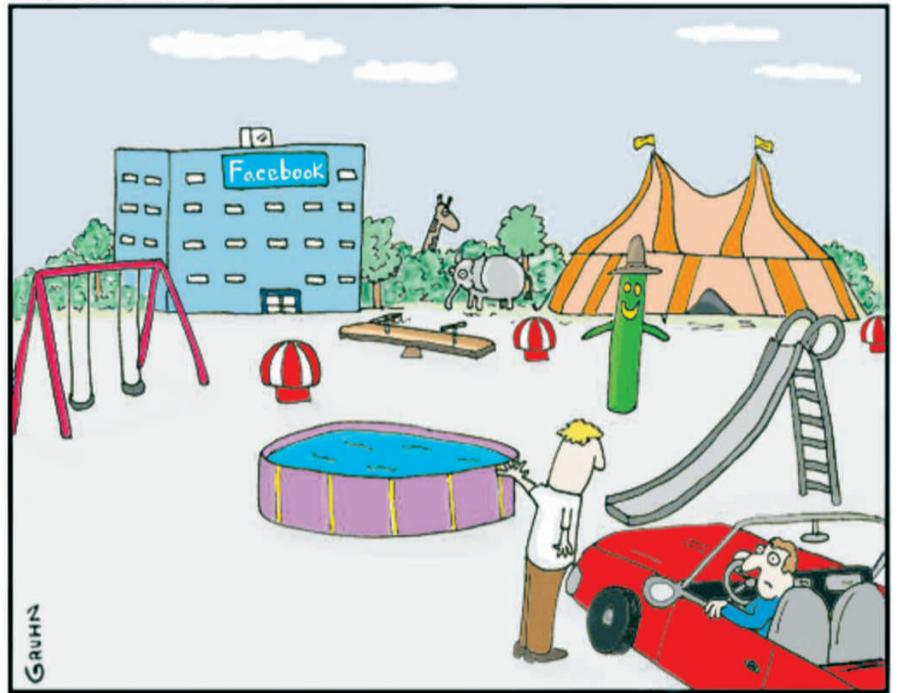
- Harassment includes death threats — Just over one in ten of those who have experienced online harassment have received a death threat in the course of their work; nearly as many received threats against their family, were threatened with blackmail, or were threatened with rape or sexual assault.

- Women, BIPOC and LGBTQ2+ people are at greater risk — They face disproportionately more online harassment than others, as well as greater severity of harassment. LGBTQ2+ respondents report the highest prevalence of online harm of any group — 78% in the past year (compared to 65% for all respondents).

One of the sad consequences is that one in three journalists have considered leaving the media industry in the last 12 months.

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# Remembrance Day outside Edson Legion

continued from front

Yellowhead County, stated, "On behalf of Yellowhead County Council and Staff, I would like to say thank you for your sacrifices. I would also like to extend a thank you to all our first responders that are out there making things safe for us on a day-to-day basis."

Edson resident Janet Wilkinson said, "I have the honor of representing Gerald Soroka, our MP, and representing the Government of Canada. It is an honor to represent him, he is a busy man being in parliament right now and has a large area to cover and I'm glad he chose me to represent him. Thank you to the Legion for all the effort they put in to having such a successful Remembrance Day. It is so important to remember the veterans from the past and the active members now. The RCMP and first responders need to be appreciated as well. It was wonderful to see so many families present as the youth will be the ones to carry on this Remembrance."

Another speaker, Jim Eglinski, commented, "I'm here representing Martin Long, MLA for the West Yellowhead Riding. Martin asked me to attend, and I was quite honored to come here and represent the province of Alberta and Martin. The service was excellent. The Legion here really puts on a good service, and I have to compliment them on behalf of Martin for the job they did. It's also great to see the veterans come out, past and present serving ones and of course our first responders. We always have such a great turn out here in Edson and it's a strong community support for the Legion and the Legions are so important to us."

Bobbi Foulds, First Vice President and Service Officer of Joe Wynne Branch 51 and Master of Ceremonies for the proceedings, summed up the day saying, "Our nation continues to face challenges and during the 100th Anniversary of the Poppy, it is no different. But our resilience and strength shine bright when people coast to coast continue to honor and remember the sacrifices made by our military, veterans, RCMP and their families during times of strife and peace. LEST WE FORGET."



Edson Girl Guides were in attendance at the outside Remembrance Day service held at the Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51. photos by Dawn Olsvik



Wendy Williams, President of Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51, recited the act of remembrance at Edson's service on November 11, 2021. First VP and MC for the day, Bobbi Foulds, on the right.

# County Sand/Salt Storage Buildings tenders come in high

by Shaylyn Thornton

At their November 9 Council Meeting, Yellowhead County Council considered awarding a tender for the construction of new sand and salt storage buildings.

After recognizing the need for new buildings, the County applied for and received a Sustainability Grant from the Alberta Government in 2020. The grant, which would be used for the construction of new sand and storage buildings in Edson and Wildwood, was for the amount of \$1.2 million.

At the time, based on the Architect's estimate for the project, the County budgeted \$1.2 million in their 2021 budget, for a total estimated project cost of \$2.4 million.

The County received six tenders by their due date of October 8, 2021. The lowest tender was \$3,097,700 from PCL Construction. The other five tenders were from Makloc (\$3,363,722), Milbrandt (\$3,400,000), Align Builders (\$3,445,520), Brenex (\$3,447,976) and HWD Construction (\$4,709,300).

The tender submitted by PCL Construction did meet all tender requirements, however the cost was much higher than the County's original estimates. Instead of the \$1.2 million they had budgeted, they would need approximately \$2.3 million instead for a total project cost of about \$3.5 million (including engineering and site work).

County Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Don O'Quinn said that the increase in cost was likely due to the amount of work available, supply chain issues, and rising costs of materials, namely steel.

Administration recommended to Council that they reject all tenders and direct Administration to explore other options for the buildings. They were also given the option to award the tender to PCL Construction, and take the additional funds from the Transportation Reserve.

Councillor Dawn Mitchell moved Administration's recommendation to reject all tenders. Councillor Anthony Giezen asked for more details on the grant, such as when it has to be used by and if it could be used towards another

project.

O'Quinn explained that they likely have a two-year time frame with the grant, and that if they wanted to use it for another project they would have to complete a new application. He also explained that, if Council were to reject the tenders, Administration would be looking into using materials other than steel and building the storage facilities at a "lesser standard" than what they had originally hoped.

Councillor Penny Lowe weighed in. "The difference in the amount just floors me, that's ridiculous. Was there not one structure that was in worse shape than the other?" she asked.

O'Quinn explained that both buildings were constructed at the same time, and that size and capacity were big factors. "We've outgrown the one in Edson considerably from when we built the two storage facilities, but condition wise they'd be very similar," he said.

Councillors Shawn Berry and Patrick Soroka asked if it would be possible to add on to the current buildings as opposed to building new.

O'Quinn said that the last inspection reports that they have give the buildings a three to four year life expectancy. "Those are some of the options we'd be looking at exploring. Adding to the existing structure, where it only has a certain life expectancy, probably wouldn't be a great idea. It would need to be replaced in some fashion or other," he explained.

Councillor Lowe said, "By no means do I want to, myself personally, be adding on to these buildings. If it's a safety feature for our employees, those buildings need to come down."

Before calling for a vote, Mayor Wade Williams shared his thoughts. "The cost of these buildings come in extremely high compared to what we had budgeted so to move ahead and to look at other options is definitely what I would favor," he said.

Council voted unanimously to reject all tenders and direct Administration to look into other options for the needed replacement of the sand and salt storage facilities in Edson and Wildwood.



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## INTERIM BUDGET MEETINGS

### 2022 Interim Budget

Each year Council adopts an interim budget before December 31<sup>st</sup> to allow the municipality to operate beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the Seniors Requisition and School Requisitions are finalized by the province, Council adopts the final budget.

The Yellowhead County 2022 Interim Budget Meetings are:

- November 17, 2021
- November 29, 2021
- December 6, 2021

The meetings will be broadcast live online at [www.yhcounty.ca/join](http://www.yhcounty.ca/join)

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## YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANTS



- Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Capital Assistance Grant** - Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility, new outdoor amenity, etc. - Grant Deadlines: September 30, December 31, March 31, June 15 (reviewed quarterly)
- Recreation Program & Event Grant** - Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding up to \$2000 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community - Grant Deadlines: September 30, December 31, March 31, June 15 (reviewed quarterly)
- Art & Recreation Initiatives Fund** - Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community - Grant Deadlines: September 30, December 31, March 31, June 15 (reviewed quarterly)

Applications can be found at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) or picked up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. For more information contact Crystal McNemie at 780-723-4800.

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

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D21-155	Plan 7921271, Blk 7, Lot 18 NE 25-53-09-W5 Lobstick Resort	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Veranda	Nov 1/21
D21-168	Plan 0823361, Blk 1, Lot 3 NW 14-54-17-W5 Edson Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Nov 8/21
D21-169	Plan 3781HW, Blk OT SW 18-53-18-W5 West of Edson	Accessory Building	Nov 16/21

Per the Public Notification Bylaw, the public is considered notified once approved development permits are posted online. Any person claiming to be affected by an approved development permit may appeal the development by filing a written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The written notice must be filed within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given, and must be accompanied with a payment of \$300.00.

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# Edson RCMP arrest and charge a male for vehicle theft

(RCMP) – On Nov. 8, 2021 Edson RCMP received a report of a pick-up truck having been stolen from a business in the area of 1 Avenue and 25 Street at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Shortly before 9:30 a.m. Edson RCMP located the stolen pick-up truck, with assistance from the on-board GPS system, on 44 Street near 6 Avenue with two occupants. Upon the arrival of police, the two occupants fled on foot. Edson RCMP engaged in a foot pursuit and subsequently arrested one male and took him into custody.

The RCMP Police Dog Services (PDS) attended and searched the area however were unable to locate the second suspect.

The second suspect is described as:

- Male
- Approximately 25-years-old
- Dressed in all black/dark clothing

A 34 year male suspect from Edson has been charged with:

- Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000
- Possession of Break-in instruments
- Possession of Stolen Property Under \$5000

The suspect was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on Jan. 4, 2022.

The investigation into the identification of the second suspect continues.

Edson RCMP are asking the public's assistance for any information in relation to this incident or identifying those responsible. Please contact Edson RCMP at 780-723-8822 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com)

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# Wildwood honours Remembrance Day

by Charlotte Winters

There was no formal Remembrance Day Ceremony held this year in Wildwood due to concerns with Covid-19 spread.

Wreaths from the Federal Government of Canada, the Alberta Legislature, along with a Legion Wreath were laid at the Cenotaph followed by two minutes of silence.

The Act of Remembrance concluded the service. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

A small group of people came to Remember and Honour Veterans. Think of them, and remember them, not only on this day but every day!



Wildwood Legion cenotaph on Nov. 11, 2021

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# Legion Ladies Auxiliary holds Remembrance Day Presentations

by Dawn Olsvik

During the lunch held at the Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51 after the Remembrance Day Service, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary made some presentations. The first was a \$10,000.00 donation to the Branch and was accepted by Branch president Wendy Williams.

Sherry Wassing, Chaplain of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 51, explained, "The Object of the Ladies Auxiliary is to its Legion Branch. In the past, the Ladies Auxiliary has been able financially to donate to the Legion on VE Day and Remembrance Day. As the bulk of the Ladies fundraising came from Banquets, it has been two years since the Auxiliary had income. It was decided however, that as our Legion has also had difficulties, as have all businesses during COVID, that a donation would be made this past Remembrance Day."

Later two bursaries were presented to Zubin Pahwa, a past Parkland High School student and Morgan Steffler who previously attended Holy Redeemer High School. The third recipient, Kennedy Richardson was not able to attend.

Pahwa is currently enrolled in a computer science degree at MacEwan University while Steffler is taking a Bachelor of Science at the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus. Steffler said, "The bursary was earned by answering questions on the application form. The questions asked what my educational plan

was and how I planned to succeed."

Wassing said, "Our Ladies Auxiliary decided many years ago to offer our own bursaries in addition to those available from our Legion Branch and Alberta Northwest Command. We normally give two \$500 bursaries a year, but some years choosing just two is difficult. We look at students enrolled in their first year of

post secondary education (confirmed) with a need for financial assistance."

She added, "I am very proud of my Ladies Auxiliary, my Legion Branch, and my two daughters. All three of us have been members of this Auxiliary since our 18th birthdays and all of us received bursaries; mine was 32 years ago from Command."



Legion Branch 51 President Wendy Williams accepting a cheque from Ladies Auxiliary members Erin Wassing, Bryn Wassing, Sherry Wassing and Marty-Jo Beier. photo Dawn Olsvik



Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary members Bryn Wassing, Sherry Wassing, Marty-Jo Beir, and Erin Wassing with Bursary Recipients Zubin Pahwa and Morgan Steffler (Kennedy Richardson was unable to attend the presentation). photo Dawn Olsvik

# Holy Redeemer Drama Production Goes Online

(HRH) The Holy Redeemer Drama Department has been busy preparing this year's play, A Christmas Carol, and now they are proud to announce that this year's main stage production will be online!

"The students have been working extremely hard," says Drama Teacher Peter Taylor. "It seems life is throwing everything at us, but these students are amazingly resilient and no matter what will be ready to perform."

The school was given the go-ahead in August that extra-curricular programs will be a go again this year after taking last year off to navigate the COVID pandemic. From there it was announced that Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol would be the play. "We performed this show back in 2007 and it has stood as one of our most popular plays we have ever done," says Taylor who added that the school wanted to do a more familiar play because of all the unexpected things they might encounter over the process of getting the show ready.

That said, the story is one that everyone loves as it captures the magic of Christmas, while at the same time having some thrilling elements as Ebenezer Scrooge meets the three ghosts trying to

change his ways. "People just love the show," says Taylor. "Not only that, we're having a blast getting all the effects together to make our ghosts as spooky as possible."

As mentioned earlier, the play will be streamed online, meaning audiences will be able to watch the performance from the comfort of their homes. By purchasing a ticket, audience members will receive a link to specific the show they have requested. 24 hours prior to the play beginning, audiences will receive the link and be able to tune in to watch the show from anywhere. "So be sure to get your snacks ready and if you can, connect your computer to your television set for an optimal experience," says Taylor.

The show is set to perform nightly at 7 pm from December 1st to 4th, along with a special 2 pm matinee on December 4th. Each performance will be live giving audiences and the actors the thrill of performing it as it were live theatre. The Drama Department has even hired the services of Spencer Richard (Srvent) to produce the livestream so that it is professionally done.

Over 45 grade 7 to 12 students are set to take part in the production that will still have all the elements of a traditional HRH production –

fantastic costumes, brilliant set, and exceptional acting.

"This process has been really different," says grade 12 student Ethan Toner who is playing Scrooge, a duty he is proud to split with fellow grade 12 student Jesse Cesario. "That said, it's great to be back acting. It's been far too long."

Katie Blue is very happy to be performing in her grade 12 year as the Spirit of Christmas Present. "Some of my friends who graduated the last two years weren't able to have a play, so doing this is pretty exciting."

Another new element this year is that audiences will be able to purchase their tickets online by going to the Holy Redeemer website, [holyredeemerhigh.ca](http://holyredeemerhigh.ca). "We're very excited to introduce this system," says Taylor. Tickets are \$15 per household link.

Now the cast and crew return to their rehearsal schedule to prepare for the first week of December. Needless to say, the cast and crew are looking forward to having their first virtual audience!

If you would like more information on this article please feel free to contact the school at 780-723-7437 or [holyredeemerhigh.ca](http://holyredeemerhigh.ca)

## What's happening, when and where in the community

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**November 4, December 9:** Mental Health Discussion Group. Online Virtual Sessions call Yellowhead County at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935

**November 4, December 9:** Farmers Mental Health Support Group. Online Virtual Session. Call 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 for details.

**November 23:** Work Well online workshop 6:30-9:30pm online Join us on zoom register at [www.bit.ly/2YyviG8](http://www.bit.ly/2YyviG8)

**November 23 - June 28:** Bereavement Support Group. Online Virtual Sessions. Call Yellowhead County office for exact dates each month. 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 or email Karen at [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)

**November 23 - June 28:** Caregiver Support Group. Online Virtual Session. Online Virtual Sessions. Call Yellowhead County office for exact dates each month. 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 or email Karen at [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)

**November 26:** The Evansburg Legion will be hosting a Craft Fair on Friday, November 26, 2021, which is Moonlight

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# Caution still needed despite end of wildfire season

by Caroline Charbonneau, Wildfire Information Officer

After experiencing a hot and dry summer, Albertans are still being urged to use safe burning practices over the winter. The province's wildfire season runs from March 1

to Oct. 31, but the risk of wildfires is present year-round.

Fire permits are not required for burning outside of wildfire season in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta. Still, residents and industry who are planning a burn during winter should keep

safe burning practices top of mind and follow Alberta Wildfire's guidelines. These include carefully selecting the burn site, checking weather conditions and having the right tools, water and equipment on hand to keep it under control.

It's also crucial to limit the impact of smoke by avoiding large burns during an inversion. An inversion happens when cold air is trapped near the ground by a layer of warmer air above it. It can cause smoke from a winter burn to stay close to the ground and travel great distances, which can reduce visibility.

Once the burn is complete, ensure it's fully extinguished by soaking it, stirring it and soaking it again until the ashes are cool to the touch. You must return to your burn site multiple times until you are sure that it's out. Fires that aren't properly extinguished can come back as wildfires weeks and sometimes months later.

Following all precautions plays an important role in reducing human-caused wildfires. This season, there were 171 wildfires in the Edson Forest Area and 119 of them were human-caused, representing 69 percent.

At the provincial level, 805 of the 1,307 wildfires that burned in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta were human-caused (62%). A total of 435 were caused by lightning (33%) and 67 are currently under investigation (5%). A total of 52,955 ha burnt this season.

On average, the total number of human-caused

wildfires in Alberta has been declining in the past five years, highlighting the importance of continued prevention work.

Those planning a burn in the Edson Forest Area can contact their local forest office for guidance or visit the Alberta Wildfire website for more information.

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