

County debates YCE Multi-Use facility project...

by Niki Luymes

Despite some rescheduling, tions. this year's Eddie's Big Run

9 due to the forest fire evacua- race.

finally got off to a great start. The came out to the Edson Leisure 12:30pm with the Kids Fun Run. 3km race. The awards ceremony event, which usually takes place Centre to enjoy the food, As is tradition, Eddie's Big run

in June, was moved to September activities, and to run their chosen had four different races that ran

The day started with the first Even so, people of all ages race at 9am and finished around was the 5km at 9:15 and then the

throughout the day.

Following the first race, there

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This year's Eddie's Big Run sported a neon theme which was well reflected in the race shirts worn by these 3km runners. This year the event took place on September 9, at the Leisure Centre. photo Niki Luymes







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came next, and finally the Kids Fun Run.

Due to a medical emergency following the 5 km race —the 3km race, awards, and Kids Fun Run were moved back about half an hour each.

The number or racers was slightly lower this year due to the rescheduling, but there were still enough people to make for encouraging crowds. "We still had a pretty good turnout," said Lexi Abbot, Events Coordinator with the Town of Edson. "I think it went really well."

This year's winners, for first, second, and third in each race are as follows: Male winners for the 10km race were Fergus McPhee, Cristian Wood, and Jesse Knapp. The female 10km winners were Andrea Meropoulis, Sabrina Doyle, and Anna Marie Kruger. 5km winners were Ryan Hoogerbrugge, Ezra Acorn, and Lyle J Simmons for the males, and Rowan Simmons, Patty Patten, and Saylor Ann Simmons for the females. Finally the 3km winners were Aubrey Williams, Allison Rae Husch, and Ria Cox for the females, and Malachi Hoogerbrugge, Chael Simmons, and Sawyer Johnson for the males.

There were lots of smaller activities offered along-

side the races. Due to the rescheduling, the event could not make use of the indoor arenas so there were no bouncy castles this year. However, organizers tried to make up for this by bringing new activities. This year there was free balloon animals and glitter tattoos for the kids, while adult racers could make use the complementary massage therapist. All who came could also enjoy the Pancake Breakfast offered throughout the event. Racers ate for free, while others were asked for a small donation for the Edson trail systems.

The organizational committee decided to change things up this year by adding a neon theme to the event. Racers who dressed up in bright neon colours were eligible to win the 'Best Dressed' award.

This was given out along with multiple door prizes, all of which were donated by sponsors. As always, Eddie's Big Run is put together and run in partnership between the Town of Edson and a committee of volunteers. "We are just thankful for all the people who come out and volunteer, and the committee who volunteers their time throughout the whole year to make these events happen. We could not do it without them," said Abbot.



Aubrey Williams, Allison Rae Husch, and Ria Cox took first, second, and third respectively in the 3km female's race at this year's Eddie's Big Run. Husch (left) also received one of the Best Dressed awards for her bright neon outfit. photo Niki Luymes

Free Art Kit paintings to be displayed at Red Brick

by Niki Luymes

As Edson gears up for Alberta Culture Week, the Red Brick Museum and Arts Centre is offering a unique opportunity.

Until September 22, the museum is handing out free Art Kits to whoever may want one. After competing their masterpiece, the painting can then be returned to the museum to be displayed as part of a larger exhibit. This is the second year that the E d s o n C ultural Heritage Organization (ECHO) and the Red Brick have offered the art kits during Culture Days. The staff are always looking for new ways to support art in the community. This opportunity is open to people of all ages. Last year they prepared over 100 kits, all of which were taken by the end of the week. This year they have prepared 200 kits, of which almost 100 have already been claimed.

Currently they are only giving out one per person. A majority of the kits will be handed out at the annual Downtown Music & Art Walk and FCSS Community Pig Roast on September 14. The kits continue to be handed out until there are none left. The Town of Edson stepped up to fund the display, which allows the Red Brick to give the kits away for free. The Art Show will be open for public viewing at the Red Brick from September 25 to October 13. After the show, artists are welcome to come and pick up their art.



Racers in the Kid's Fun Run charge forward at the annual Eddie's Big Run held at the Edson Leisure Centre on September 9. photo Niki Luymes



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Remembering Shandy's Dream

by Deanna Mitchener

The 8th Annual Fundraiser for Shandy's Dream for a Cure was held in the RCMP Centennial Park on September 10, from noon to 4 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to The Brain Tumour Foundation to fund Paediatric Brain Cancer Research. Barbie and Rob both shared some information about Shandy and her battle with cancer. "It's been an interesting year starting with the fires and then the flood, so that is why we chose to reschedule our event until September. Just to make things interesting, we thought we'd host it on a Sunday this year rather than a Saturday. However, because of the later date, we were unable to do our butterfly release, so instead we will be releasing balloons today," said Barbie. "I would like to briefly touch on Shandy and why this event is so important to our family," said Barie. "Shandy had just turned 10 years old and it was at the end of Grade 4 when she started experiencing symptoms. She had morning nausea, daily headaches, and had issues with her balance and vision. An MRI was scheduled at the Stollery and there we learned that Shandy had a golf ball sized tumour in her cerebellum affecting her balance and memory.'

"After a 10 hour surgery Shandy was left with permanent double vision and mobility issues requiring a walker and a wheelchair. Instead of starting Grade 5 we flew to Jacksonville, Florida where Shandy started a six week regimen of chemo and proton radiation. We returned home and Shandy was an outpatient at the Stollery for six months, going back and forth for monthly chemo and transfusions. Shandy continued to experience symptoms of daily nausea, pain, fatigue and mobility issues, sometimes it seems the treatment is harder than the disease," Barbie recalled.

"Through all of this, Shandy endured remained positive, always smiling and looking for that bright spot in each new day. Shandy finished treatments and was in remission. A year had gone by and she was looking forward to starting Grade 6. But her remission was short lived and after only three short months her cancer came back with a vengeance. There were no viable treatment options this time and sadly Shandy never got to finish

Grade 6. Shandy lost her battle with brain cancer in January 2015, at the age of 11 and 1/2," said Barbie.

"There were no viable treatment options and that has to change. We need more research and more funding for research, this is why we are here today, to bring awareness and to help make a difference in Shandy's memory," said Barbie.

"None of this would be possible without such a great community and great volunteers. I thank each of you who came out to support us, our bottle drive, and who continue to support us over the years. Thank you from the bottom of my heart," Barbie said. Everyone joined Barbie and Rob for a memorial walk around RCMP Centennial Park in honour of Shandy and everyone who has lost their lives to this horrible disease. Folks could enjoy music throughout the afternoon, check out some of the merchandise, enjoy a barbecue or make a contribution of their choice. Balloons where then released in front of Shandy's memorial bench in the park.



Shandy's parents Rob and Barbie welcomed supporters to the 8th Annual Fundraiser for Shandy's Dream for a Cure on September 10. photos Deanna Mitchener



Usually butterflies are released for Shandy's Dream for a Cure. This year the date needed to be postponed due to wildfires and flooding, making it too late in the season for butterflies, so it was decided to go with balloons.



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County libraries an integral part of the community

by Deanna Mitchener

The Wildwood Public Library has been an integral part of the community since it opened its doors in 1954. In December of 1996, a Yellowhead County Library Board was established to manage its three libraries in Niton, Wildwood, and Evansburg.

Robert McClure, the County's Director of Library Services, said, "I am responsible for all areas of library service and operation. This involves planning, developing, managing, organizing, evaluating, and at times actively engaging in the day-to-day functioning of the three County branch libraries. My responsibilities include policy, budget, library development, human resource administration, public relations, and the supervision of regular library services."

"I started this job in June 2017. I left to serve as the Director of Stony Plain Public Library from April 2022 to April 2023 and returned to this role in April 2023," said McClure.

When asked what these libraries offer besides books, McClure responded, "Modern libraries are no longer only about what we have, they are also about what we do. Making items available for information or entertainment is our most basic function. However, we also deliver free programming for residents of all ages, provide free technology assistance, have free wi-fi, and serve as a physical space where citizens can gather and connect and engage with each other." "We also provide free digital movies, TV shows, audio books, and more that can be streamed on or downloaded to any current mobile device via our electronic resources," McClure added.

"Between the three locations there are eight part-time staff, and three students hired over the summer months. Our members have access to nearly three million books, movies, video games, magazines, and more through our own collections and our membership in The Regional Automation Consortium (TRAC)," said McClure. TRAC allows Yellowhead County residents to request items from the combined catalogue of 180 libraries from all around Alberta.

When asked why he feels libraries are still important, with so much information available online, McClure said, "Each library can be responsive to the needs of their immediate communities. We are a small team and can easily pivot to provide better service. Our managers are truly exceptional and do amazing work to make the libraries what they are.

While the internet can connect people from across the world, it cannot replicate the experience of walking into a physical space, interacting in person with someone from your community, and building a relationship with them over time. Our staff do an excellent job of nurturing positive relationships with and among our patrons. Social isolation is a growing problem in our communities and public libraries are a tangible solution to this."

McClure added, "While there maybe endless information online, it is often incorrect. Public libraries serve as a place that can be depended on to access credible, accurate information. Public libraries can teach citizens critical information literacy skills so that they can grow to identify and consume credible information independently."



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Gelmici Jewellers 75th Anniversary

by Deanna Mitchener

On September 7, Gelmici Jewellers held their 75th Anniversary celebration of being in business.

With prize giveaways, anniversary sale prices, a free barbecue with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cold beverages, and cake everyone was welcome to the festivities.

Gelmici's provided all the food and the Edson Food Bank was on hand to help prepare and serve the barbecue. Food and cash donations at the event were being accepted for the Edson Food Bank.

On behalf of the Edson Food Bank, Jo-Ann Nault said, "It's Gelmici's party we are just the labourers so to speak. We are pleased to be able to help out in the community. We have such a giving community. It's so nice that they included us as a recipient of any donations given today."

Stacey from Gelmici Jewellers said, "It's been a tough year so it's good that people are coming out to enjoy the event. Bri Atkins has painted a mural for the building, but I haven't seen it yet, until later today, when we do the unveiling. We are honoured to receive such a gift. Tiffany Miller did all the decorations for us and all the staff have been wonderful, along with all the support of the community, so it's overwhelming for sure."

Atkins said, "I just want to congratulate Gelmici Jewellers. It a big accomplishment for the business as well as the family. I'm glad I could be a part of this experience."

Miller stated, "It's family. It's all about family here and I'm happy to help out where I can. My mom came to volunteer today and help me with the decorations.

We are all just so overwhelmed from the response of the community, as well, to be able to serve the community especially during Covid times. We are happy to be here and so happy the community is here to support us as well."

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara and many Town Councillors were there in support of the landmark celebration.

Mayor Zahara presented Stacey with a plaque and flowers, "With Gelmici Jewellers celebrating 75 years, when we talk about downtown Edson some names come to mind right away: Switzer's. Gelmici's, and Jensen's. I was just watching some of the videos this past week on the history of Gelmici's business. They are not just a business, they support our community and give back to the community ever since the beginning. We appreciate them being a part of the Edson community. They also service the larger area of Yellowhead County, Hinton, Jasper and Whitecourt, so congratulations on 75 years."

Elle Tews has been one of the longest time employees with Gelmici Jewellers. She started back in 1987. "It's been very interesting over the years. There is always something new and interesting, I'm always learning something new or seeing something wonderful. The classics are still classics for a reason. Some things never change. The nice thing about jewellery is it can always be recycled. You see a lot of folks bringing in something they have inherited to either have it refurbished or have it customized into something else".

Many community members came out for the 75th anniversary celebration to give their congratulations to the business and to enjoy some great burgers and hot dogs.



Edson Food Bank volunteers offering their help and support to Gelmici's on Sept 7, for their 75th Anniversary celebration. photos Deanna Mitchener



Mayor Kevin Zahara presenting Stacey with Gelmici's a plaque in recognition of their 75 years in business.



Town Councillors Krystal Baier and Trevor Bevan, Stacy, Mayor Kevin Zahara, Aunt Eva Gelmici, and Councillor Gean Chouinard during Gelmici Jewellers 75th Anniversary celebration.



The Town of Barrhead has supported the Rotary Highway to Mexico Project with the presentation of a Fort Gary/Freightliner Fire Engine to the Rotary Club of Edson. Members of the Rotary Club extended a warm welcome to Deputy Fire Chief Ted and Firefighter Emily who delivered the engine to Edson. The Rotary Club of Edson extends its sincere appreciation to the Town of Barrhead for their donation. In particular, they thanked Mayor David McKenzie and the Town Council, Councillor Don Smith (Chair-Regional Fire Committee) and Fire Chief Gary Hove.Projects like Highway to Mexico are successful due to the efforts and support of Alberta Municipalities and Fire Departments.



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First off I would like to thank my Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren, and many friends for all their love and support. I would like to thank Mountainview Rec Society members for all the support to myself and family members who also lost belongings in the house fire.

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County Council debates YCE Multiplex project

by Dana McArthur

During the September 12 Yellowhead County Council meeting, Council went into closed session to discuss the YCE Recreation Multi-Use Facility project design consultant.

The motion to move to a closed session sighted FOIP section 21: disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations; section 23: local public body confidences, and section 24: advice from officials, as the reasons for the closed session.

After the closed council session, when the public was once again allowed to view the meeting, Mayor Wade Williams said, "So we do have one motion to discuss that came out of the closed session and that is a YCE design consultant."

Councillor Shawn Barry made the motion. "I will move that Council for Yellowhead County in partnership with the Town of Edson awards the design and consulting services contract for the YCE multi-purpose facility expansion renovation project to GEC Architecture for \$3,931,200.

Mayor Williams then asked Administration to give a background on the consulting.

General Manager of Community Services, Crystal McNernie, explained that GEC put together a proposal to carry out design services for just over 3.9 million dollars with a phased breakdown of all of the design components moving forward.

"So our next phase of this project is moving forward into schematic design, and that has a cost of \$492,420. Within this contract, we will be including both a termination and cancellation clause, as well as a scope reduction clause. So these clauses will ensure that the ownership group is protected if we need to scale back this project. If it becomes unfeasible at any time we can cancel that contract and we will not be committed to the full 3.9 million dollars," said McNernie.

"With the implementation phases of this project we are looking at a phased tendering process. So, with priority being for the aquatic facility for construction to start in 2024.

The pool component at the current Leisure Centre is showing signs of end of life. So it is a priority for both municipalities to move that project forward," said McNernie. She stated the priority is for the aquatic center in 2024, then the arena, and potentially the gym component and renovations to follow shortly after.

Councillor David Russell stated, "I have given this a significant amount of thought and there's only one way to put this. I'm unhappy with how this whole effort has progressed over time. As I discussed with Council, we started off at \$40 million, and evidently, we're back down to \$70 million. Previous numbers discussed, which were held in closed session so I can't discuss those numbers, were positively obscene. While this is an improvement on what I've seen over the last five plus years, it still leaves me less than certain where we're going to end up. I'm not pleased with how much of this has gone on behind closed doors. We're spending public money that belongs to the residents of Yellowhead County."

Russell continued, "We have so many important things to do in Yellowhead County. Our own Administration has come to us and said we're looking at eight plus million dollars per year to rebuild bridges." He added, "I understand that there's a desire for a pool in Edson that both the Town of Edson residents and some Yellowhead County residents will use. And that's alright. I'm okay with that. Let's go ahead and build a pool. We're going to get so far into this project that your only choice left is to swim. And I am very concerned about that. I just don't feel that, in this item specifically, for the last five plus years that I have been fairly representing my residents, simply because everything is been done behind closed doors. I can't support this. I'm sorry. Mayor Williams responded, "Well, I will certainly disagree with you that everything has been done behind closed doors. We have been as transparent with the public as we can. And I'm going to say that we had delay upon delay for numerous reasons. COVID was a huge hit. I just

disagree with us not being transparent. We have put many news releases out. I like the progress that I'm seeing right now. Are there some unknowns? Yes, there are. We have ways out, so we aren't going to get into this and have the cost escalate way beyond where we want it to be or where we can afford it to be. So for those reasons I am comfortable with moving ahead with the recommendation.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux said, "I agree with some of what Councillor Russell said and the Mayor's comments. I am prepared to support this motion as it has been placed on the table."

Councillor Shawn Berry said, "I believe we're doing this in a very professional manner. I really agree with everything that's come forward through our Administration, our steering committee, and Council's previous discussions. I want to thank Administration and the steering committee for bringing this forward as a very solid positive way to move forward for our residents in this area."

Councillor Anthony Giezen said, "I feel that this is the only way that we're going to proceed forward with this project to some degree. I will say that I am cautious in the end result. However, we've heard in great detail that we do need this. So I would like to make the statement that to get the pool process, and this whole process, moving forward I will support this." Giezen indicated that cost will be a factor in his support.

The motion was carried.

Town of Edson & Yellowhead County (YCE) Recreation Multi-Use Facility Update

(Release) September 12, 2023 – Work continues by the Town of Edson and Yellowhead County towards the construction of a Multi-Use Facility for the region.

On September 12, 2023, the Town and County selected Alberta-based GEC Architecture as the design firm for the architectural and design functions on the YCE Multiplex project. GEC Architecture is a renowned firm with a proven track record of excellence in designing and delivering state-of-the-art multiplex facilities, including complex renovation projects. The firm's extensive experience and sustainable design approach make them an ideal firm for this project.

GEC has done considerable work along the Yellowhead highway with projects located in Spruce Grove, Hinton, Jasper, and Grande Cache and understand the challenges and opportunities working in our region presents.

GEC will immediately begin work with the Town and County on the schematic design of the YCE Multiplex, which includes a new pool and arena, repurposing of one arena to accommodate a curling rink and planning space for a gymnasium. The next milestone in the project will be the selection of a general contractor to lead construction.

This project represents a significant investment in both community's future, and the town and county are excited to embark on this journey with GEC Architecture as the project design partner. The firm's expertise, creativity, and commitment to excellence will help bring the vision for the YCE Multiplex to life.



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We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Kayla Drader, Josina Kennedy, Deborah Yun, Kieran Bradbury, and Reid Kuilboer each holding a \$1,000 scholarship cheque from Rotary on August 23. Lorraine Symes, Community Services Chair with Rotary, presented each of them with a cheque. photo Deanna Mitchener

Edson and District Chamber of Commerce 023 Business Awards

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IN MEMORY AND OBITUARIES

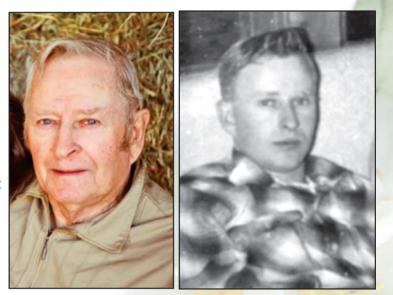
~ In Loving Memory ~ **Norman Lorne Dolanz**

The family of Norman Lorne Dolanz sadly announce Norm's passing on August 17th, 2023, at the age of 92 years in Creston, British Columbia.

Norm Dolanz was born on February 20th, 1931 at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta to parent's Jesse and John Dolanz. He spent his early years living in downtown Edmonton in an apartment on the corner of 97th street and Jasper Avenue. The family then moved to the Forest Heights district where he attended school at St. Teresa. Norm's father, John, worked at the Black Diamond Mine which was located in the east part of Edmonton.

Norm's mother, Jesse, whom he always spoke very fondly of, sadly passed away in 1944 when Norm was quite young. After the death of his mother, Norm had to become very independent. He got his first job in 1946 around the age of 15 as a CPR telegraph delivery boy.

After doing that job for about a year, he got a job at Imperial Caskets in the



glue room filling the knot holes in the caskets with glue and paper. He then went on to work for Don Caster's Construction. Around 1948 Norm and his father left Edmonton to join relatives in Wolf Creek, Alberta, where his Aunt Anna and Uncle Jack Smith ran the Smith's store. They purchased a piece of property and built a little homestead on it. Not long after, Norm got a job in a lumber camp for R.D. Moon which he thought was great, as they fed you, housed you, and you could earn five cents for peeling one railway tie. He had a terrible accident during this time where he needed to be driven out of the bush in the back of an old Model T Ford

Fortunately, there was a Studebaker dealership on the highway to town and the owner there rushed Norm to the hospital in a brand new Studebaker, against Norm's wishes because he didn't want to mess up the new car. After he recovered, he went on to work for several construction companies such as L.L Hanson, Don Casters, and Progressive Construction.

In October 1952, Norm married Mary Warwaruk in Edson, Alberta. In 1953 he started into truck driving which he had a passion for. In the same year, his first daughter, Theresa Mary Anna (Terry), was born. He bought his own piece of property in Wolf Creek, Alberta not far from the Smith's Store where he built a house, a barn and a few shops.

Norm was very intelligent when it came to inventing things. He built a manual light plant so they could have light because there was no electricity on the homestead. Norm would talk about having a huge garden, a milk cow and calf, pigs and chickens. He was also an avid hunter but we were always reminded it wasn't by choice. In 1955 he got a job at Mannix's Garage in Edson, Alberta, he was always very handy when it came to fixing cars.

In 1957 Norm's second daughter, Norma Lynn, was born and in 1961 Norm's third child, Douglas Lorne was born. In 1963 Norm went on to work for the Cicciarelli Brothers in their gravel yard. There he learned to operate all sorts of heavy equipment and was especially talented on the grader.

In 1967 Norm was hired on by the Department of Highways (now Alberta Transportation) as a grader operator in the rural areas where he also would operate the snowplows in the winter. On one such occasion while Norm was plowing the roads between Edson and Hinton, Alberta, a prisoner from the Grande Cache Institution had escaped police custody in Hinton. This man had acquired a gun and a hostage, and ended up getting into Norm's plow truck. Norm, being held at gun point drove the man and hostage for a couple miles until the gunman decided the snowplow was too slow of a getaway vehicle.

In 1971 Norm moved his family from Wolf Creek, Alberta into the town of Edson, Alberta, which was quite a change from the farm life. Norm continued to work his way up with his job with Alberta Transportation, becoming one of the best finishing grader operators. He was eventually promoted to foreman of the District of Robb, Alberta. In 1986 Norm met Carolyne Edwards and together they moved to Robb, Alberta. In 1987 Norm's fourth child, Holly Carolyne, was born.

On December 24th, 1988 Norm and Carolyne where married in Las Vegas, Nevada. They spent the next five years living in Robb, Alberta until Norm's retirement in 1992. Norm worked for Alberta Transportation for exactly 25 years. Soon after retirement they relocated to Erickson, BC, purchasing a nice little house with a big shop. Norm took up Blacksmithing and became quite good at it. He joined the Kootenay Blacksmith Association where he helped teach blacksmithing, honed his own skills, and met people with similar interests.

Norm was very proud of his blacksmithing and over the years managed to fill his shop with every tool imaginable. Norm also enjoyed camping with his family, going to Blacksmith conferences, and he had a strong love for animals.

Norm is predeceased by his mother and father, Jesse and John Dolanz. Norm is survived by his loving wife, Carolyne Dolanz of Erickson, BC, his children Terry Herbert of Edmonton, AB, Norma (Reg) Skitch of Edmonton, AB, Doug Dolanz of Coquitlam, BC, and Holly Dolanz (Cheyne Williams) of Erickson, BC. His stepchildren David Barr Doran of Edson, AB, Charlotte Petty of Edmonton, AB, Jennifer (Dennis) Van Dyck of Edson, AB, and Heidi Doran (Robert Sanders) of Edson, AB. Grandchildren Adam (Pearl) Herbert of Leduc, AB, Bryan (Aicha) Herbert, Sarah (Crystian) Martinez, Liam Skitch, and Steven Dolanz all of Edmonton, AB, Leslie Dolanz and Cash Fedechko both of Erickson, BC. Step grandchildren Daniel Petty, Logan (Kennedy) Petty, and Meagan Petty all of Edmonton, AB. Riley Van Dyck (Austin Lubarasky), Declan, Fynn and Kellyn Sanders all of Edson, AB. Great Grandchildren Dominic Hart of Leduc, AB, Bella Herbert-Martinez, Amir Herbert, and Mila Martinez all of Edmonton, AB.

There will be no service as per Norm's request.

7th Annual Medicine Lodge Fall Round Up

by Deanna Mitchener

Rodeo fans, sponsors, volunteers, and contestants enjoyed an afternoon at the C.P.R.A. sanctioned 7th Medicine Lodge Fall Round Up, on September 9.

This annual event is one of Alberta's toughest and roughest sports. Always full of thrills and spills, this rodeo brings in a pure prorodeo exhibition. It hosts some of the best cowboys, cowgirls, and stock in North America as contestants trying to secure their places at the Canadian Finals Rodeo.

The afternoon started off with some introductions and Robin Pinnell sang O Canada while Miss Rodeo Canada, Mackenzie Skeels, carried the flag around the arena on horseback.

The rodeo included bareback, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, ladies barrel racing, team roping, bull riding, novice saddle bronc, and the young cowpokes that entered into the mutton busting. There was even a sheep scramble in two different age groups.

The day was full of sunshine,

smiles, cheers and some tears, right up to the adults with no fears.

As Miss Rodeo Canada, Skeels plans on continuing to bridge the gap between urban and rural in various ways including educating people on where their food comes from. She plans to help bringing people back to their western roots, while connecting them to the original extreme sport of rodeo.

There was plenty of food and drinks available through the concession and live entertainment was provided by Rod Peterson (Mullet Man).

Also included in the day's events was a 50/50 draw which made someone very happy with a wins of \$1,100. If you filled out the questionnaire in the program pamphlet your name went into a draw for two tickets to the Canadian Finals Rodeo in November. Congratulations went to Emanuel and Karin Haueis from Seba Beach for winning those tickets.

A huge thanks went to the many volunteers, sponsors, contestants, and the Board of Directors who make this event possible.



Susan Longmore (secretary/treasurer) for the Medicine Lodge Fall Round Up with Miss Rodeo Canada Mackenzie Skeels. photos by Deanna Mitchener





Sawyer Eirikson during the Saddle Bronc event on a horse named Stix during the 7th Annual Medicine Lodge Fall Round Up on September 9. photos Deanna Mitchener



Baillie Milan during the Steer Wrestling event at the 7th Annual Medicine Lodge Fall Round Up.





Young cowpokes met their match during the Mutton Bustin event at the Annual Medicine Lodge Fall Round Up.

Mushtuk

September 18, 2021

It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember... Thank you for the memories that will forever be etched in our hearts...

~ Still missing you ~ Love your family and friends

FALL ROUNDUP Medicine Lodge Fall Round-up

"Hats Off" to the following generous sponsors for the 7th Medicine Lodge Fall Round-Up. Without our sponsors support and those that love this special brand of western entertainment we would be unable to provide this pro-rodeo event in our backyard for many to enjoy. Our aim is to get our western way of life, heritage and entertainment up and running with the best local and affordable family entertainment and western hospitality. (Sorry if any sponsors were missed.)

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Thank You Volunteers

Volunteers are an important thread in the rope we use to combine all the elements together to make a much talked about pro-rodeo event that is family affordable packed with western hospitality. Behind the success of the Medicine Lodge Fall RoundUp are many hard-working volunteers. Although our volunteers are not in the spotlight, I hope our appreciation for their remarkable efforts to help bring smiles to many young and old faces lets them know they do make a difference. See you all next year at the place where dreams are realized and pro-rodeo returns to our backyard.

September 9, 2023 was a beautiful Alberta autumn rodeo day! Miss Rodeo Canada, Mackenzie Skeels, was a hit with our young mutton bustin' cowgirls/cowboys, questionnaire winner and many spectators. Smiles were bigger when mutton busters received \$10.00 plus a trophy from Miss Rodeo Canada. The pro-rodeo contestants came from all over Canada, some from the United States and Australia. There were many thrilling rides and times for the crowd to cheer for. The bulls from Duffy Rodeo stock were the winners in the bull riding event. The Saturday evening bonfire with live entertainment by Ron Pederson the 'Mullet Man', was enjoyed by all those that attended.

C.P.R.A. Unofficial Results:

Bareback: Spur Lacasse from Calgary AB - 80 points on Duffy Rodeo's 213 Blue Bananas (no other qualified rides) Steer Wrestling: (3 way Tie) Baillie Milan from Cochrane AB, Coltin Crawford from Drayton Valley AB and Tim Kemp from Mitchell ON with a time of 3.8 seconds.

Saddle Bronc: (Tie) Sawyer Eirikson from Okotoks AB - 83.5 points on Duffy Rodeo's 6 Stix and Mick Knight of Manilla NSW - 83.5 points on Duffy Rodeo's Y54 Friendly.

Team Roping: Luke Skocdopole from Big Valley AB /Kyle Wanchuk from Sherwood Park AB with a time of 5.7 seconds. Tie-Down Roping: Clayton Smith from Eckville AB with a time of 7.6 seconds.

Barrel Racing: Grace Gardiner from Paradise TX with a time of 14.51 seconds. Bull Riding: No qualified rides Novice Saddle Bronc: Briley Scott from Sundre AB - 73 points (no qualified rides)

Stock Contractor: Duffy Rodeo Timed Event Cattle: Lazy B Announcer: Tyson Pietsch Medicine Lodge Fall RoundUp President: Kelsey Anderson Vice-President: Clayton Brewster Stock Director: Earl Anderson Grounds Director: Dale Lewis Safety Director: Frankie Marchewka



Letter to the Editor:

Writer thanks Council for Land Acknowledgement

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Council for the support of the Land Acknowledgement to be used during your meetings and special activities.

I was sitting in the gallery when the councillors voted on the motion. I was very proud when the motion was passed and accepted.

As an Indigenous woman, and being a part of the Edson Friendship Centre for thirty seven years, this meant that the Town Council

recognizes the participation of the Indigenous People, before there was ever a town here, and the importance of Indigenous history. I also believe that this is another step to Truth and Reconciliation.

Hiy Hiy, Val Findlay

Note: During the September 5 Edson Town Council meeting, Edson adopted a Land Acknowledgement bylaw (see our story in the Sept. 11, 2023 issue for details).

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Community members gathered outside the Edson Food Bank on September 10, for a free community appreciation barbecue. Pictured are just a few of the many volunteers that assist at the Food Bank. Their President, Dewayne Scott, was offering free tours of the facility. "A lot of people don't know what we do here, so the tour gives them a better understanding and a opportunity to ask questions." photo Deanna Mitchener

Yellowhead County FCSS Hosting Community Conversations

Yellowhead County FCSS will be holding Community Conversations to discuss the social needs of residents in Yellowhead County.

(YC) Yellowhead County is completing a Community Social Needs Assessment to better understand the social needs of County residents.

Gathering the direct perspectives of County residents and youth is key to understanding what the most important social issues are so that we can best support individuals, families, and communities in Yellowhead County.

Resident and youth voices are critical to the process of developing an up-to-date structured plan for offering relevant, effective, and efficient social services for our rural residents.

One of the ways we are ensuring residents and youth are heard in this process is through social needs assessment community conversations.

Several sessions have been scheduled in communities within the County. The sessions will be led by a facilitator and are designed to ensure that resident and youth are meaningfully engaged in the needs assessment process. All sessions run between 6:30 PM -8:30 PM and will include refreshments and snacks. Date and locations are as follows: September 27 - Wildwood Community Hall; September 29 Brule Community Hall; October 2 Carrot Creek Hall; October 3 Marlboro Hall; and October 4 Robb Multiplex.

Another way we are ensuring residents and youth are heard in this process is through a social needs assessment survey. The survey should take only 10 to 15 minutes of your time. The deadline to complete the survey is October 15, 2023.

The survey can be completed online or by completing a paper copy. The online youth-specific survey can be found at

www.surveymonkey.com/r/Yellowhea dYouth and the resident survey can be found at www.surveymonkey. com/r/YellowheadResident. Hard copies are available at the Yellowhead County offices in Edson and Wildwood or at a Community Conversations session.

If you have any questions about the community conversation sessions or the social needs assessment, please contact 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935.





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Edson RCMP Occurrences For the week of Sept 4 to Sept 10, 2023

Traffic Collisions and Assistance Calls topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 9 each. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 3; Alarms/False Alarms 3; Animal Calls 2; Arson 1; Assault 6; Cause Disturbance 4; Drugs 1; Fail to Comply with conditions 4; False/Abandoned 911 Call 3; Firearms Act 2; Fraud 2; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 1; Information File 1; Lost/Found Property 1; Mental Health Act 2; Mischief or Damage 2; Recovered Stolen Property 1; Sudden Death 2; Suspicious Person or Vehicle 4; Theft Complaints 6; Traffic Complaints 3; Trespassing 3; Unwanted Person 1; and Traffic Violations 4.



Gemma is a Grade 4 Student at Vanier Community Catholic School. She is an exceptional athlete, conscientious student, and has gone out of her way to welcome new staff and children to VCCS. **What is your favorite subject?** Art & Lunch with Mrs. Sorensen. **Favorite food?** Mom's Spaghetti **Do you have pets?** Dog - Kurby he is a chocolate Lab.

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November 4: CWL Bazaar 11am-3pm in the basement of the Catholic Church

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Sept 22: Wine Night Out. Galloway Station Museum 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Sept 23: Arts on Fire Edson & Area Arts Awards, Galloway Station Museum www.edson.ca/CultureDays

Sept 23-Oct 18: Seniors Tech Tips Every Weds 9:30am-10:30am Edson Community Learning 111 54St Suite 105. Register 780-712-3500

Sept 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Free shuttle service to the Edson Friendship Centre 11am to 11pm call 780-723-1122 to book a ride.

October 13: Ladies' Night Out - Wild Women of the West Yellowhead, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Galloway Station Museum. October 13: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Garage sale Fri. 7pm-9pm & Sat. 9am-2pm at the Catholic Church Basement

10:00 pm Galloway Station Museum

Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.

First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 1 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge.



Pastor George Stone Ph: 795-2132 Church in Peers, Ab Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Nondenominational - Everybody Welcome! **COMMUNITY COWBOY** CHURCH Niton Junction Hall Tuesdays, 7 p.m. 780-712-3502 GREEN GROVE UNITED CHURCH Niton Junction - Ph: 795-2568 Sunday Services

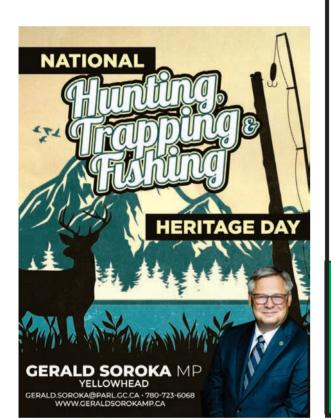
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ENTWISTLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor - Micah Brookhart Office: 780-727-2829 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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The 2023-2024 school year is set to begin at Holy Redeemer. With that, four new staff members are set to join the already exceptional staff at HRH. Mrs. Sandy Whitten (left) will be the school's new Principal, and Mrs. Kim Carroll (right) will be teaching many English Language Arts classes. Also joining the staff will be Mrs. Kim Haland who will teach Religion, and Mrs. Leigh Seymour will be the Inclusive Education Lead. submitted



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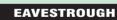
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