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Pivotal C3+ Processing Facility update

by Niki Luymes

During the Town of Edson Council meeting on September 19, council was updated on the progress of the Pivotal C3+ Processing Facility for natural

gas liquids proposed in Edson.

On September 11, 2023 the Town of Edson issued conditional approval for the development permit (DP-032-2023) in relation to the processing facility. Pivotal is now going through the

building permit process so they can begin construction as soon as possible to meet their April 2024 operational target.

During the Town Council meeting on February 7, Council received information regarding

the application to redistrict a ±46.30 hectares parcel legally described as SW-15-53-17-W5 (603-54 Street South) Landfill Road.

After receiving approval to

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A small but mighty group of individuals joined in for the 49th Annual Seniors Walkathon on September 16, hosted by the Parkland Lodge Auxiliary (see story page 6). photo Deanna Mitchener

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Pivotal C3+ Facility update

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redistrict the parcel to M-2 (Heavy Industrial), Pivotal began community consultation for their Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) application. There were numerous meetings held with the landowners. The main concern for residents was operational safety and emergency access/egress to the area. Currently, there is only one road in and out of this area via 54 Street. Pivotal was able to negotiate acceptable commitments for temporary emergency access with the landowners and the Town, thus they received AER Licenses on May 16.

As a condition of their Stripping and Grading Development Permit, Pivotal was required to secure temporary emergency access and egress to the area to the satisfaction of the Development Officer. Pivotal pursued the condition requirement through the CN Rail Yard but was unable to secure anything in writing guaranteeing the temporary emergency route would be available at all times. The verbal commitment from CN that they may be able to accommodate most of the time, and would have processes in place to do so, did not satisfy the condition of the development approval. So, Pivotal is left with building a temporary emergency route in an alternate location at their own cost. They have until September 30, 2023 to provide the required temporary emergency access to the satisfaction of the Town.

On July 29, Pivotal applied for the development of the processing facility. The application was referred to Yellowhead County and external agencies for comment. Concerns and questions received from the referral included identification of the buffer between the operational site and adjacent residential land uses, fire suppression, and site servicing details.

Water and sewer will be provided onsite in self-contained units and Pivotal has submitted an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) that included fire suspension details that were reviewed and approved by the Town Fire Chief.

This information was shared back to Yellowhead County and the referral agencies satisfying their concerns and questions. "We were able to work on getting them the information they needed," said Clayton Kittlitz, General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning for the Town. "Those were shared with the referrals and the response was to thank us for the information, so we are taking that as agreement to move forward."

The Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA), submitted by Pivotal in support of their application, has called for intersection improvements at 54th Street and 2nd Avenue. Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (ATEC) has issued a Roadside Development and at present is requiring intersection improvements to be completed by the summer of 2024. The TIA indicated that the improvements were already warranted and not needed to support the proposed

processing facility, therefore, the Town would be responsible for paying for and constructing the intersection upgrades. The estimated cost could range from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. "It was a bit of a shock to me," added Kittlitz. "At any rate I politely said that we weren't committing to anything right now, until we do more investigation on this."

Town staff have sent the TIA to one of their engineers for review and analysis. The preliminary review indicates the methodology in the TIA needs to be revisited as there may be no warrant for any improvements at this time. A meeting with ATEC, Pivotal's consultants, and Town Administration is planned to get a resolution to the potential intersection improvements.

"All in all the summary is suggesting that things are going quite well. There are two big things that are still outstanding that we need to deal with, that being the emergency access and egress and that intersection. And those are the things that are on the table right now that we are working diligently though to see this project move forward," said Kittlitz.

Councillor Gean Chouinard asked about the current condition of the street considering the already increased travel. "Are we getting any complaints or is the road holding up?"

Kittlitz responded that he doesn't have an assessment for the road. "I don't have an answer on the condition of the road as of today, but maintenance has been ongoing during construction."

Chief Administrative Officer, Christine Beveridge, added that there was further information to be presented to council later during the closed session. That information would not be disclosed in a public meeting on the grounds that it could be harmful to intergovernmental affairs and relations. Council then moved into closed session to discuss this information.

After a short time in private discussion the public meeting resumed. The motion that Council accept the update on the Pivotal Energy Partners development project as information was accepted unanimously.

Run of Hope set for October 1st

by Deanna Mitchener

The 22nd Annual Run of Hope is being held on October 1. The event will be held at the Edson and District Leisure Centre this year.

At 12:00pm registration and speeches will commence. Snacks and refreshments will be available. The run begins at 1:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the 1km or 5km run, walk, or cycle. Take your time and go at your own pace.

There is no registration fee, just make a donation of your choice, or collect pledges. You can pick up a pledge form at Fineline Stationary, ATB Financial, Sobeys, the Edson Library, and several local

businesses as well. Every donation makes a difference.

Cheri Ladouceur, with the Run of Hope committee said, "This is our 22nd year as even during Covid we kept supporting the community with financial assistance."

"Fern and Charlene started the run back in 2002. The first run had maybe 15-21 people at the Legion and we walked down Main Street. My own mom had breast cancer so I joined them and have been with the committee for the 22 years now. It started as just breast cancer support, then in 2015 became all cancers."

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Concerns raised at County with 2023 wildland fire season

by Dana McArthur

During the Yellowhead County's September 19 Governance and Priorities meeting, Albert Bahri, General Manager of Protective Services gave a presentation on some issues of concern encountered during the 2023 Wildland fire season.

"The fires started on April 29 at approximately 14:00 with fire EWF-15 North East of Peers. Over 60 days later the fires were being brought under control. During this time there were many issues and struggles," said Bahri.

"Yellowhead County worked in conjunction with Alberta Wildfire to protect lives, property, and to control, and extinguish these fires over an extended two-month period. No lives were lost in these fires," stated Bahri.

Bahri's report to council stated —There were several issues that hampered the ability to fight these fires. The first was the Provincial election, which Mayor Williams addressed. The next issue was the

Province's inability to supply needed resources and staff to suppress the fires and bring them under control. One imported IMT group stated that three thousand firefighters were needed to deal with fires of this size in Yellowhead County alone. The Province did not supply this number.

The Province of Alberta Fire Season starts March 1 of each year. Although the season starts March 1, the Province does not provide staffing or resources to the Forest Protection areas March 1. Witnessed in this 2023 fire season, aircraft contracts did not kick in until May 1, 2023, which meant pilot certification followed this. The onboarding of essential wildland Firefighters was not complete on March 1, 2023, but getting underway. Keep in mind the first fire started April 29, 2023, with wildland firefighter's staffing, equipment, and aircraft not at the full level throughout the Province.

The current training levels of Alberta Wildfire firefighters does not include Wildland Urban interface

training, sprinkler protection training, or any type of structural protection or tactics. The Edson Forest protection area only has one type 6 wildland engine to cover some 22,000 square kilometres. None of the other trucks used to transport Alberta Wildfire firefighters in the Edson Forest protection area contained a water system or tank. During the April 29 startup of these fires local ponds, creeks, and lake were still frozen over not allowing portable pumps to be used to their maximum. Type six engines were needed.

The local forest protection area also does not have control over major equipment or staffing requests. The local area submits requests to Edmonton for approval. This takes time and the response to the requests could be denied.

Because there is currently no crossover training for Alberta Wildfire fighters, when a fire approaches an asset at risk, building, or residence, these firefighters must stand down and do not assist municipal structural trained firefighters. Meaning all protection, wildland urban interface response, and structural protection is left to municipal firefighters.

The aerial water and retardant application process needs to also be reviewed as the current policy does not allow for close retardant application around residences and or structures. This is also an issue when a structure becomes involved in fire, as the current policy will not allow drops directly on a burning structure to prevent extension. This was witnessed during the fires in

Yellowhead County this year.

On top of this, Alberta Wildfire firefighters are currently not trained for night operations and do not have the staffing to cover both a day shift and a night shift. Yellowhead County Firefighters work 24/7.

To add to this, the Alberta Government began cutting wildfire budgets and air tanker groups in 2016, followed by more cuts in 2019 with one major cut being the repel team. All these cuts have impacted the boots on the ground ability to actually fight fires. —

Adding to these issues, Bahri stated there were several rude and demeaning comments made by provincial counterparts, in reference to Yellowhead County staff. CAO Luc Mercier added that those comments have caused some County Fire Department volunteers to leave their positions.

Bahri presented council with a list of questions developed from issues encountered with reference to the Provincial Wildfire response.

"If the questions are not addressed and the Province will not commit to providing the required resources and training in a timely manner. Who will provide this? If there is no change in response, aircraft, staffing levels and equipment from the Province, who will fill these needs?"

After some discussion by the council members, council voted that a request for decision regarding a letter to the province and meeting with the Minister of Forestry and Parks, be brought back to a future County Council meeting.

Edson Library reno project requests additional funding from County

by Dana McArthur

Sheila Buckle, Building Committee Coordinator with the Edson and District Public Library Board, provided a project update and a request for additional funding.

The Project budget presented to Yellowhead County Council in September of 2022 was \$2,875,000. Since then, the final construction budget as of June 2023 has grown to \$3.7M.

Funding for the project includes: A Community Facility Enhancement Program for \$1,000,000. The Library Board has committed \$83,400. The Town of Edson has committed \$2,078,600 (the Library Board will work to secure additional funding from other sources to reduce this commitment, including corporate and community fundraising). Yellowhead County committed \$538,000 in its 2023 Capital Budget.

Buckle stated that approximately \$125,000 in additional furniture and equipment are needed, which is not included in the final budget of \$3.7M. The board is still waiting to hear back regarding an application for a Green & Inclusive Community

Buildings grant.

The Library Board requested an additional County commitment of up to \$378,000 from its 2024 Capital Budget.

Council accepted the presentation for information and will bring the matter back to a future council meeting.

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Edson downtown celebrates Art & Music

by Deanna Mitchener

On September 14, downtown Edson was sectioned off for the annual Art and Music Walk. The event ran from 4pm to 8 p.m. as part of Alberta Culture Days which is a month-long event in September that celebrates arts and culture in Alberta.

Diane Inscho Community Development Coordinator with the Town of Edson said, “We received a grant in cooperation with the Edson & District Historical Society to help fund the events.”

“The downtown Art & Music Walk was conceived in 2020 when we were not able to gather indoors. We pair local artists with business store frontage to set up a walkable Art Show to the end of September. The event also includes local artists who may give art demos, musicians who will play live music at the event, artisans, bounce castles, and other fun events for the whole family. Businesses can take advantage of the late night shopping.”

“Last year we combined the Art & Music Walk with the annual FCSS Pig Roast and the two beautifully complimented each other. We had well over 600 people attend.

Every year it grows from the last. This year, the Fresh Vine was our caterer and they served up 675 free pulled pork and coleslaw meals [sponsored by FCSS]. Given that more people were on site that didn't take advantage of the free food, we estimate well over 700 people in attendance,” said Inscho.

Crowds enjoyed the live music with local entertainers, shopping deals, art demos, local art on display, kids clay crafts by the Edson Craft Centre, and Chinese calligraphy and quilting with Isabel Dong, and more.

There was a comic book giveaway by the Edson and District Public Library.

The Girl Guides had a concession selling their cookies. There was balloon twisting by Rachel Ripkins, bounce castles by Melissa, as well roving performances by TriXtan and more for people to enjoy.



Main Street Edson was buzzing with crowds of people enjoying the Art and Music Walk on September 14. photos Deanna Mitchener



Isabel Dong and Erica Wang were invited to participate in the downtown Art and Music Walk as a part of the Alberta Culture Days. They had Chinese calligraphy demonstrations as well displays of quilts and other items.



TriXtan was showing off some of his roping skills during the Art and Music Walk on September 14 in Edson.

Remembering the Weaving project

submitted
Barb Shepherd

During the week of Sept 25-Oct 2, Holy Trinity Anglican/Lutheran Church is honoured to be hosting the Remembering the Weaving project.

The project is created by weavers from various congregations and artists across Alberta and BC. The weaving was inspired by First Nations' stories that tell us that the art of weaving was learned by observing Grandmother Spider weave each strand with love and care.

Each horizontal pass of weft yarn represents one child who died at a Residential School. There are 18 passes in each inch of the weaving for a total of 8,000 children: 6,000 from the TRC estimate and an additional 2,000+ from recent grave discoveries. The more strongly patterned overshoot sections represent unmarked graves that have been discovered in

Canada from 1974 to May, 2022.

As part of our congregation's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, we would like to share this beautiful memorial to the children lost to Indian Residential Schools with the community on

October 1 following our 10am service. We will be hosting an Open House on Oct 1 from 11 am to 3 pm at our Main Street location (617-50 Street in Edson) with light refreshments for all who wish to join us for reflection.

White Area Open House

October 5, 2023
3PM to 8PM MacKay Hall, Alberta

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Public and stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreational areas etc.

We would like to invite you to visit the community hall in McKay, Alberta October 5th 3PM – 8PM. Alternately, should you wish to visit the on-line forum please visit the Canfor website at www.canfor.com/whitearea

For more information, contact:
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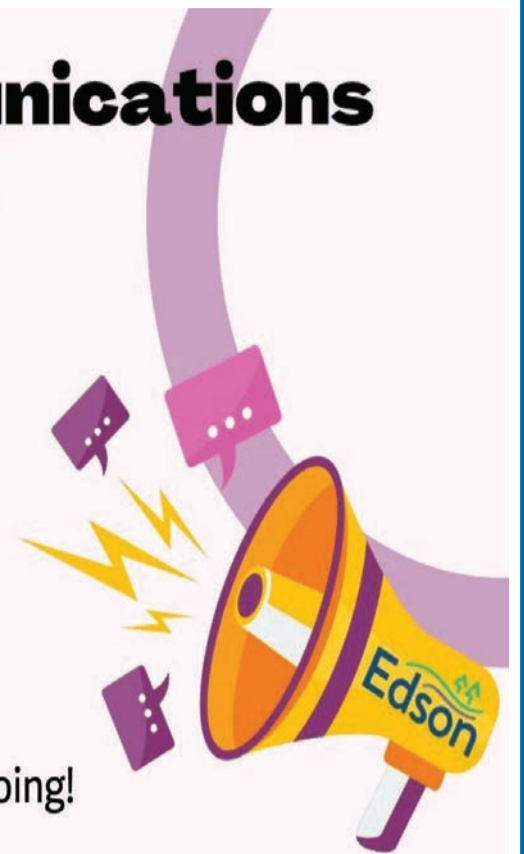


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- Oct 17 - 56 ST NB at/near VANIER SCH
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Alberta Transportation

October

Pedestrian safety



Wildlife
Fatigue

November

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Pedestrian safety
Wildlife
Winter driving

December

Impaired driving



Winter driving
Fatigue

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49th Annual Walkathon for Parkland Lodge Residents



7 year old Sophia Olynyk presents her donation pledge money to Carol Blum on September 16. Sophia raised just under \$100 for her first time taking part in the Seniors Walkathon. photo Deanna Mitchener

by Deanna Mitchener

September 16 marked the 49th Annual Seniors Walkathon hosted by the Parkland Lodge Auxiliary. The annual event is put on by the volunteers.

Auxiliary President Ann Robinson said, "The walkathon is to better enhance the lives of the seniors here at Parkland Lodge. We give each resident a \$100 for Christmas so they can go out and purchase something they may like. For birthdays, each resident gets a card with a \$25 gift certificate. Every cent we get through the community for the walkathon comes back to the lodge. The money

is also used to purchase wine for Christmas and New Years."

Sophia Olynyk (7) raised just under \$100 for the Seniors Walkathon. This was Sophia's first year going out and asking for donations to support her walk for seniors.

Emma Smith (14) said, "Today is my first time to raise money and walk in the event. I think it's nice for all the seniors in the lodge to have the community caring about them and holding events to raise money. I'm out walking today with my grandma. I don't know anyone in the lodge at this time, but one day I might."

Robinson and Carol Blum were taking care of registrations and donations for the event. Robinson said, "I have been with the Auxiliary for 32 years now. Carol Blum, our treasurer, has been with the Auxiliary for 14 years. We are always open to new members as it makes things easier to do if you have more hands."

It was good to see local youth out walking with their parents or grandparents. Next September will be the 50th year for this event. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring their family and friends to come out in support of this seniors' walk.

Parkland Lodge Auxiliary Grandparent Walkathon



The Parkland Lodge Auxiliary would like to thank the sponsors and walkers for joining us Sept 16th for our Annual Grandparent Walkathon.

We had a good turnout and thanks to all our sponsors we raised \$6840

Thanks also to the Lodge for supplying refreshments and pastries,

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Sid's Safety hosts customer appreciation BBQ

by Deanna Mitchener

A customer appreciation barbecue is something Sid's Safety has always enjoyed doing for years.

"When Covid hit we couldn't hold the event, so we had to take a couple of years off. This is our first time since 2019, so it's nice to be able to do it again. We were hoping to do it in June, but with the fires and everything we didn't even set a date until things settled down," said store manager Joff Kehler.

"It's nice to see people out enjoying the food, it's been pretty steady. We

planned for 500 burgers so we will see how many we have left. Thank you to all our customers for supporting local," Kehler said. "We like to put money back into the community with things like this. We like to do sponsorships and different things for the community just to show a little appreciation."

"Sid's Safety opened in 1998 as a family owned business. My step-dad Sid started it, then when he passed away in 2022, my sister and I bought into the place keeping the family business going," said Kehler.



Joff Kehler, manager at Sid's Safety Store in Edson, with staff on September 13 during their customer appreciation barbecue. photo Deanna Mitchener

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GNS: GYPSD Bus Status app has new update

Families need to be updated with any changes to bus routes and timing changes. That's why GYPSD uses Rally's Bus Status app to notify parents and guardians when buses are delayed or cancelled.

The Bus Status app can be personalized so that users only receive route notifications that matter to them.

Rally has recently updated the Bus Status app to version 4. Why the Change? Mobile app technology is constantly moving forward, and it was time to create an even faster, more reliable experience for Bus Status users. Bus Status 4 has the same features and functionality as the current Bus Status app. The changes are almost exclusively "under the hood" updates that will result in increased speed and reliability. The new app has improved speed and reliability. It will look and function the same as the current Bus Status app.

What does this version change mean to families currently with the Bus Status app?

The current version families are using WILL NOT automatically update to the new version of the app. Users must go to the App Store or Google Play to download the new app to receive notifications after September 29.



Ryan Smith, Nolan Smith (11), and Lukas Smith (7) took to the courts for some family fun time playing Pickleball. photo Deanna Mitchener

MacKay Corn Fest Daze



MacKay welcomed people from across the County to the first ever MacKay Corn Fest Daze on September 9.

by Niki Luymes

The MacKay community welcomed people from across the County to come out to the first ever MacKay Corn Fest Daze on September 9. The event was planned and put together by the Mackay Community Association.

For a small entry fee anyone could enjoy the food, games, and entertainment provided. The event was held at the MacKay Community Hall and ran from 5pm to 11pm.

From 5pm to 7pm there was an all ages 'Cornhole' competition or 'Corpetition'. People of all ages competed in teams of two, facing off in an elimination tournament-style contest of skills. There were prizes for first, second, and third winners. This year the prizes were custom made wooden signs with a corn themed phrase. A total of 16 total teams were participating for first place.

The corn bar concession was also running during this time. Attendees got free corn on the cob and could cover it with various toppings. This was alongside other traditional concession foods such as hotdogs, hamburgers, chilli, and other refreshments. There were other activities going on as well for the

kids such as giant ring toss, giant jenga, and slopitch games. The kids all received a small toy or trinket as a prize for their wins. "It was low key and fun and everyone could participate," said Keli Setzer, MacKay Community Association member and one of the event organizers.

From 7pm to 11pm, there was a live concert featuring 'Wise Choice' from Red Deer. The concert also had a beer garden with a variety of drinks. Many people were out on the dance floor.

The goals of the event was to reignite this small community. "Covid hurt these little rural Community Halls and it was time again to plan and host events to start bringing communities back together," said Setzer.

In this way Corn Fest Daze was quite successful. About 100 people came out to the event and almost filling the little hall to capacity. Setzer stated, "The hardworking, dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and all those who came out to participate in this event helped make it a huge success." Stezer and the Association are very thankful for all the support, especially the local sponsors who made it possible. "Without sponsors, events like this wouldn't happen. We can't thank them enough."

To teach is to nurture another human being.
To all the teachers who have selflessly dedicated their lives to this mission, we salute you and honor you for your nobility and passion.

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October **5**





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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

The Pembina Lobstick Historical Society is looking for new members!

WE NEED GREAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO STEP UP AND HELP KEEP OUR MUSEUM RUNNING!



Join as a volunteer or board member and help function and operate the Tipple Park Museum!

For more information, please email tippelparkmuseum@gmail.com



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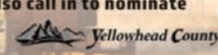
Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department has put together several draws for gift certificates to some of our local businesses:

- \$250 Gift Certificate to Woodland Lumber & Building Supplies in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Peers Farm & Feed Supplies
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Wighty's Tire & Mechanical in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Mike the Mechanic in Peers
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Laurich Holdings Farm Supply Store in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Ray Agro & Petroleum Ltd in Evansburg

The draw entry deadline is October 16th @ 4:30pm.

The draws will take place on October 18th and winners will be contacted by phone and later announced in the newspaper and on our Facebook page.

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 in to nominate a farmer to make sure they get put on the list.



Yellowhead County Community BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!



CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS? It doesn't take much to VOLUNTEER and MAKE A DIFFERENCE in your community...

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Now Recruiting for:

- **Library Board [1 position, 3-year term]**
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.
- **Recreation Board [1 position, 3-year term]**
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 county office in Edson.
- **Agricultural Services Appeal Committee [3 positions, 1-year term]**
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, 2024 - December 31, 2024.

Note: Board Members MUST be residents of Yellowhead County.

APPLY ONLINE BY OCTOBER 10TH!

Questions? Call us at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030

Yellowhead County FCSS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

We need YOUR perspective on social needs in Yellowhead County!

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS DATES

- 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM SESSIONS**
- September 27th - Wildwood Community Hall
 - September 29th - Brule Community Hall
 - October 2nd - Carrot Creek Hall
 - October 3rd - Marlboro Hall
 - October 4th - Robb Multiplex

- ADDITIONAL SESSIONS**
- September 29th - 2 PM to 4 PM - Tom Petersen Room in Hinton Library
 - October 3rd - 1 PM to 3 PM - Galloway Station Museum in Edson

ALL SESSIONS INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS.

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Survey deadline: October 15, 2023

SCAN ME



For more info call 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935



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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

In-Person & Online Group Sessions

Alzheimer support group



Caregiving can be stressful and difficult—but you're not alone.

If you are a caregiver for someone who has Alzheimer's disease or dementia, this is a valuable opportunity to meet with others that are experiencing the same challenges and stresses as you.

Location: Tipple Park Museum or online via Zoom

Time: 4:00 PM every third Wednesday
The group meets in a safe and confidential environment once a month on a free, drop-in basis.

2023: September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20
2024: January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19
Call the County Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 for details, or email Karen at kschatz@yhcounty.ca



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

2023 Yellowhead County Bridge Maintenance Contract Work

Work will be taking place throughout Yellowhead County at various locations between now and late February 2024. Further information for extended delays will be provided as work progresses.

Be aware of construction equipment, trucks, and workers. Please obey all signage and warnings.



Caregiver Support Group In-Person & Online Group Sessions

Join us for these free in-person & online confidential group sessions at the Yellowhead County Wildwood Office or online via Zoom at 4pm.



Take this opportunity to learn from others who are experiencing the same challenges and stresses.

2023 Dates: Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19

2024 Dates: Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, June 18

Call the Yellowhead County Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 for details or email Karen at kschatz@yhcounty.ca



Grant Connect Database

Grant Connect has funding for health, arts, recreation, social services, environmental projects, community and economic development, agriculture, non-profit development and a wide variety of other topics. Yellowhead County now has access to a national database of grants available to organizations and societies serving a wide variety of purposes. Funding includes Federal grants, provincial grants, philanthropic and corporate funding opportunities.

Running a non-profit organization is rewarding but at times difficult work. Include a pandemic, which may have significantly impacted a group's fundraising ability, and it is especially challenging now. The Grant Connect database can help you find those dollars, or identify funding for your next big project.

How does it work? If you are with a non-profit, you can call the office to set up an appointment to search the database with a staff member. Simple as that. And if you can't make it into the office, we can help you out over Zoom or a phone call.

Call 780-325-3782 and ask to speak with FCSS about the Grant Connect program, or email wrobinson@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca to make an appointment.



REQUEST FOR TENDER CULVERT FAILURE REHABILITATION For Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County invites interested contractors to submit proposals for the Culvert Failure Rehabilitation project in Yellowhead County, Alberta, in accordance with the terms of reference.

A detailed information package will be available on September 13, 2023, on the Alberta Purchasing Connection website (<http://www.purchasingconnection.ca>).

Proposal submissions must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope, clearly marked, and addressed as follows:

Yellowhead County
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson AB T7E 1N9
CULVERT FAILURE REHABILITATION
YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

This is a "Tender", and potential contractors are advised that Yellowhead County reserves the right to:

1. Accept a proposal without negotiation.
2. Reject a proposal without negotiation.
3. Reject a proposal from a bidder that has had a previous contract terminated by the County.
4. Negotiate changes in the financial or operational content of the successful proposal.

Consultants are advised that the fee for services, company name, and final rating will be made public when being presented to Council.

For further information regarding this request, please contact Amir Syed, Manager of Engineering Services, Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800.

2023 COMBINED ASSESSMENT & TAX NOTICES

Yellowhead County mailed the 2023 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices June 8, 2023. The deadline for paying Residential taxes is **September 29, 2023**.

Payment Options:

- Edson or Wildwood Yellowhead County Offices (drop box available after hours at Edson location only)
- At your Chartered Bank or Credit Union
- Telephone Banking
- Internet banking (Your Tax Roll Number is your Account number)
- Courier or Canada Post (postmarked on/or before September 29, 2023)

A penalty will be applied to all 2023 tax levies that are outstanding after the due date of **September 29, 2023**.

If you have further questions, call the Yellowhead County office at 780-723-4800 or toll free at 1-800-665-6030.

Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

For more information, please call 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800 or email info@yhcounty.ca



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YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANTS



Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Capital Assistance Grant

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital projects which could include renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility, new outdoor amenity, etc.



Recreation Program & Event Grant

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding up to \$2000 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community



Recreation & Culture Initiatives Fund

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community

**Grant Deadlines: September 30,
December 31, March 31, June 15**
Grant Applications are reviewed quarterly.

Applications can be found at www.yhcounty.ca or picked up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. For more information contact Derek Starnes at 780-723-4800.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Third Deputy Fire Chief of Emergency Management

LOCATION: Edson, AB
COMPETITION NO. 23-040

Under the general direction of the General Manager of Protective Services and reporting to the Fire Chief or designate, the Third Deputy Fire Chief will contribute to the overall leadership of the fire department and is responsible for Emergency Management and Municipal Emergency Plan as well as but not limited to logistics, support services, procurement, fleet maintenance, fleet replacement, equipment replacement, and supporting the day-to-day operations and emergency requirements of the Yellowhead County Fire Service, providing technical and advisory assistance to the Fire Chief or designate and to the District Chiefs. This position provides emergency response as required, assuming command as necessary and in accordance with the Yellowhead County Fire Services Standards.

The salary range is currently \$93,183 - \$115,547 per year.

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

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until it is filled. We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Human Resources
Yellowhead County
Email: jobs@yhcounty.ca

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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D23-117	Plan 0823155 Blk 1, Lot 14 NE-31-55-15-W5 Whitetail Shores	Single Detached Dwelling	Sep 6/23	Permitted Use
D23-113	Plan 1187CL Block D SE-30-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Accessory Building (Shed) Variance for Front Yard Location	Sep 6/23	Sep 27/23
D23-116	Plan 9621822 Blk 1, Lot 1 SE-27-53-16-W5 Wolf Creek Area	Existing Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Sunroom) & Additional Storage Container (Seacan) - Variance for Rear Yard Setback	Sep 6/23	Sep 27/23
D23-119	Plan 7092KS Blk 1, Lot 2 SE-36-53-13-W5 Niton Junction	Manufactured Home with Additions (Decks), Accessory Building (Shed), Solid Fence - Variance for Front Yard Height	Sep 11/23	Oct 2/23
D23-120	Plan 7092KS Blk 1, Lot 2 SE-36-53-13-W5 Niton Junction	Manufactured Home with Additions (Decks), Variance for Front and Rear Yard Setback, Accessory Building (Shed)	Sep 12/23	Oct 3/23
D23-121	NW-7-53-7-W5 Evansburg Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Accessory Building (Detached Garage)	Sep 13/23	Permitted Use
D23-123	SW-12-55-16-W5 Edson Area	Accessory Building (Quonset)	Sep 18/23	Permitted Use

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

The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal** dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision.

Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

First Deputy Fire Chief of Operations

LOCATION: Edson, AB
COMPETITION NO. 23-039

Under the general direction of the General Manager of Protective Services and reporting to the Fire Chief or designate, the First Deputy Fire Chief will contribute to the overall leadership of the fire department and is responsible for Fire Department Operations, Training and Public Safety and Yellowhead County's Occupational Health and Safety Program. Focusing on but not limited to, emergency response, operational readiness of all staff and equipment including apparatus, ensuring all staff are trained to the department standard, fire investigations, fire inspections, fire prevention programs, Public Safety, the Organizations safety, and locating, assigning, and acquiring all water filling locations in Yellowhead County. The position also provides emergency response as required, assuming command as necessary and in accordance with the Yellowhead County Fire Services Standards.

The salary range is currently \$102,096-\$126,599 per year.

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Letter to the Editor:

Cougar attacks bow hunter

Bow hunter Dale Popika narrowly escapes death after a massive cougar charges him while hunting 7km south west of Edson.

I was a kilometre from my truck on the edge of a cut block that bordered a pipeline. I had been there for about an hour and a half, bugling and mewing for the evening elk hunt.

It was about a 4 or 5 year old cut block with lots of grass, willows, and small pine. A perfect spot with lots of elk sign. As I stood beside some spruce, camouflaged in green to blend in, I heard some 'thump ... thump .. thumps' to my left that sounded like a big animal running towards me. I looked over to see a blur of an animal run into the bush 30 feet from me. The color looked coyote-ish and I wasn't too worried.

Suddenly, a massive cougar charged out of the bush and stopped 20 feet from me. He obviously recognized that I wasn't an elk and stopped momentarily. I stepped away from the cougar and was backing up and yelling "NO ... NO ... NO ... NO," hoping to scare it away! It then looked directly into my eyes, flattened its ears, and started moving quickly towards me. I drew back on the bowstring and let the arrow go when the cat was at 10 feet from me. The arrow struck the cat in the right eye close to its nose. I could hear bones breaking when the broadhead hit him. He somersaulted backwards into the willows and grass, hissing and growling. I could see him jumping in the air and bouncing around.

I reached for another arrow, since I knew cougars sometimes hunt in pairs, but I was shaking so much that

I couldn't seat the arrow. So, I started backing up, then turned and ran, stopping occasionally to make sure I wasn't being followed.

It didn't take me long to get to the truck and once there, it dawned on me how close I came to death. Had my arrow missed that cat, I wouldn't be telling this story because he had killing on his mind. Had I hit him in the body, he'd have been on me. The only place that could have stopped him was the head shot. And I didn't even aim at him, I just looked down the arrow shaft, lined up on his head, and pulled the release. The length of time from the thumping to the arrow release was about 15 seconds. 15 seconds!! He was a massive animal. As he came towards me I could see how big his paws were with the claws grabbing the earth. His head was huge, and he had long blackish hair hanging down the sides of his body. His eyes were black and they meant business and his mouth was half open, ready to do some damage.

I contacted Fish and Wildlife and gave them the story and the info, and got permission to go look for it. So, the next day two friends and I went looking for him. We found the blood trail, which only went about 30 feet then stopped. We found the shortened arrow with 4 inches missing with the broadhead. Obviously, it's still in the cat's head, but we did not find the cougar. We searched for several hours with no new blood finds or body, so it's still out there somewhere.

I'd advise all hunters that these cats are man-eaters and to be super vigilant when walking in the woods these days! They are there and they are dangerous!

Dale Popika

Yellowhead Ag Society Ranch Rodeo



Yellowhead Ag Society Ranch Rodeo was held September 16 and 17th. Throughout the weekend teams competed in various ranching events. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

It was a great weekend for some rodeo fun at the Yellowhead Agricultural Grounds.

From Sept 16 to the 17th, the Yellowhead Agricultural Society hosted their first ever Ranch Rodeo. Entry was by donation with all those proceeds going to support cancer charity.

A Ranch Rodeo is a competition between teams of four facing off in different events all based around traditional ranching activities. Each day had at least 5 full events with smaller youth challenges in between.

Saturday was for the cowboys with the hardcore ranching teams competing in events like Team Doctoring, Trailer Loading, and Wild Cow Milking. The final event of the day was Ranch Broc Riding, after that cumulative scores are tallied to find the overall winner.

This first ever ranch rodeo has seven teams of four competing on the Saturday. "It gives people a demonstration of the old heritage and what we [ranchers] do day to day. These are just typical daily events and we just turned into a competition," said Bryan Dickson, Ranch Rodeo Director and Yellowhead Agricultural Society member.

All the events on Sunday, besides the youth events, were part of the 'No Rope Rodeo' which featured slightly less intense activities for more casual riders. The 'No Rope Rodeo' had nine teams entered, all of which competed in various events. The overall winner was decided based on the cumulative score. There was also a pancake breakfast run by the Edson 4H Club on Sunday.

Also running throughout the weekend were the one-off youth events. Kids ages 15 and under could try out easier versions of the different events giving them a chance to win without the added risks. The youth events also included the ever popular 'Instant Rancher' event. During this event kids chased down various small farm animals let loose in the arena. Whatever they caught they had the option to keep.

Local food trucks came out to provide treats and refreshments all weekend long. There was a concession and beer hut being run by the Yellowhead Agricultural Society. Also happening was the Dance and Concert Saturday night.

Dickson described the goal of the whole event as a chance to keep the western heritage alive and promote it to the younger generation. About 200 people attended the events over the weekend.



The Ranch Rodeo included the Hanging Cowboy/Cowgirl. One rider was dropped off at the handle to hang on while the partner completed a barrel course and picked them up and headed to the finish line. photo Niki Luymes.

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Sept 11 to Sept 17, 2023

Traffic Collisions topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 16. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 2; Alarms/False Alarms 1; Assault 4; Assistance Calls 7; Cause Disturbance 5; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; Fail to Stop or Remain at Collision 3; False/Abandoned 911 Call 7; Family Orders and Agreements 1; Fire Prevention Act 1; Firearms Act 1; Fraud 2; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 1; Information File 2; Liquor Act 1; Lost/Found Property 5; Mental Health Act 4; Mischief or Damage 2; Municipal Bylaws 1; Suspicious Person or Vehicle 4; Theft Complaints 15; Traffic Complaints 11; Trespassing 4; Wellbeing Check 2; and Traffic Violations 9.

KID'S CORNER



Meet 5 year old Hudson who is in Kindergarten at Mary Bergeron Elementary.

What is your favorite holiday? Why?
Christmas, because I get to see my family and get presents.



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A Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Demand rising for Canadian oil

Canada's heavy oil outshines WTI benchmark

by Deborah Jaremko

Demand for oil from Canada is rising as world oil consumption hits new records.

Heavy, sour oil grades like those Canada primarily exports are experiencing what one analyst calls a "price renaissance," outperforming the U.S. light, sweet oil benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI).

"Heavy is the crude that wears the crown," Toronto-based Rory Johnston, founder of Commodity Context, wrote recently.

"While the most commonly referenced light sweet crudes are on an uninspiring price run, heavier crudes are actually having a pretty great year. As just one example, the price of Western Canadian Select (WCS), a heavy sour crude that represents Canada's main crude export blend, is up a whopping \$15 per barrel (about 20 percent) year-to-date."

That's compared to an increase of about US\$5 per barrel for WTI this

year.

There are several reasons for the higher Canadian heavy oil prices, says Phil Skolnick, New York-based oil market analyst with Eight Capital.

Maintenance at oil sands projects has reduced available supply while, at the same time, demand has increased. The new Dos Bocas refinery in Mexico is drawing heavy oil away from refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast, and petrochemical plants in China are ramping up production using heavy oil from both Canada and Latin America, Skolnick says.

Additional demand is expected when the U.S. government purchases sour crude to refill its Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

"Demand is increasing for sure," he says.

Canada's oil exports to customers outside of the United States reached a record 291,000 barrels per day this spring, according to the Canada Energy Regulator.

Meanwhile, American oil imports from Canada remain steady at above 4.5 million barrels per day, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Even though it's not a global benchmark like WTI, the improved pricing for heavy crudes like WCS is important because it has "a

material impact" on the earnings of producing companies and nations, Johnston wrote.

Canada's Parliamentary Budget Office has said that an increase of US\$5 per barrel for Canadian heavy oil would add \$6 billion to Canada's economy over the course of one year.

With the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion now more than 80 percent complete, Canada is closer to expanding its ability to supply growing oil demand in

global markets, with the benefits flowing to Canadians.

Deborah Jaremko is director of content for the Canadian Energy Centre. © Troy Media

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Expansion of Trans Mountain oil pipeline could be delayed by months and incur hundreds of millions of dollars of additional cost, unless its route is changed. Trans Mountain Corp (TMC) urged the Canada Energy Regulator to change the approved route on a 1.3-kilometre section just south of Kamloops, as micro-tunneling construction required on the route is not feasible. The reroute proposal is facing opposition from the Stk'emlupsemc to Secwepemc Nation (SSN), an indigenous group whose territory the pipeline crosses.

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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Coal remains a responsible, affordable choice

Producing energy invariably leads to some degree of environmental impact. All sources of energy: fossil fuels, nuclear, and renewables have environmental impacts.

Coal is critical to the world, through its use in providing much-needed affordable electricity and also in building our societies through its use in steel and cement. 37% of the world's electricity and over 70% of the world's steel is produced using coal.

The world still needs coal, not only is coal the affordable choice for energy in many markets, but it remains the only viable choice for critical industries. Coal even plays a significant role in the construction of renewable energy infrastructure and supporting these fuels

on the grid. It is crucial to the societal development of hundreds of millions of people, particularly in emerging economies.

Coal is the world's largest single source of electricity and will still contribute 22% in 2040, remaining the biggest contributor.

Of the world's steel production relies on coal. It's the backbone of both the steel and cement industries.

Coal can be clean. Just by upgrading current coal plants to the best available technology, we can cut 2 Gigatonnes of CO2 emissions.

The coal industry has a track record of

continued improvements against environmental and economic challenges, through applying current and emerging technologies.

Technologies exist and are being further developed to mitigate coal's impact, particularly around the reduction of air emissions and coal's water footprint.

Coal is by far Canada's most abundant fossil fuel, with 6.6 billion tonnes of recoverable coal reserves. Canada has anthracite, bituminous, sub-bituminous, and lignite coal deposits. More than 90% of Canada's coal deposits are located in western provinces, which provides a strategic advantage because of the close proximity of west coast ports.

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~ Obituary ~

Donna Faye Katherine Dool



It is with the greatest sorrow and the heaviest of hearts that we announce the passing of Donna Faye Katherine Dool.

Kathie as she was better known to family and friends, passed away on August 26, 2023, at the age of 68, in Edson Alberta. She was a kind and amazing woman that gave everything she could to all around her.

Kathie will be greatly missed and always remembered by her children Carla and Dean Konchakowski, Tanya and Simon Boutin, Cindy and Brendon Wood, and Cherie and Cody Hunter, her grandchildren Brian, Morgan, Johnny, Jordan, Tanisa, Alex, Justin, Damien, Selena, Katie, and Sethan, as well as her brother Bob Johnston, sister Sandy and Cliff Tilby and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

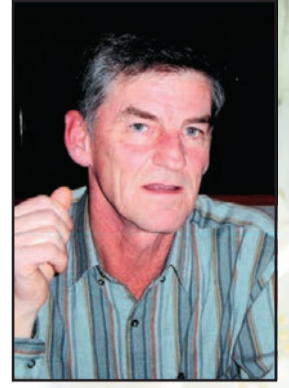
Kathie was predeceased by her parents Donald and Elizabeth Johnston, her husband Darrell King and her sister Meredith Flower.

A Memorial Service was held on September 23, 2023 at the Edson Mennonite Church at 2:00pm with Pastor Aaron Kaufman presiding.

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~ Obituary ~

Gary Douglas Tracey



It is with deep sadness that the family of Gary Douglas Tracey announces his passing on September 7, 2023, at the age of 73 years, at the Edson Community Healthcare Centre.

Gary was born in St John, New Brunswick, where at a young age he joined the Canadian Armed Forces and served 11 years, with his last posting in central Alberta. He then ventured into many self-employed business opportunities throughout his life such as home construction, land investment, owner operator of stores and sales, landscaping, hunter guiding, elk farming and tourist attraction. He had a passion for hunting and fishing and was quick to help new hunters learn the sport.

Gary is survived by his wife Carrie Tracey, daughter Corena and son Kirt, and four grandchildren and a great granddaughter. Gary is also survived by siblings Gail, Stephen, David, Brian and Sean.

The family would like to thank Dr. Smith, the nurses and staff of the Edson Community Healthcare Centre for the exceptional care, compassion and commitment during Gary's final days.

A celebration of Life will be held in the future where family and friends will be invited for a time of fellowship.

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GYPSPD recognizes Rail Safety Week

(GNS) As many of our communities are situated around rail tracks, GYPSPD wants to share the important message of rail safety by recognizing the 20th anniversary of Rail Safety Week from September 18-24.

Rail Safety Week occurs every September by Operation Lifesaver (OL) Canada to raise public awareness about rail safety and remind Canadians that taking risks near tracks and trains could cost them a limb, or their life. A significant part of OL's work includes community partnership initiatives, school presentations, and free resources such as Thomas the Tank Engine storybooks for ages 3-5.

Many communities near tracks also show their support by proclaiming Rail Safety Week including the Town of Edson at the September 5, 2023, Council Meeting.

Did you know?

- According to CN, more than 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured each year because of unsafe behaviour around tracks and trains.
- Be Rail Smart! Stop, Look, Listen and Live by following railway crossing signs and signals.
- #RailSafety is a shared responsibility. Do your part and participate in the Pledge & Play contest.
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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
November 4: CWL Bazaar 11am-3pm in the basement of the Catholic Church

November 17: RCMP Centennial Park Light Up, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Nov 25: Country Dance Night - Couples or Singles 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Galloway Station Museum
Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.
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