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Yellowhead Ag Society hosts Family Fun Gymkhana

by Niki Luymes

It was a beautiful day for some riding fun at the October 7 Family Fun Gymkhana event hosted by the Yellowhead Agricultural Society at the Edson

Rodeo Grounds.

For a small entry fee riders could take part in a variety of gymkhana events tailored for people of all ages.

The day started at 11am with the youngest group. This age

group is also known as the lead-line class since it features kids under the age of six being led on horseback by an adult around modified courses. The day continued from there working through the different age groups

with Peewee, Youth, Adult, and Distinguished Veterans (50 and up).

Throughout the day riders of different ages and skill levels could try their hand at the eight

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Some of the youngest kids were all smiles as their parents helped them through the Lead Line patterns at the Yellowhead Agricultural Society's Family Fun Gymkhana Event on October 7. photo Niki Luymes

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different events; six traditional gymkhana classes and two extra games just for fun. The classic gymkhana events were Barrels, Turn and Burn, Poles, Keyhole, Hurry and Scurry, and Flag Race. Each rider was competing for cash prizes that were awarded for the best time. The two fun games were Toilet Paper Race and an Egg and Spoon Race. Both races test a rider's control and communication while also creating a lot of laughs.

The Family Fun Gymkhana Event was created to be just that. "It was just for fun to bring out the local community of horse owners and have a fun, safe place for people to do stuff with their animals. And not have that pressure of high level competition," said Lori Hellekson, one of the board of directors for the Yellowhead Ag Society.

Alongside the event was a small concession raising funds for the new Indoor Arena. "I think everybody had fun. We had lots of spectators, lots of grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and more came out to watch kids and friends," said Hellekson.



The Family Fun Gymkhana Event featured many fun and challenging events for riders of all skill levels. Yellowhead Agricultural Society hosted the event on October 7 at the Edson Rodeo Grounds. photo Niki Luymes



Yellowhead Agricultural Society's Family Fun Gymkhana Event was a great day for riders of all ages. Everybody got a chance to run the different gymkhana events happening on October 7. photo Niki Luymes



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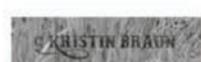
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County requests meetings with Provincial Ministers regarding 2023 wildland fire season concerns

by Dana McArthur

During the Yellowhead County Council's October 10 meeting, Albert Bahri, General Manager of Protective Services gave a presentation on some issues of concern encountered during the 2023 Wildland fire season.

This topic was brought up at the September 19 GPC meeting to bring back request for decision regarding a letter to the province and meeting with the Minister of Forestry and Parks.

"Yellow County worked collectively with Alberta wildfire control and extinguished these fires. During this period, there were many issues that occurred," said Bahri.

Bahri's report stated there were several issues that hampered the ability to fight the fires. The first was the Provincial election, which Mayor Williams addressed. The next issue was the Province's inability to supply needed resources and staff to suppress the fires and bring them under control.

The Province of Alberta Fire Season starts March 1 of each year. The first fire of the season in Yellowhead County started on April 29, just northeast of Peers. During the 2023 fire season, aircraft contracts did not kick in until May 1, 2023, which meant pilot certification followed this. The onboarding of essential wildland Firefighters was not complete on March 1, but was just getting underway.

Bahri presented council with a list of proposed questions developed from issues encountered with reference to the Provincial Wildfire response. Of greatest concern is the amount and availability of aircraft to fight wildfires.

-Will burning bans be prioritized based on hazard and not political will for 2024?

-Will Wildfire Staffing levels be full and training complete on March 1, 2024?

-Why were aircraft and pilots not coming on contract March 1, instead of May 1, 2023?

-Will the aircraft be ready March 1, 2024?

-Will more aircraft be contracted for the 2024 season?

-Where will they be staged? Who will decide where they are staged?

-Will there be night operations with aircraft?

-Will local Wildfire management branches have approval from the Province to get critical equipment

needed to fight fires in place and ready, allowing it to be prepared for use on or before March 1?

-Will local Wildfire management branches have approval from the Province to have staff trained and ready to respond for March 1, 2024?

-Will the Province provide the Edson Forest Protection area with much needed type 6 engines that carry water and not just pickups to carry crew for March 1, 2024 or end of season 2023?

-Will Wildfire staffing levels be increased?

-Will Wildfire staff be cross-trained to assist with structural protection?

A type 6 engine is a flat body pickup for personnel with a water tank, pump, and hose used to put water on a fire immediately. "When you respond an initial attack if you have that truck and you see fire, you can actually put water on it. There's only one of them for the Edson Forest area. That's in a forest protection area of 22,000 square kilometres. We [Yellowhead County] have six. They [Province] have one. So when they show up at a fire with a pickup truck, they have no water. They have a pump. They have to go find water, where they could initially attack that fire with water on board and hit it and get a good stop. They don't have that ability," Bahri explained to Council.

These questions formed part of a letter to the Honorable Todd Loewen Minister of Forestry and Parks requesting a meeting to discuss issues encountered during the Wildland season and the Province's go-forward plan for the 2024 season.

Bahri emphasised, "I want to make it very clear that this is not directed at the boots on the ground firefighters and the Edson Forest Protection Management as they worked diligently to control and extinguished these fires, but on provincial policy and cutbacks to wildfire budgets. Yellowhead County will work, continue to work, communicate, cooperate, and train with Alberta Wildfire as they have in the past."

After discussion by Council and some suggested edits to the questions proposed for the letter, Council passed a motion to forward the letter to the Minister of Forestry and Parks. It also requests a meeting to discuss the issues encountered in the 2023 Wildland season and the Province's go forward plan for the 2024 Wildland season.

County requests meeting with Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

During the meeting, Council also passed a motion to direct Administration to schedule a meeting for Mayor Williams and CAO Mercier with the Honorable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services to discuss Yellowhead County's concerns with the Wildland Urban Interface program under Alberta Emergency Management Agency.

County Chief Administrative Officer Luc Mercier stated, "There were hindrances that worked against local emergency services in a few cases during the disasters, which should have never occurred."

Mercier's report to Council stated: "The first incident in question involved representatives of the Provincial Wildland Urban Interface division and their unauthorized entrance into the local authority command post during a critical time and giving unauthorized direction to members on the emergency response team dealing with the emergency. The Wildland Urban Interface representatives were directed to leave the site and not to return by senior officials, as they had no authority to be in the command post whatsoever. It should be noted that one of the Wildland Urban Interface representatives was again directed to leave the command center site on a

second day.

The second incident involved representatives from the Provincial Wildland Urban Interface department disconnecting and moving, without consultation and without any authority, some of the sprinkler protection systems that were installed by local emergency services to protect homes.

The third incident in question occurred by a Wildland Urban Interface representative putting out very unprofessional comments, in words that we will not put out in a public document, to members of the fire department in an adjacent municipality about Yellowhead County administration after we complained about the first two incidents to the Province."

In addition to these issues, Yellowhead County has attempted to be part of the formal AEMA Wildland Urban Interface, and Structural Protection Specialist Certification training for a number of years and has been denied access to this training by the Province. "Although our members have training from other sources, this training should be made available by AEMA to allow all fire departments in our Province if they choose," stated Mercier.

After some discussion by Council, Mayor Wade William summarized, "This is all about accountability. We can't just let this go and if we don't ask for this meeting, it's just going to be swept under the carpet. It's far too serious an issue to sweep under a carpet."

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Edson Town Council updated on Capital Projects

by Niki Luymes

At the October 10 Edson Town Council Committee of the Whole meeting, council was updated on the status of the Capital Projects.

Capital projects are the planned renovations and updates to infrastructure as outlined in the town budget. The Infrastructure and Planning Department managed 26 projects in 2023 —9 of which were carryovers from previous years.

Despite a year that had both a lack of a Capital Projects Manager for 4 months and also lost two months of the construction season due to local emergencies, town staff managed to complete 13 of the 26 projects with an additional six expected to be completed before the end of this year. All completed projects finished under budget.

The most notable of the 13 completed projects are:

- The 46 St. Pedestrian Lights
- 1 ton and 1/2 ton trucks for the town fleet.
- Repairs to 1st Ave., east of 50th and alleyway drainage/re-grading
- The purchase of a second grader for snow clearing and road maintenance

"Most of our success can be attributed to the hard work of staff and the procurement of three qualified consultants: ISL Engineering and Land Services, WSP, and

McElhenney. Having these professionals pre-qualified meant we could procure projects much quicker through a Request for Quote process. The three firms also provided extra support over the period when we were without the Capital Project Manager," said General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Clayton Kittlitz.

These are the six projects that are expected to carry over to 2024, these project can vary widely in size and complexity:

- Airport Terminal Upgrades and Repairs
- Wase Creek Design Options and Construction
- Fluoride Plan
- Water Treatment Plant Degas
- Lagoon Septage Receiving Station
- 18th Avenue Total Rehab

Town of Edson Administration stated they are committed to building a Capital Program that allows Council to prioritize from a list of construction-ready projects. To that end, four design projects are on pace to be completed in 2023. "If approved, in the 2024 Capital Budget these projects can be tendered in January to optimize contractor availability and pricing." Said Kittlitz

The projects slated for this pre-emptive design are:

- 1st Avenue Total Rehab (50th Street to 54th Street)

- 8th Avenue Total Rehab (50th Street to 51st Street)

- 10th Avenue Sanitary Main (51st Street to 56th Street)

- 54th Street/56th Street Sanitary Main (2nd Avenue to 10th Avenue)

After going over the details of each project, Kittlitz took a moment to take questions, comments and concerns from council.

Mayor Zahara started off by thanking Kittlitz and his team for their hard work. "I just want to commend your team for the works that has been done here. A lot of heavy lifting has happened this year and it's great to see. I'm very pleased to see it done under budget."

Councillor Ed Moore asked for a bit of clarification on the Design Projects. Specifically how pre-designing the projects would work with constantly evolving prices.

Kittlitz stated that the prices in these designs would all be estimates and that it would be impossible to know what the eventual tenders would be. Although there is hope that being able to tender these projects sooner would potentially allow for access to larger companies and lower the prices. Chief Administrative Officer Christine Beveridge echoed this thought by also pointing out that pre-designing would also make it easier to apply for grants and external funding.

Councillor Krystal Baier had some questions about the Lagoon Septage Receiving Station. "Is that something

that's still maybe high priority or has it changed on the scale of priorities or is that something that should come back to council before we proceed?"

Kittlitz answered that all the carryover projects will be looked at by council and reevaluated during the next budget. The Lagoon Septage Receiving Station was added to the Capital Projects list this year because Cascade Power Plant project was going to be using this station. The goal was to renovate it so it could be unmanned and used on the weekends. "I think it's still an important project. Cascade hasn't really come back to us to talk about when they will need these services. It's probably a positive to have rather it than this manual, un-metered process we have right now," said Kittlitz.

Councillor Gean Chouinard, asked about the Airport Terminal upgrades and repairs project, which was referred to 2024 due to lack of tenders. "There were no local contractors getting in on this?"

"When we tendered this in 2022 we didn't receive any bids back whatsoever. I'm not quite sure what we'll do yet. We might try to bring it back with a smaller scope, but we'll have to see," answered Kittlitz.

"Thank you for this work," added Councillor Peter Taylor. "If this is what happens in a year with lots of disruptions I look forward to a year when we have a lot less disruptions and what we can accomplish."



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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

October 15 - 21, 2023



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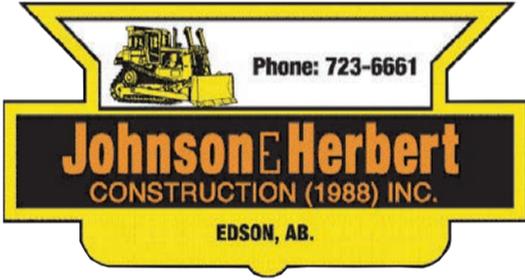
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Local Chamber Manager Kathy Arndt noted that there are many reasons to shop locally and support businesses owned and operated by those in the community.

“These local businesses are more than happy to help,” Arndt said. “If you buy something and you don't like it, you can take it back and talk right to the business. The customer service you get is great.”

“There is also a social part to shopping locally,” she said. “You can go out and meet the person you're supporting face to face. That's a great part of supporting a local business.”

Even in instances where it seems local shops may not carry an item, Arndt encourages shoppers to ask the business directly. “You can ask them, see if it's something they might be able to bring in for you,” she said. “They're there and happy to help if they can.”

As a community, we have the power to support

local businesses and help reduce some of the struggle they are experiencing in this economy. Look around your community at the many groups and organizations that benefit directly from the success of these businesses and it should be clear how important local support is.

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Yellowhead County

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D23-127	Plan 0823155 Blk 1, Lot 14 NE-31-55-15-W5 Whitetail Shores	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Covered Deck)	Sep 28/23	Permitted Use
D23-092	Plan 0621121 Blk 1, Lot 5 SE-21-53-15-W5 Pinedale Area	Accessory Building (Storage Building)	Sep 28/23	Permitted Use
D23-131	Plan 1620018 Blk 2, Lot 1 NW-29-53-17-W5 North of Edson	Single Detached Dwelling with Addition & Secondary Suite Internal	Oct 5/23	Permitted Use
D23-128	Plan 1320417 Blk 1, Lot 7 SW-36-53-17-W5 Edson North Estates	Existing Secondary Suite External & Accessory Building (Garage)	Oct 5/23	Permitted Use
D23-133	NW-1-55-10-W5 Chip Lake Area	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Covered Deck)	Oct 10/23	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw.

The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09 21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision. Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

Yellowhead County

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Peace Officer Level 1 (Entry-Level or Experienced)

LOCATION: Edson, AB
COMPETITION NO. 23-043

Reporting to the Peace Officer Sergeant, the Community Peace Officer is part of the overall Protective Services Department team working to promote public safety and community standards through education and enforcement of Yellowhead County bylaws and appointed provincial acts.

The salary range is \$84,186 - \$104,391 per year.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply please submit resumes and cover letters 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.

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

Human Resources
Yellowhead County
Email: jobs@yhcounty.ca

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Interested in getting your field inspected?
Contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services at 780-325-3782 or email the AISC at info@abinvasives.ca.

For a list of Certified Weed Free Forage Producers, or to be added to the list, visit abinvasives.ca



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For more information, please email tippelparkmuseum@gmail.com

COPING AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER

A community information session from AHS' Addiction and Mental Health teams

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

AHS will provide information on typical stress responses and indicators that further support may be needed.

After the session, therapists will stay to answer questions and meet individually with those who wish to.

Wildwood Community Hall
November 14 | 1 PM to 3 PM

Peers Multiplex
November 16 | 1 PM to 3 PM

Marlboro Community Hall
November 28 | 1 PM to 3 PM

ALL RESIDENTS OF EDSON AND YELLOWHEAD COUNTY ARE WELCOME!

FREE INFORMATION SESSION

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Learn more at fpw.org

UFA Petroleum Grand Opening in Wildwood

by Deanna Mitchener

It was exciting news for Wildwood as they celebrated the grand opening of the new location of UFA Petroleum in their community on October 5. The new location is at 53417 Range Road 92.

Don Smith, UFA Vice President, Petroleum and Innovation, addressed the guests beginning with a land acknowledgment in respect of the local Indigenous community.

Smith went onto say, "UFA has a long history in the province. We are 114 years old and one of the oldest co-operatives, but we also have a long history in this community."

"UFA has been a part of the Wildwood community for decades. The UFA Wildwood Cardlock Agency first began serving the Hamlet in 1961 and after 60 years it was time to move and upgrade the site to better serve members and customers. The decision to build a new location for the Petroleum Agency was one that required a great deal of thought and due diligence," said Smith.

"At the end of the day we want to provide the best experience for our customers. When we began looking for a new location it was important to us that we keep our investment in the Wildwood community. We understand that businesses are critical to small, rural communities and we did not want to take business away. This location has many improvements including better visibility and access from the highway, which allows us to serve our customers more efficiently," Smith said.

"We have doubled the product offering including the addition of Premium and Dyed Premium Diesel, Diesel and Deselex® Gold, which by the way, UFA has exclusive distribution rights to," added Smith.

There is DEF at the cardlocks now, a large lube warehouse, bulk loading, and a washroom and shower on site. "We have also expanded the site from two to five lanes, making it much easier to manoeuvre all sizes of vehicles. We hope the new cardlock will reinvigorate the community by

bringing in new highway traffic, with improved offerings and easier and better access to the site," Smith said.

Some special guests included Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams, Division 2 County Councillor Anthony Giezen, UFA Board Chair Kevin Hoppins, UFA Delegate for Wildwood Charlie Martin, Area Manager for UFA Patrick McEwen, and agents Kim and Dennis Broderson.

"Although UFA is 114 years old and built for farmers by farmers, we also pride ourselves on being innovative with a focus on sustainability. Our values align with those of the County, your mission is for Yellowhead County to have a progressive, sustainable, and environmentally responsible agricultural industry. This new site checks all the right boxes with efficient, sustainable, fuel delivery for many years to come and with the gold standard in service that our members and customers have come to expect," said Smith.

"Special thank you to the Hamlet of Wildwood and Yellowhead County, we are especially grateful to the accommodating Wildwood Planning and Development Committee who were a true pleasure to work with. We are so appreciative of how the community has worked alongside us and supported our relocation plans. In fact, early in the planning we held a meeting where hundreds of community members attended to show their support for UFA. We also received many positive letters and the community really did rally together to help turn this dream into a reality," said Smith.

"We will keep looking for ways to serve you better, hopefully for another 60 years. We will look for new ways to get involved because we believe we have a responsibility to help ensure that rural communities thrive well into the future," concluded Smith.

An official cutting of the ribbon took place. Then there was a free barbecue with homemade fries, pulled beef on a bun, and beverages. The event was very well attended.



The official ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the new location of the Wildwood UFA Petroleum took place on October 5. The new location is at 53417 Range Road 92. photo Deanna Mitchener

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Wildwood Legion is looking for a Bar Steward to work in the Tavern. Please drop a resume off at the Legion Thursday - Saturday from 1:30pm - 5:00pm or email to rclbr149@gmail.com

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Only candidates being considered for the position will be contacted.



Robin Corser, Linda Browne, Jackie Mitchell, Crystal Browne (Community Care Foundation), Arlene Vanderwell, and Dawn Mitchell holding a cheque for \$8,000 on September 19. The Community Care Foundation was the lucky recipient from 100 Women Who Care Edson. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Breast cancer awareness

October is breast cancer awareness month. It's also an important opportunity to bring attention to cancer awareness in general.



by Dana McArthur
publisher/Editor

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In the Edson area, cancer awareness and fundraising events include March 4 A Cure, Terry Fox Run, Run of Hope which was held on October 1 this year, and Shandy's Dream for a Cure which took place on September 10.

These are only a few of the ongoing local efforts to bring awareness and support to those suffering from the effects of cancer.

There are few people who have not had cancer touch their lives in some way or another.

My grandmother Pearl, died of stomach cancer after what was described as a long, painful decline. I never had the chance to meet her.

A close friend of mine was diagnosed with metastasized liver cancer. It spread to her lungs. Unfortunately, her prognosis simply did not fit into the 'language of hope' so prevalent in the cancer support back then.

However, there are many inspiring stories of recovery, including a friend of mine who made a full recovery from colon cancer. We hope these kind of stories vastly outnumber the ones that do not end so well. This is why fundraising for research and ongoing awareness programs are so critical.

Alberta's Minister of Health, Adriana LaGrange, stated, "One in seven Alberta women will face a breast cancer diagnosis in their lifetime. This is a chilling reality for the women in our lives – our family members, partners, mothers, friends and daughters.

"When breast cancer is detected early, there are more innovative treatments available, more choices for care and more hope for a positive outcome for you and your loved ones. Screening services are accessible province-wide and can detect cancer long before symptoms manifest.

"This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I urge women to prioritize getting regular mammograms. It could save your life."

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Oct 2 to Oct 8, 2023

Traffic Collisions topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 9. Other investigations included: Abandoned vehicles 4; Alarms/False Alarms 1; Animal Calls 1; Arson 4; Assault 3; Assistance Calls 6; Cause Disturbance 4; Drive while Unauthorized 1; Fail to Comply with Conditions 4; False/Abandoned 911 Calls 2; Family Orders and Agreements 1; Firearms Act 1; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 1; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 2; Information File 2; Lost/Found Property 3; Mental Health Act 3; Mischief or Damage 4; Missing Person/Request to Locate 1; Possess Stolen Property 1; Sudden Death 1; Suspicious Person 4; Theft Complaints 7; Traffic Complaints 4; Trespassing 4; Uttering Threats against Person 1; Unwanted Person 1; Wellbeing Check 7; and Traffic Violations 5.

KID'S CORNER

Meet 6 year old Charlotte in grade one at Mary Bergeron Elementary School.

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A Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Oil and gas will continue to be major part of world's energy mix

Minister of Energy and Minerals Brian Jean issued the following statement about the 24th World Petroleum Congress held in Calgary last month.

“Alberta is Canada’s energy province. Oil and gas will continue to be a major part of the world’s energy mix for decades to come. I believe more than ever that our province can help shape the global energy future and that is why I am delighted that we will be able to host so many global energy leaders in Calgary. We all know the importance of reaching carbon

neutrality and we are all running as fast as we can to get there. Alberta is committed to cutting emissions while keeping energy secure and affordable.

“Alberta’s energy sector is leading the way. More than 11.5 million tonnes of CO₂ have already been safely stored underground in Alberta carbon capture projects. Our oil and gas industry has invested billions in emissions reduction and is actively commercializing their technologies across the province. Our hydrogen, natural gas, critical mineral, petrochemical and renewable energy opportunities all continue to

attract attention and investment.

“Alberta is future-focused. We are creating the conditions for a diverse energy mix through technological innovation and our greatest resource, our people, who have the expertise and skills to support global demand for energy and emerging technologies.

“Through strong collaboration and meaningful partnerships, Alberta will continue to be an energy leader on the world stage. We will continue to be a reliable partner for others looking to build a low-carbon energy future and

achieve better environmental outcomes. Our province welcomes any and all partnerships to develop the new infrastructure and supply chains needed to support future energy technologies. An investment in Alberta energy is an investment in the world’s energy future.

“Great things are happening here right now, and I can assure you this momentum will continue. I look forward to attending the conference, participating on discussion panels and engaging with as many of the delegates as I can over the next few days.”

October Capacity Announcement for Trans Mountain Pipeline System

Total system nominations for the Trans Mountain Pipeline system are apportioned by 23 percent for October 2023. The pipeline will be running full at its maximum capacity.

What is pipeline ‘apportionment’ and why is it important?

The energy sector around the world works on a monthly cycle. The Trans Mountain Pipeline is part of that cycle. Apportionment describes the amount of demand shippers place on the pipeline in excess of its available capacity. Here’s a step-

by-step guide to the apportionment determination that’s carried out every month for the existing Trans Mountain Pipeline system.

Each month our shippers submit requests for how much petroleum (crude oil and refined products) they want to ship through the pipeline to service their customers. These requests are called ‘nominations’.

Based on shippers’ nominations, we then determine the ‘capacity’ available on the pipeline for the month. Determining pipeline capacity is complex. Capacity is affected by, among other things, the types of products that have been nominated, any pipeline system maintenance activities that will reduce flows that month and carry-over volumes that haven’t completed their transit of the pipeline by month’s end.

Based on available pipeline capacity and the volume of shipper nominations we received, we calculate apportionment using a method accepted by the Canada Energy Regulator and forming part of our tariff. A tariff includes the terms and conditions under which the service of a pipeline is offered or provided, including the tolls, the rules and regulations, and the practices relating to specific services.

If shipper nominations are less than pipeline capacity, the apportionment percentage to that destination is “zero” and all the product volumes nominated by shippers are accepted to be transported that month.

If shipper nominations exceed pipeline capacity, the apportionment is a percentage greater than zero.

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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Technological developments in coal-fired electricity generation

Carbon Capture and Storage

Carbon capture, use and storage (CCUS) is a variety of integrated technologies that are capable of capturing up to 90% of CO2 emissions produced from the use of fossil fuels in electricity generation and industrial processes, preventing the CO2 from entering the atmosphere.

CO2 can be captured during pre-combustion, post combustion or oxyfuel combustion. It is then transported for safe storage or for commercial purposes, such as enhanced oil recovery (EOR).

Benefits:

- Reduction in CO2 emissions
- Ability to meet growing energy demands
- Employment opportunities created by new plants and pipelines

Combustion Technology

Supercritical combustion technology involves the use of higher boiler temperatures and pressures to drive high-efficiency steam

turbines more efficiently. These technologies are used together with advanced air quality control systems that drastically reduce the amount of sulphur dioxides (SO2), nitrous oxides (NOx) and mercury entering the atmosphere.

The most recent coal-fired generation plant built with this technology is Keephills 3 (Capital Power/TransAlta) near Edmonton, which has been in operation since September, 2011. This plant produces the same amount of electricity as some retired units, but uses 24% less coal. Learn more.

Benefits:

Reduction in fuel consumption. Using less coal is more economical, efficient and better for the

environment.

Decreased greenhouse gas release thanks to advanced air quality control 'scrubber' technology.

Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle

An Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) power plant uses a partial combustion process that converts coal into syngas, a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen, which is then used to fire the combustion turbine in a combined-cycle power plant. As the technology matures, IGCC has the potential to become the preferred method to generate electricity from coal.

Benefits:

- Improved efficiency in power production
- Decrease in the production of GHGs
- Ability to scrub pollutants like sulphur and heavy metals from the fuel before it is burned
- Can produce a concentrated carbon dioxide (CO2) stream which can make CO2 storage more economical.



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Shared Community Garden supports Food Bank

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Community Garden has some dedicated community volunteers throughout the season and that's just how a community garden should work. Many people took part in this worthwhile cause for the community.

Recycle Depot Manager Anne Auriat, said, "In the Spring the recycle depot staff and a group of individuals from Reflections planted potatoes and carrots at the community garden. This week a group of grade 9 students from Parkland High School helped harvest the vegetables. After the vegetables are washed and cleaned they will be donated to the Edson Food Bank."



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In Loving Memory of:



Michael J. Schnirer

September 18, 1927 - October 3, 1998

We miss his smile and kindly ways.
 With him we spent some happy days.
 We miss him when we need a friend
 On him we could always depend.
 If only he were here today then this to him we could say:
 "If memories bring us closer we are never far apart,
 for you are always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts; God bless you dad."

Missing you, Schnirer, Delisle, Perrotta, and Turcotte families.



Nedova Tatiana and Joann Willment served up Thanksgiving dinner at Parkland Lodge to residents and their guests on October 9. There was everything from Caesar salad, soup, veggies, ham, and turkey to stuffing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. The residents complimented about how good the meals are at the lodge. A big thanks went to all staff at the lodge. photo Deanna Mitchener.

~ Obituary ~

Violet (Vi) Williams

May 1, 1943 – October 6, 2023
 (80 years old)



Violet was born on May 1, 1943, in Spedden AB. She was the second oldest of 8 siblings. She grew up on the farm at Garner Lake, where they would spend the summers selling worms and leaches to the local fisherman. She quickly learned this was not what she wanted to do. She would tell her dad that she had homework, so that she could go back to the house and spend hours in the kitchen with her mom or hide in the attic to read books.

Vi was an exceptional student. She attended the University of Alberta and completed a Bachelor of Education in Home Economics and English in record time by taking extra classes and summer school. Upon graduation she started her teaching career in Ashmont from 1963 to 1965, she wasn't much older than her students. She moved on to St. Paul, Salmon Arm, Camrose and finally to Edson from 1968 to 1995 where she finished her teaching career. She continued as a substitute teacher until a few years ago, always bringing treats for the staff.

Vi and Keith met while teaching in Camrose. They were married on August 17, 1968. They relocated to Edson to open the brand-new Parkland Composite High School, where they spent countless hours getting the Foods and Industrial Arts labs set up just the way they wanted.

She was actively involved with Special Olympics and S.C.O.P.E. as a board member for numerous years.

Vi was always willing to try anything as evidenced by the numerous camping and fishing trips that they went on. Upon retirement, they were able to travel all over the world including Hawaii, New Zealand, Aruba, Palm Springs, New Orleans and her favorite, Graceland.

Vi was known for her love of teaching and her incredibly talented sewing and quilting skills. Her amazing baking skills were enjoyed by many (cinnamon buns and ginger snaps were some of our favorites).

She was also an avid curler, playing in numerous bonspiels with family and friends. If she wasn't curling, she was either attending the Briers or staying up all hours of the night to watch it.

Most of all, she was known for the love of her grandsons.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband Keith of 55 years, daughter Tami and son Troy (Kerri) and their children Austin and Shawn; brothers Dennis Tchir, Michael Tchir; sisters Joanne (Johnny) Bodnar, Barb Tchir, Carolyn (John) Kennett and Lorraine Tchir; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her parents Roman and Cassie, brother Marion and sister Dianne.

In lieu of floral tributes donations may be directed to:

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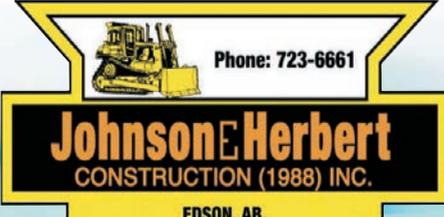
What's happening, when and where in the community

Community Events

Family Time: Join us on Wednesdays for some indoor fun. Programs run from 10:30AM -12:30PM. Locations are Marlboro Community Hall October 18, November 1 & 22, December 6. Peers Multiplex October 25, November 8 & 29, December 13. Program is for ages 0-5 must register www.yhcounty.ca/registration
Sept 23-Oct 18: Seniors Tech Tips Every Weds 9:30am-10:30am Edson Community Learning 111 54St Suite 105. Register 780-712-3500
November 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, March 8, April 12: Join Trail Hall for potluck suppers for more information call 780-728-5641
October 20: At Home Alone Safety Course. Ages 10-13 Robb Multiplex 1pm-3:30pm (PD Day) To register visit yhcounty.ca/registration
October 27: Halloween Family Dance. Wildwood Community Hall 6:00pm-8:30pm Wear your costumes Registration required yhcounty.ca/registration
November 4: CWL Bazaar 11am-3pm in the basement of the Catholic Church
November 14: Coping after natural disaster. Community information session from AHS addiction and mental health teams. Wildwood community hall 1pm-3pm. Register at yhcounty.ca/registration or by calling 780-325-3782or by email yhc_fcass@yhcounty.ca
November 16: Coping after natural disaster. Community information session from AHS addiction and mental health teams.

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November 17: RCMP Centennial Park Light Up, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
November 18: Holy Trinity Anglican Lutheran Church annual Christmas Bazaar at Galloway Station Museum 11:00am-3:00pm Craft sale, bake sale, silent auction and light lunch if you have any questions please call 780-728-4026.
Nov 25: Country Dance Night - Couples or Singles 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Galloway Station Museum
November 28: Coping after natural disaster. Community information session from AHS addiction and mental health teams. Marlboro Community Hall 1pm-3pm. Register at yhcounty.ca/registration or by calling 780-325-3782or by email yhc_fcass@yhcounty.ca

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Edson RCMP arrested and charged female for four arsons

(RCMP release) On Oct. 8, 2023, at 3:45 p.m., Edson RCMP received a complaint of a fire deliberately set behind a local business on 4th Avenue. The fire burned part of the fence.

Then, on Oct. 9th at 6:50 a.m., the Edson RCMP received three complaints of arson: a picnic table was set on fire at a business on 3rd Avenue, a garbage barrel was set on fire at a business on 4th Avenue and then a public bench was set on fire at the intersection of 50th Street and 1st Avenue. No injuries reported at any of the fires.

As a result of the investigation, the Edson RCMP, with the assistance of witnesses and surveillance videos, were able to identify the person responsible for all four arsons. She was located and arrested immediately without incident.

A female (37), a resident of Edson, was charged with four counts of arson. The suspect was brought before a Justice of the Peace and was released. This person's next court appearance will be at the Alberta Court of Justice in Edson on Nov. 7th, 2023.

The Edson RCMP is asking the public to contact them if they witnessed any of these incidents or if they have any video recordings of the fires.

NOTE: A charge should not be considered as evidence of guilt. In Canada, all persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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