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YCE Recreation Centre plans continue to progress

Town of Edson passes final 2023 Budget...

by Dana McArthur

At the April 18 Yellowhead monthly highlights. County Governance and

Priorities meeting, Council [Yellowhead County/Edson Community Services. discussed the YCE Recreation Recreation Centre] we are

Centre, during the presentation finalizing and wrapping up our services for the construction of of the Community Services contract with Dialog Design," the facility has been awarded to said Crystal McNernie, Tango Management Group. "In terms of the YCE Centre General Manager of "Tango Management will be our

Project management four years of this projector

project consultant over the next

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The motorcycles are back!

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During Holy Redeemer's Dessert Theatre on April 14th and 15th, audiences were amazed by the fantastic performances of all the actors in the three plays. One such play was Corrections, directed by grade 12 student Cassie Pilon. Here, Cody Van Beek and Delaney Kuilboer exchange jabs as their characters Joe and Lainey (see page 10). photo credit: Tianna DeLeeuw





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however long it takes to complete."

A start-up meeting with the steering committee has been organized for April 19 to bring Tango representatives up to speed on the concept design work that has been completed over the last few months.

"In addition, we will be working to establish significant milestones and objectives we hope to achieve over the next 3, 6, and 9 months," said McNernie.

Of note, the steering committee has not yet heard back from the 'Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program' (ICIP) regarding the amended grant application, due to the change of plans favouring the Leisure Centre location.

Councillor Shawn Berry asked, "Could you please identify to me if a concept plan for the YCE Centre has been approved by the steering committee and is that what's going forward to Tango?"

M c N e r n i e responded, "We actually have two concept designs that have been approved by the steering committee and we are still finalizing those. We are not looking to release to the public after this meeting. We would like to meet with Tango, get

them up to speed, and have another steering committee meeting to wrap up our relationship with Dialog, and then look at releasing a [design] concept to the public." "I think we all recognize it's time for the public to see what we have been working on and keep the momentum and excitement going for the project," McNernie

added. Councillor Berry replied, "I am a little concerned releasing two plans to the public when Council has not approved either of them at this point. The steering committee may have this in mind of meeting with the consultant, but the moment they do that, your putting out to the public that we are going to go ahead with the project (or seem to be) and that decision has not been made by this Council at this time."

Mayor Wade Williams, who sits on the steering committee, said,

"Those are good comments Councillor Berry, and we have been upfront right from start with the information the committee has and anything else people are hearing out there, is rumour. At this point in time that's all I can say."

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Russell added, "There is nothing wrong with the steering committee saying to the public, this is the design we will present to our Councils. At which point is it made very clear that Council(s) still have to say, yes or no."

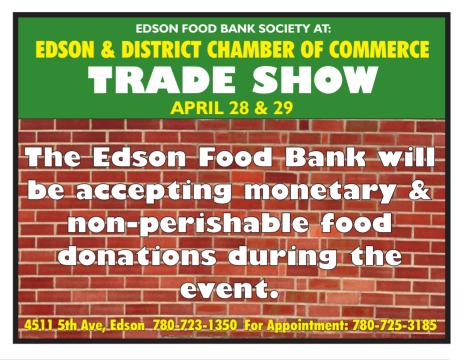
In regard to the ICIP grant, Councillor Anthony Giezen asked, "Have any of the other communities that applied received any response yet?" McNernie replied, "There are other community groups that have applied. Drayton Valley applied and had to amend their application and it took

Councillor David about four months, but a response. It's a likely level so we are trying to month mark now, so we

they did and it was time to do a follow up approved. We are with our provincial pushing that four reps to see where things are at. The decision is are anxiously awaiting made at the federal

be patient."

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Edson First Responders Appreciation Dinner returns from hiatus

by Deanna Mitchener

After a hiatus, First Responders can look forward to an evening set aside for them to come together. May 6 will be a night where they can relax, unwind, socialize, and have some fun at the Edson Friendship Centre.

Mayor Kevin Zahara said, "The Edson First Responders Appreciation Dinner is back after taking a few years off due to the pandemic. Once again it is being

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organized by Edson Citizens on Patrol, Edson Friendship Centre, and Edson Victim Services. The event is an opportunity for all our First Responders to get together outside of the normal work environment and have some fun."

"The event was started after a number of tragic incidents impacted our emergency services community greatly. Without really any event to recognize their work, we decided to put on the event. It wouldn't happen if it wasn't for a group of volunteers who all have taken on different tasks," said Zahara.

"This year we will be welcoming Edson's new Fire Chief, Bradley Milton. Music will be by DJ Caleb with food by the Pioneer Cabin. The event is open to First Responders, partner agencies, and their invited guests. This will be the 5th annual event and promises to be a great time. Since it's been a few years since the last event, there will be plenty of new faces in attendance," Zahara said.



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Town passes 2023 budget

(Town of Edson) Council has passed the 2023 final budget. There is no change to the tax increase passed in the Interim Budget in December.

Council recognizes the immense pressures being felt by the public at this time and have worked hard to balance the need to keep costs to a minimum with the challenges faced by all departments with external pressures. Roads and infrastructure continue to be a key focus of Edson Council, while also adding recreational opportunities and other services for families.

"It was important for Council and Administration to strive to work within the budget passed in December. We're facing many challenges with inflation, rising gas and electricity prices, and continued provincial and federal downloading. We also understand that our residents are facing many of the same challenges. With that in mind, we've worked hard to find a balance between needed services and overall costs for our taxpayers." -Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara

The total operating expenditures, including requisitions, are \$30,076,602, and the total taxation to be generated is \$12,986,038. The overall operational increase is 5.79% to deal with the pressures, provincial downloading, and increased service levels. An additional 2.46% (COVID Recovery) is the final amount needed to make up for the 5% decrease in taxes during the pandemic for a total tax increase of 8.25%.

Capital Budget

Council has also approved the revised 2023 Capital Budget. Changes include the deferral of the powerline burial project on 46 Street, Stormwater Asset Condition Study, and Reservoir Retrofit to future years. There were also additional projects added since the Interim Budget was approved in December. They include: • \$100,000 towards Civic Centre Renovations

- \$550,000 for a Komatsu Grader
- (Purchased and in operation)
- \$2,600,000 for full rehabilitation of 18 Avenue (48-49 Street)
- \$65,000 for design of full

rehabilitation of 8 Avenue (51-52 Street)

• \$55,000 to purchase a forklift for the airport

• \$37,777 in Landfill scale upgrades • \$187,005 towards the Vision Park Well & Washroom

• \$65,000 for a Trash Pump

A number of other project budgets were adjusted as costs were finalized. The 1st Avenue (48-54 Street) Design, 54 Street Sanitary Sewer Upgrade, and Foodbank Roof Project had significant reductions in budget as they won't be fully completed in 2023.

Other major projects in the 2023 Capital Budget include:

• \$20,000,000 in grant funding towards the YCE Multi-Use Facility

• \$1,744,967 for Vision Park Phase 1

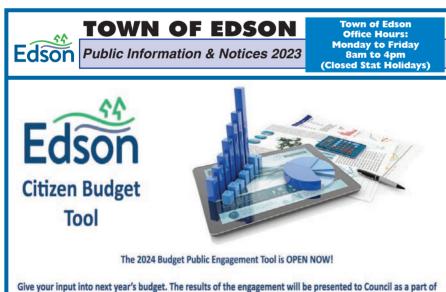
• \$1,893,150 for the Wase Creek Project

• \$3,000,000 towards the Library **Renovation Project**

• \$131,415 for highway crossing lights

• \$400,000 for general road repairs The total Capital Budget amounts to \$34,633,712, funded 26.6% from reserves, 1.7% from cost-sharing, and 71.7% from grants.

For more details on the 2023 Budget, and the full list of capital projects, please visit





Edson Public Information & Notices 2023

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New drivers

May 20th.

May 21st.

Alcohol and drug

Construction zones

Off-highway vehicles



Construction zones

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June

Cycling

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Cycling

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The Town of Edson aligns its Traffic Safety Priorities with the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan. with an aim to reduce road traffic fatalities. Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for Information and Enforcement activities. The May focus is Motorcycle Safety, Cycling, Alcohol and Drug Impairment, Off-highway Vehicles, and New Drivers. For more details on the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, visit https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx





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May 2nd.	46 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
May 3rd.	48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND PINEGROVE
May 4th.	56 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
May 5th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
May 6th.	46 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
May 7th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
May 8th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
May 9th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 48 STREET
May 10th.	56 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
May 11th.	HWY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
May 12th.	48 AVENUE SOUTHBOUD AT OR NEAR PARKLAND & PINEGROVE SCHOOL
May 13th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
May 14th.	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
May 15th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
May 16th.	12 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET
May 17th.	12 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET
May 18th.	HIGHWAY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
May 19th.	56 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL

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May 25th.	HIGHWAY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
May 26th.	48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND / PINEGROVE SCHOOL
May 27th.	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
May 28th.	13 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR POPLAR PLACE
May 29th.	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
May 30th.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
May 31st.	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

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The motorcycles are back...

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by Dana McArthur publisher/Editor Member Canadian Association of Journalists

Avoid blind spots - Whether you are driving on the highway or parking,

the time of year to keep a more watchful eye for these smaller motor vehicles. During the early summer more collisions occur with motorcycles than at any other time.

To drivers of cars and trucks, a motorcycle's smaller size can make their speed deceiving. Never underestimate the speed of a motorcycle.

Staying safe also means being visible. Make yourself visible on a motorcycle by following these 5 steps.

Wear reflective tape - Place reflective tape around your wheel rims and on any part of your motorcycle that is closest to a light source. At night, reflective tape will make your motorcycle look like a bigger vehicle.

Wear bright safety gear - You are just as visible as your bike when you're on the road. Wearing high visibility jackets and helmets like orange, yellow and white will instantly draw other motorists' eyes to you.

Ride a bright bike - A brightlycoloured motorcycle increases your chance of being noticed by other motorists. Riding a black or darkly coloured bike makes it harder for drivers to see you.

always position yourself where other drivers can see you. Motorcycles can be difficult for drivers to see in their rear-view mirrors. Find a lane position where you can be seen by all cars on the road.

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SAT & SUN – LAWNMOWER RACES

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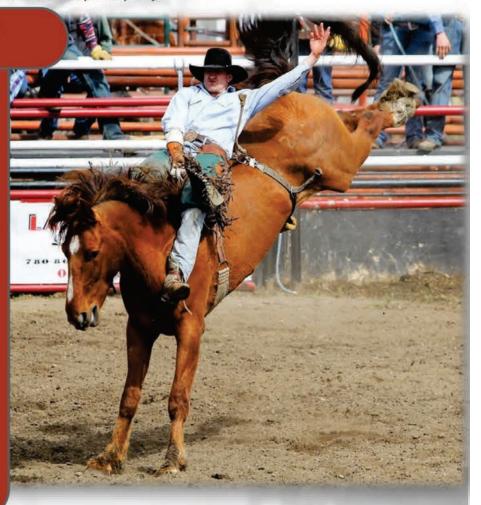
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FRI, SAT, SUN - MELISSA'S BOUNCY HOUSE FUN

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SR POTATO RACE	\$25.00	\$200.00
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COW RIDING	\$25.00	\$200.00
JUNIOR GIRLS EVENTS	ENTRY	ADDED PURSE
JR BARREL RACING	\$15.00	\$100.00
JR POLE BENDING	\$15.00	\$100.00
JR POTATO RACE	\$15.00	\$100.00
OPEN GIRLS EVENTS	ENTRY	ADDED PURSE



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April 14/23

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For two weeks, they lived and worked near a small village in the contributing to other missions in the future.

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by Niki Luymes

The Kinette Club of Edson hosted the Ladies Empowerment

Trivia Night at the Best Western Inn in Edson on April 14. The event served as a return to

form for the group as they resume hosting gatherings after the pandemic years. It served as both a get-together for ladies in the community, while also raising awareness about the club.

This is the first time since the restrictions ended that the group has been able to run an event with this focus. The Ladies Empowerment Trivia Night also featured cocktails and a presentation on the club and what they do. The trivia portion had over 30 questions in multiple categories such as Edson history, facts about the Kinette Club, and more. There was also food and other drinks from local establishments.

"It was super cool. It was just one of those things where we were like COVID's over so let's network and empower women, so it was really good," said Sam Blackett, Recruitment and Membership Director for the club. The event started at 7pm and had about 30 people in attendance. "We definitely had a number of people sign up and say they want to be a part of the club, which was the goal."

The Kinette Club is a local ladies group that focuses on helping their community by reaching its greatest needs. Members donate their time and the group donates money to multiple local causes. Their annual toy drive for Christmas hampers is coming this July. Last year alone they prepared and handed out over 800 toy and food hampers.

YKCS welcomes back Students and Staff from Overseas Mission

On Wednesday, April 5, Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School They departed Canada on March 23 with a group of seventeen others,

For the students who traveled on the missions trip it was an eve-

welcomed back two of their students and one staff member from a joint overseas missions trip in Romania. Both staff and students returned in high spirits with many stories to share with the school and students and with hopes to be able to continue in further missions in the times ahead. ranging in age from 13 - 85 years of age. The group included people from the Whitecourt, Bentley, and Olds churches.

Transylvanian region of Northeastern Romania, by the Hungarian village of Szentkiraly. The group aided the locals in building several new cabins and a lodge for Camp Falcon Rock; a camp for youth being built by the Hungarian and North American Baptist Churches. opening experience to be able to contribute to outreach and missions in a different country and an unknown culture. They also learned new skills, building and doing manual labor with much brick and concrete on the camp's buildings. They saw the disparities between countries and cultures, learned about the Hungarian/Romanian culture, shared in prayer and outreach with the local peoples, and built new friendships and connections that will hopefully span the miles and aid in

Kinette Club hosts Ladies Empowerment Trivia Night



The Edson Kinette Club is a local non-profit that focuses on helping fill the greatest need in its community. Pictured are the current members at their recruitment 'Ladies Empowerment Trivia Night' on April 14. photo submitted.



Approximately 30 people attended the Edson Kinette Club 'Ladies Empowerment Trivia night' on Friday, April 14. The event served as a delightful get together and as a way to raise awareness about the club and all that they do. photo submitted

For now, they have been welcomed home with open arms. YKCS plans to continue fundraising to provide more students with the opportunity to travel on Missions.



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HRH Dessert Theatre returns after hiatus

by Niki Luymes

Holy Redeemer High School (HRH) was proud to present the return of their annual Dessert Theatre.

After being paused for the pandemic years, students and teachers brought back the show in full force. This year's performance was on April 14th and 15th, at 7pm in the HRH gym.

While teachers assisted in the production and directing, all other aspects of the show were handled by the students. Each night included two of the three one act plays, prepared by the senior high and junior high classes. On Friday night Sr High students performed 'Corrections' and then on Saturday 'It's Not You, It's Time'.

'Corrections' by Jackie Martin, tells the story of Joe who is visiting his wife Lainey while she is in prison. The story goes through their struggling marriage, which is connected to the reason she is in prison. She accidentally killed their son in a car accident while she was drinking and driving. This show was brought to life by Delaney Kuilboer and Cody Van Beek in the main roles. "It is a powerful piece driven by two very powerful performances," said Peter Taylor, Drama Teacher for HRH, and producer for the production.

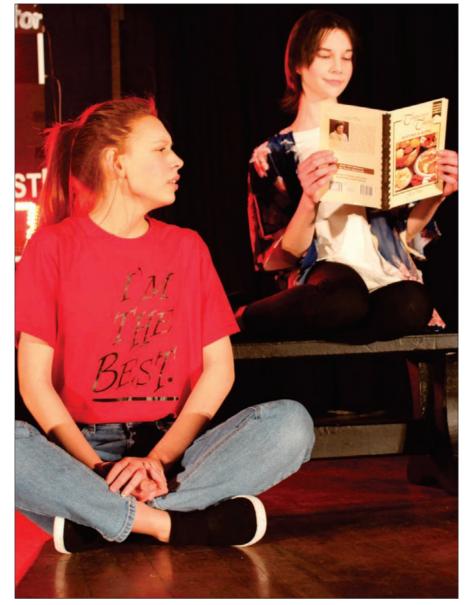
'It's Not You, It's Time' by Keyanna Burgher, told the emotional journey of a young couple throughout their relationship. The show jumped through their relationship timeline from first date, to the revealing of a painful truth. Cassie Squire and Dylan Watson skillfully brought the main couple to life, expertly balancing the comedic and dramatic moments. The Junior High class performed 'One Hundred Lies' by Alan Haehnel for both Friday and Saturday night. This show portrays a young lady named Liz competing against the people in her life in a contest of 100 revealed lies. What starts as a comedic, willful competition turns into an emotional rollercoaster as the truth comes to light. Young Christina Belcourt expertly commanded the stage in the lead role. The supporting cast also brought their 'A' game as they seamlessly switched between roles.

"I am extremely proud of all the students for their amazing commitment and dedication to these plays. It was so much fun to bring the Dessert Theatre back after years of hiatus, and the students were absolutely outstanding!" said Taylor. All three productions are going to be entered into the Zone 2 West Drama Festival. The Senior High students will go to Spruce Grove, while the Junior High students will be in Edson.

During the intermission attendees could choose from a variety of desserts including pie, cheesecake, ice cream cake, and of course, many different kinds of chocolate and vanilla cake. There was also a 50/50 draw on both nights to support the school. The production had about 175 people in attendance on Friday night and about 165 people on Saturday night.

"A huge thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who helped make these productions possible," said Taylor. "We are so lucky to have some amazing and supportive parents and community members who want to help our students raise the quality of their productions. Our drama family is greatly indebted to everyone for their support."





The Holy Redeemer Drama Department presented their first Dessert Theatre in four years on April 14th and 15th. Three plays were showcased to over 330 people that attended the two-night event. Here, grade 9 students Christina Belcourt and Maya Dalueg share a moment from the junior high production of One Hundred Lies. Photo credit: Tianna DeLeeuw.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



This spring, West Fraser - Blue Ridge Lumber will be holding a virtual "open house" to share forestry operating plans for the year ahead. This event provides the general public and stakeholders with the opportunity to review and comment on the planned activities in road development, harvesting, hauling, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the current forestry year. Public and stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreation areas etc.

The Holy Redeemer Drama Department was proud to bring back its annual Dessert Theatre on April 14th and 15th. The two night event featured three very different plays that were enjoyed by the over 330 audience members. One of the plays entitled It's Not You, It's Time, directed by grade 12 students Shaelynn Dozorec and Vada Erickson, demonstrated the acting talents of grade 11 students Cassie Squire and Dylan Watson in some very raw and emotional scenes. Photo credit: Tianna DeLeeuw. We would like to invite you to visit the websites below to view the upcoming forest activities. We will have a variety of plans available for review including: Areas of Operation for 2023-2024 season; Company Reforestation Plans; and Herbicide Treatment Plans.

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Pivotal Energy Partners

Open House

We are having an Open House at the Galloway Station Museum on Wednesday May 3rd from 11:30am – 1:30pm to provide insight into our proposed natural gas processing facility that will be located within the Town of Edson. Pivotal executives and key members of the project team will be there to answer any questions you may have.

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VENABLES, Steven (Francis)

On Saturday, April 8th, 2023, Steven (Francis) Venables of Edson, AB, passed away peacefully at the age of 62 years.

Steve will be remembered for the impact he had on the lives of those who were lucky enough to have met him. Admired for his hard work ethic, gentle soul, quick wit and sense of humor. Steve enjoyed classic trucks. Harley's and loved nothing more than driving around admiring the lights during the holiday season or enjoyed reading a well-weathered western book. Steve loved his family deeply, for that he will be cherished, loved and remembered always. Steve is survived by two siblings; Michelle MacRae of Valleyview AB, and Keith (Ashley) Kaliciak of Edson AB, his daughter; Janean Venables, grandchildren; Janaya and Keeden Roberts, nieces; Crystal Vanderaa, Cortney Kaliciak, Kiana Kaliciak and Alexis LaPierre, nephews; James Mac Rae, Shane (Vanessa) MacRae and Landen LaPierre, his great niece; Adrianna Groshko and great nephew; Colton MacRae. Steven was predeceased by his father; Alf (Alfred) Venables, his mother; Marg (Margaret) Venables/Kaliciak and siblings; Bruce Venables, Valorie Vanderaa, and Yvonne Venables.





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Couple horseback riding to Yukon stop in Edson

by Niki Luymes

Edson played host to some special guests recently. From April 10th to the 12th, Patrick Venne and Dominique Lebel used the town as waypoint on their horseback ride from Quebec to the Yukon.

The two riders along with their horses Kya, Maple, Angel, Octane, and their dog Bucky camped out at the Edson Vet Clinic. The stay was going to be only overnight, but the couple decided to spend the day when the snow began to fall.

Patrick and Dominique began their trip in Mont Tremblant, Quebec at the end of April 2022. They completed over half their journey before stopping in Lodgepole, Alberta for the winter months. The trip restarted on April 1, 2023 and will hopefully be completed sometime later this year.

When the trip began in 2022,

the two traveled in a covered wagon. However, it soon became apparent that it would not be safe to continue to use such a vehicle with highway traffic. The choice was made to switch to horseback with pack animals. The animals are fed using a mixture of grazing, packed alfalfa, and hay when they can arrange it. The travelers do journey alongside highways when necessary, but prefer to use back trails and parks when they can.

After passing through Edson, the two now head north towards Grande Cache. Their final destination is a small community between Tagish and Carcross in Yukon Territories. They travel between 20 and 25 kilometres a day depending on the horses and the weather. "Every day is different," said Venne.

The couple don't typically know on a daily basis where they will spend the night, but say they are living their dream today.



Edson played host to Patrick Venne and Dominique Lebel who are horseback riding from Quebec to the Yukon. submitted



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Alberta's economy a leader in growth and job creation



Alberta's economy is on a tear, as investment continues to pour into our province.

According to Statistics Canada's latest labour force survey, our province created nearly 14,000 new jobs in March, including over 10,000 new full-time jobs. Alberta's economy was so strong last month, we created over a third of all new jobs in Canada!

Over the last several years, Alberta's economy has been a leader in growth and job creation. This is due to our United Conservative government's relentless focus on passing policies that help job creators, entrepreneurs, and skilled workers succeed. As a result, nearly 500,000 more Albertans are working today than were working in May of 2019.

These jobs represent more than just numbers on paper. They represent regular paychecks that families can rely on to pay their bills, fuel their vehicles, buy groceries, purchase hockey equipment, take vacations, and invest for the future.

Alberta's economy is not just growing -- it's diversifying. Companies like Garmin Canada, Infosys, Dow Chemical, De Havilland, HBO, Amazon Web Services, Walmart, and Air Products are all investing in Alberta. Just this past week, we learned that candy company English Bay is investing \$30 million to build a new, 100,000 square-foot production line and warehouse in Stony Plain. And McCain Foods recently announced it is investing \$600 million to double the size of its potato processing plant near Lethbridge.

Our United Conservative government has spurred this tremendous growth and diversification by implementing policies that support job creators and entrepreneurs in doing what they do best – creating jobs and growing the economy. By cutting taxes, balancing the budget, reducing red tape, making life more affordable, and supporting progrowth policies, we have renewed the Alberta Advantage and reestablished Alberta as a top destination for businesses and families to invest. Today, our province is on the right path, and while we have more work to do, we are well on our way to positioning Alberta for the greatest chapter of the Alberta story yet.

of the province and in all sectors of the economy, optimism is growing for the future, and our United Conservative government is working tirelessly to make sure every day Alberta families are benefitting from our province's economic success.

As we move into 2023, we will continue focusing on creating jobs and attracting investment, and we will continue putting the needs of everyday families first.

Reducing methane emissions

A new provincial report shows Alberta is on track to meet and exceed its methane emissions reduction goal.

The province's second annual progress report on methane emissions reductions from Alberta's oil and gas sector shows that methane emissions from these operations decreased by about 44 per cent between 2014 and 2021. Based on these estimates, Alberta will meet, and surpass, its target to reduce methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by 45 per cent from 2014 levels by 2025. Supporting sexual assault survivors in Alberta

Alberta's government is providing \$4.2 million in additional funding to support victims of sexual violence.

A \$3.8-million investment will help address the waitlists at 13 sexual assault centres across Alberta. Another \$400,000 will help expand a new service model to provide survivors who are waiting for services with resources, supports and information to address their individual needs and situation. Alberta's network of sexual assault centres provides essential services to children, youth, adults and seniors regardless of gender. **Providing faster access to surgical** services

Underused Housing Tax Penalties and Interest Waived



OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that the application of penalties and interest under the UHTA for the 2022 calendar year will be waived for any late-filed underused housing tax (UHT) return and for any late-paid UHT payable, provided the return is filed or the UHT is paid by October 31, 2023. This transitional relief means that although the deadline for filing the UHT return and paying the UHT payable is still April 30, 2023, no penalties or interest will be applied for UHT returns and payments that the CRA receives before November 1, 2023.

Supporting Canadians Aging at Home – Deadline Extended

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that as more seniors are living longer, healthier lives, many want to continue living independently in their own homes surrounded by those they care about.

The deadline for the consultations period has been extended to April

23, 2023, giving you the opportunity to have your say about supporting those wishing to stay in their homes.

Scholarship Opportunity for Women Studying Health & Safety

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) is accepting applications for the 2023 Chad Bradley Scholarship Award. The \$3,000 scholarship is open to women pursuing education in the field of occupational health and safety from an accredited college or university in Canada.

Candidates are required to submit an essay detailing the reasons why occupational health and safety is their chosen field of study, their motivation and inspiration, and how they will contribute to safe work in the future.

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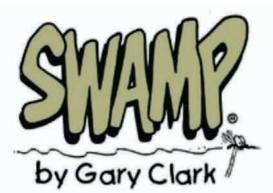
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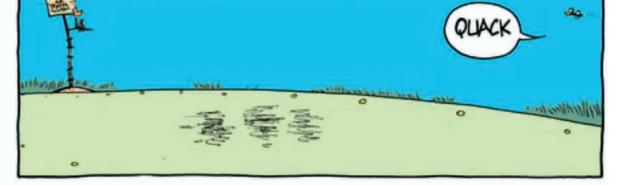
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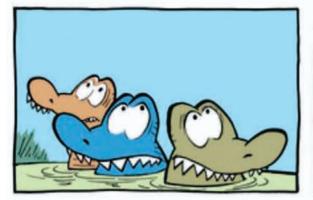
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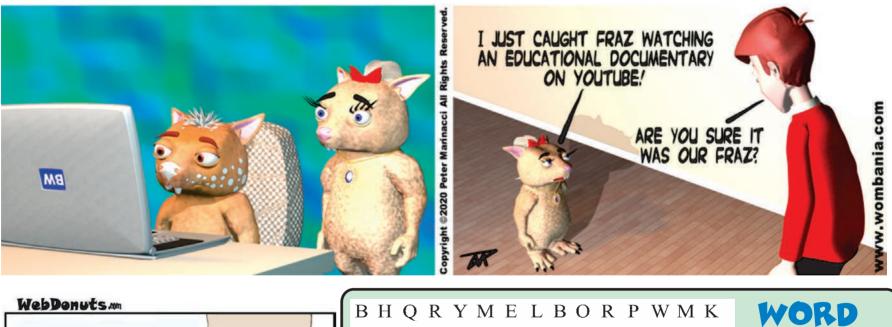






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Pastor Mesh Hit Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. EDSON MENNONITE CHURCH 6212 – 13th Ave, Edson Office Hrs: Tues/Wed 9 am – 1 pm Office Phone: 780-723-4922 Pastor Tyson Moerike (Call or Text 403-966-4705) Sunday Worship – 9:45 am Sunday School expected to resume in January, 2022 EDSON-PEERS CHRISTIAN **REFORMED CHURCH** 4633-7th Ave., Edson Ph: 723-5242 Pastor: Ryan Hoogerbrugge Worship: 10:30 a.m. Edson -Nursery provided Sunday School EDSON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 1133-55 St. Edson - Ph: 723-5490. Saturday Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Sabbath School at 10:00 a.m. **EDSON UNITED CHURCH Edson United Church** 1214 Edson Drive Edson AB Phone: 723-3418 FAMILY OF FAITH CHURCH 463 72 St., Edson (formerly Glenwood Hall), Telephone: 780-517-7558 Sunday: 10:00 am - Coffee and Donuts; 10:30 am - Morning Pastors: Pastors John and Ingrid Huizing vfm@shaw.ca HOLY TRINITY (An Anglican/Lutheran Faith Community) Rev. Johnny Pooten 780-723-4366 WORSHIP SCHEDULE (All services at 10 am Sunday mornings): 1st & 2nd Sunday at St. Catherine's Building 623 50th St.; 3rd and 4th Sundays at Grace Building 407-7th Ave.; 5th Sunday - call for location. Please phone for other information. THE NEW JOSHUA **GENERATION FELLOWSHIP** INTERNATIONAL 4911 B 3rd Avenue, Edson, AB Sunday Worship at 2:00 p.m.; Fellowship after service. Rev. Noemi Sogocio, Senior Pastor, 780-600-0050; noemi_sogocio2006@yahoo.ca SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 4803 - 6th Avenue, Edson Telephone: 723-3661. Pastor Father Thomas Basani (SAC)

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Call office for weekday Mass times.

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emailing <u>ntarves@yhcounty.ca</u> or call 780-723-4800 April 13,20,27: Prime Time Fitness at Peers Multi Plex. Thursdays from 2-3pm call 780-723-4800 for information and to register. April 20 May 4: Parent Time Out. Diverse Needs. Parent socializing and play group. 9:30-11:00 am Evansburg Arena registration is required. Call 780-325-3782 or email

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April 20,27, May 25: Aqua Gentle Drop in Thursday 9:30-10:15am April 27: Virtual Spring Watercolor Class. 6:00-7:30pm ages 14+ register before Friday April 21 <u>ntarves@yhcounty.ca</u> or 780-723-4800

May 1-May 28: Step It Up Challenge. All ages welcome teams of 3+ register at the Leisure Centre once your team is complete. May 2,9,16: Aqua Gentle drop in Tuesday 9:30-10:15am June 17: Eddie's Big Run, Kids Fun Run, 3km, 3km, & 10km runs. Save the date.

May 13: Resilience Project Premiere and Gala. Edson Legion A night to celebrate Resiliency and hope featuring and created by local residents 6:30pm doors open 7:00pm visit www.edson.ca/canoe to RSVP

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July 20: Bear Chase Triathlon. At Bear Lake Campground Registration opens May 24. Ages 3-13 Heats begin at 5:30pm. 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.

We are proud to support community events Phone: 723-6661 EDSON, AB

FELLOWSHIP 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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Strong Canadian crop movement to date

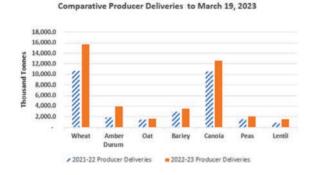
"Weekly updates from the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) provide useful crop market movement and demand information," says Neil Blue, provincial crops market analyst with the Alberta government.

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The Canadian Grain Commission numbers primarily include volumes of bulk crops moved through facilities licensed by the CGC.

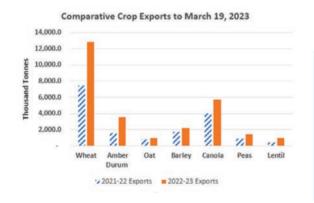
"Producer deliveries to the elevator system were not delayed last fall by weather. Following drought-reduced 2021-22 shipping, producer deliveries this crop year exceed the year ago pace for all major crops.'

Figure 1. Comparative Producer Deliveries to March 19, 2023



"Crop export volumes have been strong for all major crops, although canola exports were slow to start the crop year," says Blue.

Figure 2. Comparative Crop Exports to March 19, 2023





Wheat has outstanding crop export volume to date. The relatively weak Canadian dollar and 2 production years of high-quality wheat have supported wheat exports. Although Canada has a diverse wheat export market, China has been Canada's top importer this crop year.

Durum exports have also been strong. Italy is the top importer of Canadian durum this year, followed by Algeria, Morocco, the U.S. and Tunisia.

Barley exports are stronger than year ago but are restricted by strong domestic demand for feed and malting barley.

Canola exports were slow to start the crop year due to limited carryin supplies from the last crop year. However, canola exports to date of 5.7 million tonnes are currently 1.7 million tonnes higher than year ago and on pace to reach forecast crop year projections. AgriNews

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