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Adrenaline fuelled Dodge Bull at Element Zone

by Deanna Mitchener

The annual Dodge Bull got underway on September 27 at Element Zone. The two day event was their final one of the

season.

It was a weekend packed full of contestants dodging bulls. It took nerves of steel to stay seated the longest even when the bull was right there at their side

sniffing them during bull pocker. Contestants needed to be fast on their feet to dodge those powerhouses of muscles and horns.

The event started off with

sheep riding for the young and upcoming rodeo stars. Events moved up to steer riding, junior bronc riding, cow riding, men's bronc riding, freestyle bull

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Bull Pocker was an exciting and popular event during the annual Dodge Bull Rodeo at Element Zone on Sept 27 and 28th, hosted by Travis James. photo Deanna Mitchener

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fighting, and ladies ranch bronc.

Those exciting events were followed by the adrenaline fuelled bull poker where you sit at a table trying to be the last person as a bull makes his way to the table thrashing and snorting.

Another event was the ring of fire where contestants jump into a chalk circle and must remain inside as they try to outsmart the bull and be the last contestant within the circle.

The excitement continued with the wheelbarrow race. Teams tried to be the first to make it to the opposite end of the arena around a barrel, as one person sits in a wheelbarrow and one pushes. Sounds easy. But wait, they also have to contend with the massive bull in arena.

Spectators were sitting on the edge of their seats with so much adrenaline pumping action to see.

Friday night's top spots: For cow-riding was Hayden LaValley; Steer Riding was Kaci McCoy; Ranch broncs was Tate Rhine; Ladies broncs was Krysta Cieckiewicz; and Jr broncs was Wyatt McDowell.

Saturday's top spots: For cow riding was Keeley Bowman; Steer Riding was Tanner Lapierre; Ranch Broncs was Briar Polak; Ladies Broncs was Krista Cieckiewicz; and Jr broncs was Bella Fehlauer.

Element Zone owner/operator, and mastermind behind the scene, Travis James, said, "The money raised throughout the event was to help pay for Tom's Funeral expenses. The first few years of operations out here Tom played a big part in. He helped kick start these events through his sponsorship with his company Tombstone Contracting."

"The dance went off without a hitch on Saturday

night and we were able to start it within minutes of the completion of our event. Brayden King is an unbelievable talented up-and-coming young country artist. We tried cowboy can beer for the first time and ran out of the white whisky both nights, so that'll likely be a mainstay for our events," said James.

When asked why dodge bull is his favourite event, Travis responded, "Because I'm not restricted creatively on what I can or can't do out here. Some of our events like Mustachio Bullbashio in the spring are sanctioned through associations so when it comes to planning, there's restrictions on what I can do. But dodge bull is 100% my brainchild."

The Lions Club was doing the 50/50 at the event

with the proceeds being donated to Reflections. The clean up and parking was handled by the Girl Guides. "We donated \$800 for all their efforts out here," said Travis.

Throughout the weekend a little pig by the name Pork Chop was a hit with the audience, wondering around and socializing with the crowd. "Pork Chop was a new acquisition to our farm. Some kids won him at the Edson Ranch rodeo a few weeks ago, but unfortunately weren't able to keep him. I ended up trading the kids for a bucket of horse shoes. He fits right in around here," said Travis.

Thanks went to all the sponsors, volunteers, and spectators that made the event possible. Stay tuned for the Buckle Zone happening on December 7th at the Pine Grove Hall.



Spectators (and contestants) were sitting on the edge of their seats during the dodge bull events at Element Zone on the Sept 27 weekend. photos Deanna Mitchener




Men's Saddle Bronc action during Element Zone's Dodge Bull event.

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Edson Fire Department upgrading communications system

by Niki Luymes

Bradley Milton, Fire Chief for the Edson Fire Department, came to the Edson Town Council on October 1, to request an upgrade to the first responders radio system.

Due to deficiencies identified with the current equipment, Milton requested the implementation of the Alberta First Responders Communications System (AFRRCS) for Protective Services and Emergency Management. This implementation would come with a cost of \$120,000 in additional funding to be added to the 2024 Capital Budget.

"AFRRCS is a two way radio network for first responders in municipal, provincial, and First Nations agencies across the province," explained Chief Milton. The system allows agencies to create and share 'talk groups' greatly enhancing communication between agencies. Operation and maintenance for this system is provided by the Government of Alberta. This system has been live since July 1, 2016, and is used by many different agencies province-wide.

This change is being proposed as a direct response to feedback after the 2023 wildfires. The 2023 Edson After Action Reviews conducted by TSI (Transitional Solutions Inc), provided two recommendations that specifically referenced the use of AFRRCS Radios.

"Deficiencies have been identified with the current radio communications equipment in both the After-Action Reviews as well as internally

within Town operations. Large emergency scenes are not capable of being controlled through the existing radio system without difficulties, and the use of multiple radio systems or various other communications means. The current radio system, while working, it is not ideal to be using several different communication modes as a standard operating practice," said Milton. He added that the deficiencies were again noted during Edson's involvement in the Jasper wildfires.

The current radios and pagers used are also reaching the end of their lifecycle. This makes it the perfect time to make the switch. Instead of ad-hoc repairs, Chief Milton and Town Administration are recommending a full scale upgrade to the AFRRCS. Upgrading would ensure long-term reliability, compatibility, and provide better value and enhanced operational effectiveness.

Administration is also actively seeking third party donations and grant funding opportunities. They have already received \$55,000 in external funding specific to the implantation of AFRRCS.

Councillor Ed Moore asked about the security of this proposed system. "What are the odds of the public eavesdropping into this system?" Milton replied, "These systems are designed though a VPN system, so they are encrypted and are not able to be scanned."

"How often will you have to do upgrades on

these [AFRRCS radios] or will they last for a while?" asked Councillor Trevor Bevan. Milton stated the new radios will have the same lifespan as normal radios, about 10-15 years.

Councillor Krystal Cacka and Councillor Greg Pasychny voiced their approval for a system-wide upgrade.

Councillor Pasychny noted that when other fire departments came to Edson to help with the 2023 wildfire, they came with AFRRCS. "I think this is a long time coming and it's a really good thing for our fire department."

"I was actually quite surprised to learn that we weren't on AFRRCS already," said Mayor Kevin Zahara. "Is Yellowhead County already on AFRRCS?" Milton responded, "They do have AFRRCS accessibility right now and they have the current radio system. So, it would be an easy transition for us to their dispatching system."

The motion to approve \$120,000 additional funding in the 2024 Capital Budget to implement the AFRRCS for Protective Services and Emergency Management to be funded from the Protective Services Capital Reserve was carried unanimously.

Support for the Edson Community Care Foundation: Council approved a \$10,000 funding request to assist the Edson Community Care Foundation with start-up costs of sub committee to help recruit doctors and healthcare works to the area. A member of Council will be appointed to the sub committee.

Arts on Fire Gala brings community together

by Niki Luymes

The Town of Edson helped celebrate Alberta Culture Days with the annual Arts on Fire Gala on September 28.

Artists and art supporters were welcomed to the Galloway Museum to share with the community. The doors opened at 7pm, with festivities going late into the night. The event was free to attend but did require an RSVP.

The annual Arts on Fire event has been running since 2012. What started as an awards banquet slowly became a night of celebration. Alberta Culture Days, since its inception, has been about encouraging and supporting arts and culture. The grants the province provides are what helps make events like the Arts on Fire Gala possible.

"Even though artists are a humble breed, we are all out there and deserve a pat on the back for all we do," said Diana Inscho, Arts and Culture coordinator with the Town

of Edson. "Art isn't always thought of as necessary, but imagine a world without books, music, murals, statues, beautiful architecture, movies, live plays, or dance."

"Art is necessary to our well being. It brings us together, it gives us something to consider, it stretches our minds and our imaginations. It gives us an outlet to express ourselves, it enhances our health, Art brightens our spaces, it makes us feel and explore our feelings, it sometimes even saves us," said Inscho.

This year the event featured fancy sandwiches, gourmet s'mores, and a cash bar. Alongside the refreshments, the Gala also presented a live performance by WIESINGER, an up and coming rock/pop band from Barrhead.

While there wasn't a huge crowd, the event was well attended. "I would have liked to see more people in attendance, but crowd was fun and appreciative and we all had a great time," said Inscho.

The event wouldn't be possible without all the volunteers from the community. "Chautauqua was our funding partner on Culture Days this year so a big shout-out goes to them.

Thanks to the Galloway Station Museum, DJ Lifter, and the Edson Photography Club for helping to make it a success," added Inscho.

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Lego Creation Day at Edson Public Library

by Niki Luymes

There was a lot of fun to be had at Edson and District Public Library on September 28. Staff welcomed families and community members of all ages to come out and enjoy Lego Creation Day.

From 1pm to 4pm, the library's full Lego collection was available for people to play with and create to their hearts' content.

Lego Creation Day is a reoccurring event at Edson Public Library. At least once a year they bring out their large collection of Lego bricks and encourage kids and adults to get creative. This year the library provided snacks alongside the free-range fun. There were piles of bricks at tables and floor mats so that all ages could get involved.

There were multiple Lego prizes up for grabs as part of the event. There were draws and a variation of the candy jar game where visitors could guess the number of Lego bricks in the jar. Staff also had themed colouring pages and books set out. This was

alongside all of the things the library usually offers such as books, dvds, play areas, and much more.

This is the first official library programming since they finished the new renovations and the community came out in force to support the event. "This is amazing. You can see how much the community needs programs and how much they need the library," said Sarah Tonowski, Library Manager. Less than halfway through the event there were over 150 people who had come through.

Events like this help further the library's goal of encouraging learning within the community. "The biggest goal is to inspire literacy and that kids can get a kinetic connection with learning, creativity, and curiosity. Also that they can come to the library for fun, to do new things, and to meet new friends," said Tonowski. The Library staff is already planning future programming. They would also like to welcome everyone out on October 18, for the official grand opening of the new location.



Farah Grauman and Audrey Lanery, were among the many people who came out to take part in the Edson and District Public Library's Lego Creation Day on September 28th. photo Niki Luymes



There was lots of fun to be had at Edson and District Public Library's Lego Creation Day on September 28. photo Niki Luymes



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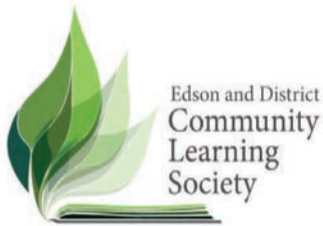
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The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd. to renew its franchise fee rates with the Town of Edson in return for the use of municipal lands for its natural gas, effective January 1, 2025. The franchise fee applies to all customers that receive gas services in Edson from Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd and is required to be invoiced as a separate charge on the gas invoices.

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Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

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For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise fees, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at info@auc.ab.ca.

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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.

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This week is National Newspaper Week (Oct. 6-12), and if not-so-social media has taught us anything, it's just how important it is for Canadians to have access to local news they can trust.



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

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Dave Adsett, the Chair of News Media Canada, stated, "One can point to the monopoly that multinational corporations like Google and Facebook bring to bear. Left unregulated for two decades, they have done what cartels do: vacuum up revenue and profit immensely from unsuspecting consumers who have had their privacy subjugated by stealth." Adding to this, Meta blocked all Canadian news content from its platforms last year, effectively shutting down every single Canadian newspaper's Facebook and Instagram pages.

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YIA and Edson Healthier Together host Volleyball Mini Games

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Youth Interagency (YIA) group made the most of the fall weather with the Volleyball Mini Games event on September 24. From 4pm to 6pm, kids ages 11 to 17 were invited to come out to the new freestanding volleyball net across from Griffiths Park. The event was also drop-in so kids could come and go as they wished. Volunteers from the Town of Edson Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and Edson Healthier Together partnered together for the event. They also provided snacks and refreshments for the kids to enjoy. If you weren't into volleyball, there were

other yard games set up to take part in. There were also door prizes and draws running throughout. Over 20 kids came out to enjoy the fun. "It was more people than we expected," said Hannah Minelli with FCSS. When asked about the goal of this event, Audrey St-Francois with Healthier Together, said that it serves "to promote and create social connections among youth and helps increase physical activity as well." Both groups are interested in feedback from the public about future events like this. Edson Healthier Together is also the organization which worked to have the new volleyball net installed. "The committee started in March so this is

our first tangible initiative. We've been doing a lot of community building and strengthening the committee. We identified youth as a priority population and social connections as

our main area," said St-Francois. The volleyball net went up on August 21. It is open for anyone in the community to use throughout the day.



The Edson Youth Interagency had some fun on Sept 24 at the new public freestanding volleyball net along 6th Ave. photo Niki Luymes

Renting from Trudeau is Not the Canadian Dream

(OpEd) As a Member of Parliament, I constantly hear from Canadians who feel that the dream of homeownership is slipping further out of reach. The Trudeau government's latest housing announcement does nothing to change that. Instead of empowering Canadians to own their homes, this plan keeps them renting—literally—from the government.

The idea of converting federal lands into housing might seem promising at first. Selling off unused public land to create homes is something Conservatives have long proposed. But here's where the Liberals' plan goes off the rails: instead of selling the land to Canadians, they want to lease it to developers, ensuring that Canadians remain tenants, not homeowners. This approach does nothing to address the underlying issues that have made housing so unaffordable in our country.

Under this plan, Canadians won't build equity, and

Gerald Soroka
MP Yellowhead



they won't gain the security that comes with owning both their home and the land it sits on. Instead, they'll be stuck in a cycle of rent, at the mercy of government-controlled leases that could change at any time. This isn't homeownership; it's another form of dependency, where Canadians are left renting from Trudeau rather than owning their piece of Canada.

Let's be clear: this is not a solution to our housing crisis. It's a bureaucratic maneuver that keeps people trapped in a rental system, rather than

offering them the opportunity to build wealth and stability through homeownership. The real problem is that the Liberals have failed to build enough homes to meet the needs of a growing population. In fact, fewer homes are being built now than in the 1970s when our population was half the size.

Common Sense Conservatives have a different plan. We believe in cutting the red tape that slows down construction, reducing taxes on homebuilding, and ensuring that when Canadians buy a home, they actually own it—land and all. We need to build more homes, not more bureaucracy.

So, I ask you: Do you want to rent your future from the government, or do you want a government that empowers you to own it? It's time to choose a path that puts Canadians first and restores the dream of homeownership. Only Common Sense Conservatives will deliver the homes that Canadians need and deserve.

Edson couple celebrates 65 years together



Elaine and Alfe Weisser celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on September 28. photo Deanna Mitchener

by Deanna Mitchener

Alfe and Elaine Weisser have shared a lifetime together. The couple recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family and friends at the Pioneer Cabin on September 28.

Not only were they celebrating 65 years of marriage, they were celebrating Alfe's 90 birthday. Many congratulations went to the couple sharing these very special milestones.

Mary Guillemette, their eldest daughter, said, "There are a total of four siblings. Two girls and two boys. Five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. The two sons live here in Edson, I'm from Stony Plain, and our baby sister lives in Edmonton."

"My mom and dad first met when my dad's brother wasn't feeling well on New Year's Eve and wasn't up to going

out. My mom and some other friends decided to go and play some cards and that's where she met my dad. They started dating and ended up spending their whole life together up on Grand Prairie Trail," Mary explained.

"They bought a little house that was being removed for the original IGA store location. They poured the foundation and moved the house on it. As he was a carpenter, Dad gutted it and added bedrooms. Mom drove school bus for years. They spent their whole married life here in Edson.

"It truly is a pleasure to have family and friends here today to help our parents celebrate. Most of the family was able to attend, except our one daughter who recently moved to Toronto and couldn't be here. We are so proud of our parents and the milestone they are celebrating today,"

said Mary.

The ladies at the Pioneer Cabin put together a fantastic luncheon and the family did an amazing job decorating

the hall. The event went from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. offering guests a chance to wish the couple well, socialize, share old memories and some great food.

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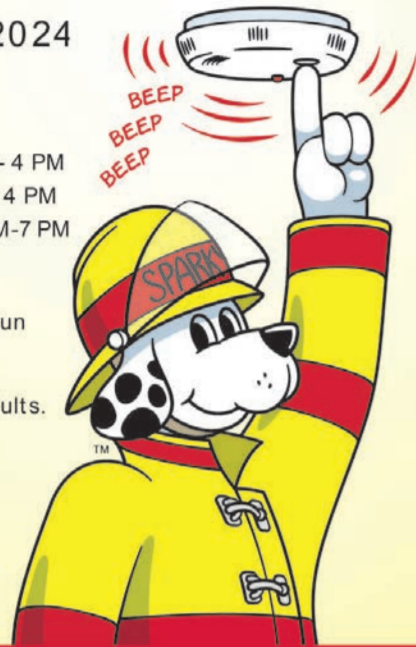
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October 6 - 12, 2024

Evansburg Oct. 5 | 10 AM - 4 PM
Wildwood Oct. 6 | 10 AM - 4 PM
YCFD Edson Oct. 10 | 4 PM - 7 PM

Join Yellowhead County firefighters for hands-on fun and learning. Activities for kids. Fire prevention tips for adults.

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Generations Connect Pen Pal Program

Join our Intergenerational Pen Pal Program for a unique exchange of wisdom, stories, and friendship.



This FREE program is open to ages 55+

For more information or to join please contact Sierra at 780-325-3782 or sgoddard@yhcounty.ca



Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

GREAT PRIZES! FREE TO ENTER

Annual Farmers Appreciation

CELEBRATING OUR HARD-WORKING LOCAL PRODUCERS

Are you a local producer that is actively farming in Yellowhead County?

Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department has once again put together several draws for Gift Certificates to some of our local businesses:

- \$250 Woodland Lumber & Building Supplies (Evansburg) Gift Certificate
- \$250 Peers Farm & Feed Supplies 2x Gift Certificates
- \$250 Whitey's Tire & Mechanical (Evansburg) Gift Certificate
- \$250 UFA Gift Certificate
- \$250 Laurich Holdings Farm Supply Store (Evansburg) Gift Certificate

Enter at:

www.bit.ly/FarmersAppreciation2024

Or call our Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 and register to have your name put into the draws.

Not a farmer? You can also call or fill out the online form to nominate a farmer to make sure they get put onto the list.

Registration deadline is October 21 at 4:30pm.

Draws will take place on October 23.

Winners will be contacted by phone and published in the paper and our Facebook page.



Or scan the QR code to enter!



Halloween Family Dance

Spooktacular fun for the whole family

Prizes, pizza and treats provided

Wildwood Community Hall
\$10 per family
Friday, October 25th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
DJ: Music By Taz

Be sure to wear a fantastic costume or Halloween attire!

Registration is required. Please register by October 23rd. To register visit: yhcounty.ca/registration

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 6-12

OPEN HOUSES

NEW DATES!

October 5
Evansburg
Fire Station 10
10am-4pm

October 6
Wildwood
Fire Station 9
10am-4pm

October 10
YCFD Edson
Fire Station 12 (2716 1 Ave)
4pm-7pm

Join County Firefighters for hands-on fun & learning!

Activities for kids!

Fire Prevention tip for adults!

Yoga in Peers

Join Britanee for this six-week session!

SUNDAYS
7 PM - 8 PM
PEERS MULTIPLEX
RUNS
OCT 6TH - NOV 17TH
(NO CLASS OCT 13TH)

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN YOGA MAT AND WATER BOTTLE
Register at yhcounty.ca/registration or by phoning Jina at 780-723-4800

COST: \$60/SESSION
OR 12/CLASS TO DROP IN.

Advance registration recommended. Space is limited.

Yoga in Marlboro

Join Renae for rejuvenating yoga!

SUNDAYS
4:30PM-5:30PM
MARLBORO COMMUNITY HALL
RUNS
OCT 20TH & 27TH

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN YOGA MAT, WATER BOTTLE AND A BLANKET.
Register at yhcounty.ca/registration or by phoning Jina at 780-723-4800

COST: 12/CLASS
THESE CLASSES ARE OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES. BEGINNERS WELCOME!

Space is limited. Advance registration recommended.

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-120	Plan 9921375 Blk 1, Lot 2 SW-4-53-19-W5 Edson West	Home Business Small (Psychologist Office)	Sept 18/24	Permitted use
D24-121	NW-17-54-16-W5 Edson Area	Manufactured Home	Sept 18/24	Permitted Use
D24-128	NE 3-53-13-W5 South of Niton Junction	Existing Single Detached Dwelling x2	Sept 18/24	Permitted Use
D24-122	SE-17-54-11-W5 Niton/Carrot Creek	Accessory Building (Detached Garage)- Variance for Front Yard Setback	Sept 18/24	Oct 9/24
D24-134	NW-20-54-8-W5 North of Lobstick Resorts	Accessory Building (Garage) & Accessory Building (Barn)	Sept 20/24	Permitted Use
D24-131	Plan 0941619 Blk 2, Lot 2, NE-32-52-17-W5 South of Edson	Single Detached Dwelling	Sept 23/24	Permitted Use
D24-129	Plan 8122397 Lot B NW-27-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Addition to Existing Manufactured Home (Mudroom)	Sept 23/24	Permitted Use
D24-133	Plan 9525366 Blk 1, Lot 8 NW-12-52-24-W5 Cardale	Two Existing Accessory Buildings (Canvas Quonset & Metal Quonset)- Variance to Rear Yard Setback	Sept 24/24	Oct 15/24
D24-123	Plan 7622234 Blk 4, Lot 15 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick	Existing Single Detached Dwelling With three (3) Accessory Buildings- Variance to Front Yard Setback	Oct 1/24	Oct 22/24

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 02.24 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 \$500.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision.

TENDER INVITATION

(Tenders NO. 24-845)
2024 Fall Roadside Brushing For Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2024-845

Project: 2024 West Winter Roadside Brushing

Will be received until: 1:30 P.M., October 23, 2024

At the office of: Yellowhead County
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Approximately 12.1 hectares of Roadside Brushing at 7 sites within Yellowhead County

Approximately 0.4 hectares of Clearing & Brushing in CN right of way north of the Yellowhead County Edson Yard site

Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., October 4, 2024, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted. Please contact:

Rex Wallace,
rwallace@yhcounty.ca
Assistant Manager, Infrastructure Services
Yellowhead County



Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

FUN RUN 5km
ROBB RACE

OCT 20 | STARTS 11AM

This scenic yet challenging course will start and end at the Robb Multiplex

\$5

Strollers and dogs on leash are welcome!
 Kids 5 and under race free!
 Snacks and water will be available after the race!

Register at yhcounty.ca/registration or by phoning Jina at 780-723-4800

Yellowhead County FCSS invites you!

50th Anniversary

October 11, 2024
1:00 PM to 4:00PM
 Evansburg Legion Hall
 Snacks will be provided.

Come and celebrate 50 years of FCSS in Yellowhead County with FCSS staff and board members, old and new.

Take a walk down memory lane, catch up with others from previous FCSS programs, or come out and learn about current offerings.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

To RSVP call 780-325-3782 or email yhc_fcss@yhcounty.ca

Welcome to Yellowhead County
 An event to introduce new residents to Yellowhead County!

Learn about programs from:

Agriculture

Parks & Recreation

Family & Community Support Services

Heritage

PLUS... discover volunteering opportunities, recreation amenities, grants for community connecting, and the variety of services and programs available through other organizations.

Residents that would like to meet new residents are also encouraged to attend!

OCTOBER 15 6:30 - 8 PM
WILDWOOD LIBRARY

OCTOBER 17 6:30 - 8 PM
NITON LIBRARY

For more info, call 780-325-3782 or email wrobinson@yhcounty.ca
 Register online at yhcounty.ca/registration

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Yellowhead County Board Positions Available

Keen to contribute to your community? Apply to be a member of a County board!
 Deadline: October 15, 2024 Apply through the County website or call 780-723-4800.

<p>AGRICULTURAL SERVICES APPEAL BOARD [4 positions, 1-year term]</p> <p>This committee adjudicates property owner appeals of orders and penalties issued by the County's Agricultural Services pursuant to the provincial acts the County enforces. This committee will meet as required. Training required, costs for training will be covered. Term will be January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.</p>	<p>FCSS BOARD [5 positions + 1 Parkland County position, 3-year term]</p> <p>This seven member advisory board provides advice to Council and administration for the provision of preventive social services under the Family & Community Support Services Act & Regulation. The Board reviews programs for the volunteer community, seniors, adults, youth and children and reviews and approves grants to community organizations from funds budgeted by Council for preventive services. This board meets 6-8 times per year on a weekday morning in Wildwood County office.</p>	<p>LIBRARY BOARD [1 position, 3-year term]</p> <p>This five member management board is responsible for the provision of library services to county residents. The board provides for the library services in the three rural libraries of Evansburg, Wildwood, and Green Grove (Niton) as well as providing funding to the libraries in Edson and Hinton. Board members develop the annual budget, develop library policies and ensure provision of library services as per the Libraries Act of Alberta. The Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM at the Wildwood Library.</p>	<p>SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD [1 position, 1-year term]</p> <p>This board hears appeals of decisions from the Subdivision and Development Authority of Yellowhead County, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act. This board meets at the Edson office as required. This is a one-year term, ending October 31, 2025. Training required. All SDAB training costs covered.</p>
<p>AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD [3 positions, 3-year terms]</p> <p>This five member advisory board provides advice to council on the agricultural programs and services provided within the county. The Board advises on policy issues under the Agricultural Services Board Act, the Weed Control Act, the Pest Control Act, and other provincial statutes. This Board meets 7-8 times per year on the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Wildwood office.</p>	<p>HERITAGE BOARD [4 positions, 3-year term]</p> <p>This five member board provides advice to Council with respect to the development and maintenance of a heritage program. The board will advise Council on the development of policy, budget, short and long term strategic planning and guidelines for funding projects, museums, community groups, businesses and individuals. This Board meets at the Wildwood County office at 9:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4 times a year.</p>	<p>RECREATION BOARD [7 positions, 3-year term]</p> <p>This nine member advisory board provides advice to council regarding the provision of recreation and parks services. The board reviews grant applications from community groups and determines funding within certain limits. It provides recommendations to council and administration regarding recreation facilities, programs and support to groups providing recreational activities. Board meetings will occur quarterly on Mondays at 9:30 AM at the Edson county office</p>	<p>Yellowhead County residents interested in applying to serve on any of these boards can obtain further information and/or an application form by calling Tracy Parker at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030. The application form is also available through the CivicWeb link on the web page and in the Careers section of the County website (www.yellowheadcounty.ca).</p> <p>Applications can be dropped off at either the Wildwood or Edson offices of Yellowhead County or mailed to Yellowhead County, 2716 - 1st Ave, Edson, AB, T7E 1N9.</p>

GYPSD celebrates National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

GOOD NEWS STORY

(GYPSD) This year, students and staff acknowledged September 30th Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 27, 2024, as the Board of Trustees made Monday, September 30 a non-instructional day to allow students and school staff to participate in events taking place locally or regionally.

Division schools participated in many events, presentations, and performances that reflected on the past and taught the truth of residential schools, as well as honouring the survivors and children who never came home. Many

students and staff wore orange and a number of schools throughout the Division hosted Orange Shirt Day activities including Harry Collinge High in Hinton - bringing all three GYPSD schools together to share in this important work.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to recognize the history and impact of residential schools at the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events.

We encourage everyone to take the time to participate in the many events happening throughout our communities to share in these important conversations as #everychildmatters.



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Local children's author pens first book

by Deanna Mitchener

Bobbi McKinnon is a new and inspiring book author in the local community.

Going by the pen name Ms. Bobbi, her first book is called 'Penguineroo at My Party'. It's about a penguineroo that shows up at a little girl's birthday party creating all sorts of funny adventures.

"The book was so fun to write, as the whole concept of the penguineroo came from talking with my niece Mackenzie Maxwell, who was just five years old at the time," said McKinnon. "Her explanation of a penguineroo is a cross between a penguin and a kangaroo."

"We had a good laugh together, then I asked my niece if I could write a story about the penguineroo. She was all excited and told me to go for it," said McKinnon.

"This is the first book I have out. I decided to write this book approximately three years ago," says Bobbi. I do have a lot more manuscripts I want to get out; a collection of books by Ms. Bobbi," said McKinnon.

When asked at what age she became interested in writing, McKinnon said, "There is no point in

time that I don't remember literacy as a part of my life. My earliest memories are stories every night before bed. Writing has always been a hobby in my life. I find it to be a healthy, creative outlet. I wrote mostly poetry in my youth and decided to dive into the world of children's books."

"I have a daughter so the hardest part of writing is time management. But, because I have a passion for writing I manage to find the time," said McKinnon.

Ms. Bobbi has a big heart and an even bigger imagination. She believes that stories need to be exciting and engaging, especially during the early literacy years. Combined with her passion for literature and working with kids, she has created a wonderful story book. From the moment a child is born their literacy journey begins. A child's literacy is nurtured by their family and community. Engaging children in learning opportunities through printed and digital text, language, visuals, and graphics all play an important roll in literacy.

If you would like to pick up a copy you can find the book on Amazon/Ms.Bobbi, Coles Books, or Walmart.com.



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Evansburg Public Library returning to Grand Trunk with new hours

After operating out of The Learning Connection for the summer due to renovations, Evansburg Public Library will be reopening in Grand Trunk School on Wednesday, September 11. The library's return to the school also marks the beginning of new hours for the library. The new library hours are:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 10 AM – 6 PM
- Wednesday: 10 AM – 8 PM
- Thursday: 10 AM – 6 PM
- Friday: 10 AM – 8 PM
- Saturday: 10 AM – 4 PM

Despite being located in the school, Evansburg Public Library is open to all members of the community. Residents are invited to come see the new space and sign up for a free membership. With this free membership, residents can borrow over three million books, movies, video games and other resources.

The library also provides free programs for all ages, internet access, and technology assistance. Evansburg Public Library has served the community since 1975.



Haley Linklater and Alaina Linklater enjoy helping out at the United Trinity Kitchen whenever they can for the free lunch offered to the community, which is held at the Edson United Church. photo Deanna Mitchener



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EVENT REMINDER

October 19:

Edson Orcas Swim Club Annual Bottle Drive, Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm,
Location: Town of Edson (drop off location Kinsmen Park)

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According to NFPA, smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half. Meanwhile, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working alarms.

Ensure your home is equipped with a smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level of the home. Alarms should also be tested at least once a month.



Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12 and the Town of Edson would like to thank all Volunteer Firefighters for their dedication and commitment to helping keep our families and communities safe.

Join us for a special open house to help celebrate on October 9!



OPEN HOUSE

Edson Fire Hall - Wednesday, October 9, 6-8 PM

Join us for a free barbeque and refreshments.

Displays, truck tours, and activities for the kids!

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This year's FPW campaign, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"™ strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

Thank you to our local firefighters for your tireless efforts in keeping our communities safe.

FIRE PREVENTION 2024

FIRE PREVENTION TIP:

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.



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5928 - 3rd Avenue, Edson, Alberta T7E 1R8

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Fax: (780) 723-6567

Installation

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- When installing, follow the instructions that come with the smoke alarm.
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms. When one sounds, they all sound. It is important to have interconnected smoke alarms if you sleep with the bedroom doors closed.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall.

How to Choose an Alarm

- It is important to purchase a smoke alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory. The two most common types of smoke alarms are ionization and photoelectric alarms.
- For the best protection, or where extra time is needed to wake up or help others, both types of alarms or dual sensor ionization photoelectric alarms are recommended.
 - An ionization smoke alarm is more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is more responsive to smoldering fires.
 - Photoelectric smoke alarms are the best type of alarms to be installed near the kitchen and bathrooms to reduce nuisance alarms.

When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place. Call 9-1-1 from a mobile phone or a trusted neighbor's phone.

FIRE PREVENTION 2024

Thank you to our firefighters for your bravery and dedication in keeping our communities safe.

FIRE PREVENTION TIP:

Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

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Thank you for your bravery and dedication in keeping our communities safe.



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EDSON, AB.



This school year, Holy Redeemer welcomes a number of new staff members to their team. Pictured here are (left to right) ELA Teacher Maddison Paulson, Athletics Director Sean Murray, and Grade 8 Humanities Teacher Janeen Critchley. submitted



People enjoying some fresh homemade pea-soup and sandwiches at the Pioneer Cabin recently. For dessert there was cake and ice cream. The Cabin offers lunch every Tuesday. photo Deanna Mitchener



Nolan Taylor attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Experience at Camp Nakamun. He came back to do a presentation to the Rotary Club in Edson. Nolan said, "It was a great time and I learned a lot of leadership skills. It was definitely worth attending." Anyone interested in attending a Rotary meeting or event can contact the Edson Rotary Club or Lorraine Symes at Lbsymes@morafnet.ca



The Edson and District Leisure Centre is a very popular lunch stop now that the schools are back in. Students can make a quick stop for a hot or cold lunch, or snacks, and be back for class on time. photo Deanna Mitchener

~ Obituary ~

BOHOSLAWEC, Nestor Edward



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Nestor Edward Bohoslawec of Edmonton on Friday, September 6, 2024, at the age of 82 years.

Nestor is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Marianne; niece, Donna Stefura (Paul de Rosenroll) of Calgary; great-nephews, Leighton de Rosenroll and Max de Rosenroll; the Roman family in-laws; numerous extended relatives, his dear friends and neighbours.

A special thank-you to the Edmonton Police and Emergency Services.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4803 - 6 Avenue, Edson, Alberta. Cremation has been entrusted to Park Memorial.

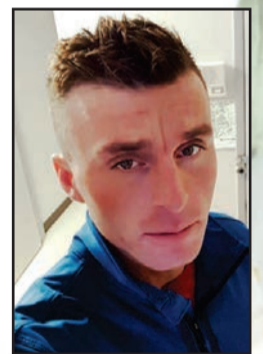
In lieu of other tributes, visit and cherish your loved ones, or consider planting a tree in Nestor's honour.

Photos, memories, and condolences may be shared through www.parkmemorial.com.

Park Memorial
Edmonton 780-426-0050
Family Owned Funeral Home
Crematorium, Reception Centre

~ Obituary ~

Matthew James McDavid



With great sadness, the family of Matthew James McDavid, 37 announce his passing on September 27th, 2024, in Edmonton Alberta.

Matt was born on October 13th, 1986 in Edson Alberta, where he resided till he was 18.

Matt was a kind, generous, thoughtful man, and a loyal friend throughout the years. Matt's compassion for others shone through in his personality. Matt would always offer a helping hand to those who needed, and his incredibly sensitive nature was apparent with the pets he had, and all other animals.

Matt enjoyed playing soccer, hockey (he was a goalie), and would be so excited to participate in the hockey Summer schools. He participated in skiing and snowboarding with many trips to the mountains, and Silver Summit. Matt fashioned himself as quite the dirt biker, going a bit too fast on a couple occasions, resulting in a broken nose, and another time, broken toes. Matt enjoyed camping with his family, and quading on the endless trails near Edson.

Matt was fearless, and able to maintain his sense of humor through the obstacles he encountered in his life.

Nicole was Matt's sister and best friend, and we would often see and hear him protecting her. Matt and Nicole listened to the song, "Winds of Change" over and over. Now they are together again, while he lives in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Matt was proud to be a Dad, and always spoke kindly about Summer.

Matt is survived by his daughter Summer, Mother, Colleen McDavid, his Dad Jamie McDavid, wife Deanne and their family, Ashley (Ricky), Aaron (Sasha), Kayla (Ted) and children.

His Grandma, Darlene along with Aunts and Uncles, Michelle (Jeff), David (Nadine), Judy, Lisa and Mark, along with their families. Matt is also survived by extended family and friends who will also miss him dearly.

Matt was predeceased by his Paternal Grandparents, Maternal Grandpa, Marshall, Paternal Uncles, Lloyd, Tim, and David, and his sister Nicole.

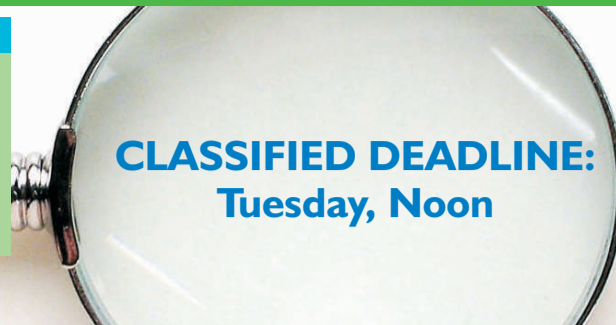
Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hope Mission.

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www.weberfuneralhome.ca
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CLASSIFIED DEADLINE:
Tuesday, Noon

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EDSON

BETHEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
6350 - 13th Ave., Edson. Phone 723-3007
Pastors John & Roberta Greiner: Heather & Daniel Greiner
Sunday service: 10:30 am
Morning worship
EDSON ALLIANCE CHURCH
5525-2nd Ave., Edson
Ph: 723-5776 Pastor Bryan Walter
9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
EDSON BAPTIST CHURCH
4719 - 9th Ave., Ph: 723-3982
Pastor Mesh Hit
Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.
EDSON MENNONITE CHURCH
6212 - 13 Ave, Edson
Office hrs: Tues 9am-1pm
Office phone: 780-723-4992
Pastor Tyson Moerike
(Call or text 403-966-4705)
Sunday worship - 9:45
EDSON-PEERS CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
4633-7th Ave., Edson
Ph: 723-5242
Pastor: Ryan Hoogerbrugge
Worship: 10:30 a.m. Edson -
Nursery provided Sunday School
EDSON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1133-55 St. Edson - Ph: 723-5490.
Saturday Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Sabbath School at 10:00 a.m.
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Edson United Church
1214 Edson Drive Edson AB
Phone: 723-3418
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Sunday: 10:00 am - Coffee and Donuts; 10:30 am - Morning Service
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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
4803 - 6th Avenue, Edson
Telephone: 723-3661.
Pastor Father Thomas Basani (SAC)
Mass: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Call office for weekday Mass times.
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October 9, 23 November 6,20 December 4 Family Time. Join on Wednesdays for some indoor fun, Programs run from 10:30AM-12:30PM Marlboro Community hall. Registration is required visit www.yhcounty.ca/registration

October 11: Yellowhead County FCSS invites you their 50th Anniversary Celebration. 1:00 PM to 4:00PM Evansburg Legion Hall. Snacks provided. Come and celebrate 50 years of FCSS in Yellowhead County with FCSS staff and board members, old and new.

October 16, 30 November 13&27: Family Time. Join on Wednesdays for some indoor fun, Programs run from 10:30AM-12:30PM Marlboro Community hall. Registration is required visit www.yhcounty.ca/registration

October 19: Edson Orcas Swim Club Annual Bottle Drive, Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Location: Town of Edson (drop off location Kinsmen Park)

October 20: Fun Run starts at 11AM. Strollers and Dogs on leash are welcome Kids 5 and under are free.

Snacks and water available after the race. Register at yhcounty.ca/registration or call 780-723-4800.

October 25: Halloween Family Dance. 6:00PM-8:PM at the Wildwood Community Hall Registration is required by October 23rd to register visit yhcounty.ca/registration

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Reflections relocates to better serve the community

by Deanna Mitchener

Reflections has recently moved to the former location of the Derrick Liquor Store, a block away from their previous location.

Reflections is a registered not-for-profit that assists individuals facing adversity in daily living achieve meaningful lives, and to offer support and assistance to individuals who may have mental health challenges, brain trauma, or any adult needing a safe secure place for support and understanding.

Reflections Coordinator Michelle Hickie said, "We have taken over ownership of the building and we are excited to be able to offer more services to individuals for the next 30 years or more."

"It has been well thought out and we have had an architect and four engineers working on it, so it meets every requirement for a group facility, with meeting specifications for 10 or more people. We have the right amount of bathrooms, fire suppression, sprinkler systems, and turn radiuses. There is everything possible ticked off the check sheet to run a group facility," said Hickie.

"Safety is number one for our clients and staff that work here. In order to do that, we had to upgrade waterlines and sprinklers. Numerous cameras are everywhere, outside and inside. It is a fenced compound and there are also exterior lights as part of our development permit."

"Things are going really well. We have been out of the old location since August 1. We have been using a portion of the building as a temporary set up. As

things become completed we can incorporate more. We should be fully in by the middle of October, with final completion by November 1. Everything takes time, as we want to ensure everything is being done right," said Hickie.

"With the completion of the upgrades, we will have wheel chair accessibility, two bathrooms that meet group specifications, a shower room, a laundry facility, and a separate staff washroom. There will also be a separate entrance to service perhaps FASD visiting specialists that will come in to do testing. It's a totally separate entrance and area to work from and have privacy, Hickie explained.

"We have an area for a commercial kitchen with all new appliances to meet those needs. Everything will be open and visible. Everything will meet specific guidelines and codes."

"Come winter months, we are looking at extending our hours to six days a week. So Monday through Saturday, then what we do on Saturdays is give out gift certificates and bagged lunches to hold individuals over on Sunday," said Hickie. "If it is extremely cold, we may look at opening on Sunday so there is a place to go. Right now we have summer hours and winter hours."

"We put out snacks for breakfast such as toast, cereal, and muffins along with a bagged lunch. Right now we are doing a lunch meal on Wednesdays, but once our facility is completed we will be going back to serving a supper on Wednesdays and a hot lunch on Mondays and Thursdays," added Hickie.

"We will be having a bike rack set up, so individuals have a place to store their bike while visiting the facility. Outside we will have a picnic area within the fenced location. Inside we are looking at getting some exercise equipment, and eventually looking at having a crafting area and some sewing machines. This move enables us to increase what options we are giving," Hickie said.

"We will be looking at perhaps starting a mentorship program in the future. We will be looking at partnering and collaboration with a number of different groups giving individuals a sense of being part of this community and being valuable. It will all depend on who our clients are and what mentorships we can bring in," Hickie said.

"Right now we have anywhere between 25 and 30 individuals that come in to access meals. We have partial funding from AHS. Thanks also to the Lions Club which have been doing monthly donations that cover the food. We go through any were from \$1,000 to \$3,000 every month just for food. We also count on the schools that bring us donations usually on Mondays and Fridays from their lunch programs or breakfast programs, if they have leftovers. Sobey's also gives us food donations, and the Food Bank if they have an over supply. Also, some restaurants when they have extra food from an event," explained Hickie.

"We are super hyped about being in a building of our own and the clients are very excited. This will now be a place they can consider home-like," Hickie concluded.

Reflections is open to anyone or businesses that are willing to reach out to help so please give Coordinator Michelle Hickie a call at 780-723-2390.

Willow Winds Support Network hosts open house

by Deanna Mitchener

Willow Winds Support Network has a skilled team in the Northwest Region to assist individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

As September was FASD Awareness month, the network decided to host an open house on Sept. 24 at the Edson Provincial Building. The event was open to the community. It offered an opportunity to chat, ask questions, and have some discussions around FASD and the support that is available. Lunch was also offered.

Mallory Zaharko is the supervisor, Carole Haubi covers Edson and Yellowhead County, Natalia Callihoo covers Edson, Jasper, and Hinton, and Jordan Boisvert covers Hinton.

"We're all educated and trained individuals with a passion for advocating and bringing about awareness for FASD," stated Haubi and Callihoo. "FASD is a lifelong disability that affects the brain


and body of individuals who were exposed to alcohol in the womb. It is a complex and unique disability that affects everyone differently. In Canada, FASD impacts one in every 25 people and it impacts more people than Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, and Down Syndrome combined."

Haubi added, "We help those with FASD or suspected FASD get diagnosed and provide supports with goal setting, mentorship, skill building, and independent life skills. We also assist with caregiver supports for youth, such as transitioning to adulthood, youth diagnosis, strategies, and support. We also provide free training for individuals and agencies. Training can be customized for agency preference."

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