

"Be somewhere else"

On Novedmber 17, Weyerhaeuser Edson OSB mill had just run its 4 millionth press load. This team just finished the load of sheathing that was produced on this milestone. Pictured are Brian Jones (Operator), Nandy Geurrin (Operator), Brittany Thalen (Team Leader), John Woodhouse (Electrician), Pat Allard (Operator), Darren Conger (Operator), Sean Rustemeyer (Lab Technician), Desiree McKelvie (Operator). submitted





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4M milestone for Weyerhaeuser Edson OSB mill

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tasked with tracking progress toward the milestone.

"It's not something you achieve every year like an anniversary," Jason says. "It speaks not just to our ability to adapt and keep improving, but also to our longevity." Indeed, the milestone was 38 years in the making.

OPENING DAY

On Oct. 7, 1983, Dave Byzuk, mobile shop lead, witnessed the mill's first press load. Everything was so new the team wasn't quite sure how long to leave the press running.

"We left it in a little longer than the recipe called for due to thickness and some other assumptions," Dave says, who was one of the mill's first employees. "It turned out perfect."

That first board was cut into panels, and the team signed two to commemorate the occasion. It was a big moment for Edson — both the mill and the town. The plant was the first OSB facility in Canada and promised to become one of the community's largest employers.

The mill was built by Pelican Spruce Mills Ltd. and Al Owen, an Edmontonbased entrepreneur. In those early days, the mill focused primarily on sheathing panels. But things started to change in late 1988 after Weyerhaeuser bought the facility.

"Safety immediately became a much bigger focus," Dave says. "Hard hats and steel-toe boots were no longer optional."

BIG UPDATES IN THE '90S

Around 1993, the mill's product focus started to change, too, when Weyerhaeuser introduced Edge and Edge Gold enhanced OSB flooring p a n e l s. To a c c o m m o d a t e overwhelming market acceptance throughout North America, Edson added a third dryer and made other capital upgrades in the mid-1990s.

But the most notable change came a few years later when the plant shifted from powder to liquid resins. Resins are the glue that binds wood strands together to make OSB. They're activated when the press compacts and heats them. Liquid resins spread more evenly and dry faster, allowing the mill to boost productivity.

Over the next several years, other process and capital improvements enabled the Edson team to double output over the mill's original specifications and compete against newer mills twice its size.

But even with many significant changes over the years, some things have stayed the same.

ALWAYS LOOKING TO

reduced several seconds per press load. And new preventive maintenance procedures are reducing unplanned downtime.

The team is also looking forward to more capital improvements in the years ahead, including upgrading the press' hydraulic system from water to oil based, which will improve recovery times between press loads, or "squishes" as they're affectionately called.

"We're all about finding ways to speed things up without decreasing the quality of the board," says Michelle Blais, process technician, who joined the Edson team six years ago. As a relative newcomer, one of the first things she noticed was the team's willingness to help each other.

"Whether it's safety or training someone to step into a new role, we all take care of each other," Michelle says. "We all want each other to be successful."

JOBS, COMMUNITY AND A SPECIAL TEAM

The team works hard to keep the mill running 24 hours a day, seven days a week — except every other Wednesday when it stops for planned maintenance. But they also take time to give back to the community.

"The mill benefits the entire community through more than just jobs," says Angela Cartwright, blending-forming-pressing and technology team leader. "This includes company-matching volunteer grants from Edson animal rescue to Habitat for Humanity — and offering leadership on important issues like environmental stewardship."

And the community joined in the celebrations for the mill's 4-millionpresses milestone. Community leaders toured the mill and congratulated employees as part of a two-week celebration (staggered in shifts due to COVID-19 protocols) that also included crew breakfasts and discussions about team and community.

"This milestone is a testament to every employee who's worked here over the years," says Natalie Peace, plant manager. "The team looks out for each other and the site. They keep things safe and reliably running, and they're constantly learning and improving. Everything they do, they do with pride."

That pride shines through in employees such as Joe Mark, maintenance tradesman, who plans to retire at the end of the year. Even in retirement, Joe expects to keep an eye on the mill.

"I'll be looking for plumes of water vapor rising into the sky from the chimney stacks," Joe says. "When I see that, I'll know that everything is running well. I'll remember all the good people who make a quality product from sustainably sourced wood. And I'll be thinking about the mill's longevity and how hard everyone is working to be a fixture in Edson for years to come." "Congratulations to Weyerhaeuser Edson OSB Mill on your 4 millionth press load. Thank you for your contributions to forestry and the Edson community," said MP Gerald Soroka. "As someone who worked in the forestry sector for almost 15 years, I want to congratulate Weyerhaeuser Edson OSB on the incredible achievement of their 4 millionth press load. I also commend them for their ongoing efforts and success in maintaining the highest standards for

forestry health to ensure a sustainable future for the industry. Great Job!" said West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long.

"On behalf of the Town of Edson and Edson Town Council we'd like to offer our congratulations to Weyerhaeuser on this significant milestone. Thank you for your contributions to forestry and our community," said Kevin Zahara, Mayor of Edson. (with files from Weyerhaeuser and Dana McArthur)



Natalie Peace (Mill Manager), Brittany Thalen (Team Leader), Sean Rustemeyer (Lab Technician), John Woodhouse (Electrician), Geoff Bezler (Millwright), Nandy Geurrin (Operator), Jennifer Armstrong (Operations Manager) commemorate the 4 millionth press load for the Weyerhaeuser Edson OSB mill. submitted



Gerry Kravic (Greenend Leadhand), Jeremy Thivierge (Operator), and Brittany Pollard (Operator) in front of green strand conveyors. They were working in the green end operating the Weyerhaeuser Edson OSB mill debarkers and stranders when the 4 millionth milestone was achieved. submitted



4 Millionth Press Load Achieved at Edson OSB Mill!

"This is an outstanding achievement, and we are incredibly proud of what our Edson team has been able to accomplish. We want to congratulate and recognize not only our Edson employees, but also everyone in the local community contractors, vendors, loggers, neighbors, family members and friends — who support our mill and make this such a wonderful place to operate." -Keith O'Rear, SVP Wood Products Weyerhaeuser

IMPROVE

"In 2018, we gave Al Owen a tour for the mill's 35th anniversary," says Harry Quinn, construction and capital manager. "There was so much he still recognized: the press, the burners for the dryers, the forming heads. It was pretty emotional for him to see that a lot of what he built was still keeping people employed."

Today, the mill employs about 150 people who work hard every day to improve productivity. Trimming a few seconds, or even a fraction of a second, here and there adds up over time.

The Edson team regularly evaluates new resins to reduce press curing time. They're currently fine-tuning a new motion control system that has already



Town plans 2022 budget - Cyber threat a new reality

by Adrienne Tait

The Edson Town Council held a special meeting on Thursday, November 25th to pass an interim budget in order to allow the Town to continue operating until finalizing the budget in the spring.

Bringing forward an interim budget before passing the official one (once assessments have been completed, provincial grants and budgets released) was standard practice for the Town until the last council.

With little time for the newest

Council members to prepare, changes to senior administration (including the Town's CAO), a desire to wait for the provincial grant announcements, and receipt of the assessment numbers, Council and administration believed it prudent to return to the interim budget system – at least for now.

The Municipal Government Act requires municipalities to have a budget in place by the end of the calendar year.

Included in the budget is a line item to increase cyber security.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE Mint Homes Ltd.



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While administration said it is not aware of any specific incidents, the I.T. department has brought to the Town's attention that attempts have been made to access the municipality's systems. Mayor Kevin Zahara said he is aware of other municipalities that experienced issues. Council approved an increase to Cyber Security and Civic Center Bandwidth at an estimated cost of \$3,600 and third party 24-hour IT Support and Cyber Security at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

Councillor Krystal Baier said she would like to see the Town move away from relying on municipal reserves. As costs have increased so has the reliance on reserve funds. In order to move towards a sustainable budget and reduce the reliance on municipal reserves administration proposed a 7.74% tax increase at the budget workshop earlier this month.

Council approved the 2022 interim operating budget and 2022 capital and supported a 4.9% tax increase in order to maintain current levels of service.

CAO Christine Beveridge acknowledged that this year's budget was a challenge. "This wasn't a budget where we had a lot of excess. We looked for extra efficiencies," said Beveridge who added she believes the additional time will be valuable and allow administration to, "bring back a better budget."

Edson RCMP arrest and charge female with mischief, possession of drugs, and resisting peace officer

RCMP Edson:

On Nov. 25, 2021, at approximately 9:50 p.m., Edson RCMP received a call from a citizen advising of two people possibly stealing from vehicles

EVENT

REMINDER

December 8:

Senior's and

Community

Appreciation

Christmas. At

Edson and District Recycling Depot

10:00AM - 1:00

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in the area of 3 Avenue and 53 street in Edson. E d s o n R C M P attended the location and arrested a 34 year old female suspect from Edson, and as a result of further investigation she is charged with:

•Mischief under \$5,000

· Resisting a peace officer

• Possession of illegal substances (x2)

Following a judicial hearing, the suspect was released from

custody and is scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on Jan. 18, 2022. "The Edson RCMP would like to thank the public for reporting crime in progress," says S/Sgt Christian Delisle, Detachment Commander of the Edson RCMP Detachment. "We would also like to remind everyone the importance to making sure their vehicles are locked and no valuables are left inside."

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Weyerhaeuser community event

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Sat Dec 11, 2021

10 am - 2pm (supply dependent) Edson, OSB Mill Log Storage Yard (east of scale)

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Trans Mountain donates \$5,000 to PCHS



Trans Mountain donates \$5,000 to PCHS for the Trans Mountain Technology and Engineering Centre. sumitted

(GYPSD) As part of its Community Investment Program, Trans Mountain has donated \$5,000 to Parkland Composite High School (PCHS). The Trans Mountain Technology and Engineering Centre will help further education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The goal of the Trans Mountain Technology and Engineering Centre is to create a facility providing a range of STEM learning opportunities for students such as robotics, coding, programming, and graphics/media design.

The centre will provide further opportunities for career development and industry partnerships for Parkland Composite and its learners.

"This donation demonstrates our ongoing commitment to support educational opportunities to communities along the pipeline," said Lexa Hobenshield, Manager of Lower Mainland and Community Investment.

"We are proud to partner with Parkland Composite High School to provide STEM opportunities to students."

The centre strives to "provide students real opportunities and chances to further their education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Now we are able to offer future career options and challenge our students. It's a great opportunity for the students to excel in today's world and to teach them the practical skills needed to be successful in the future," says Parkland Principal, Vince Dikaitis. We've made a list, and checked it twice...

You're invited 'cause you're so nice!

Drive-Through COVID Friendly

Seniors and Community Appreciation Christmas!

Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Time: 10 AM - 1 PM Place: Edson & District Recycling Depot

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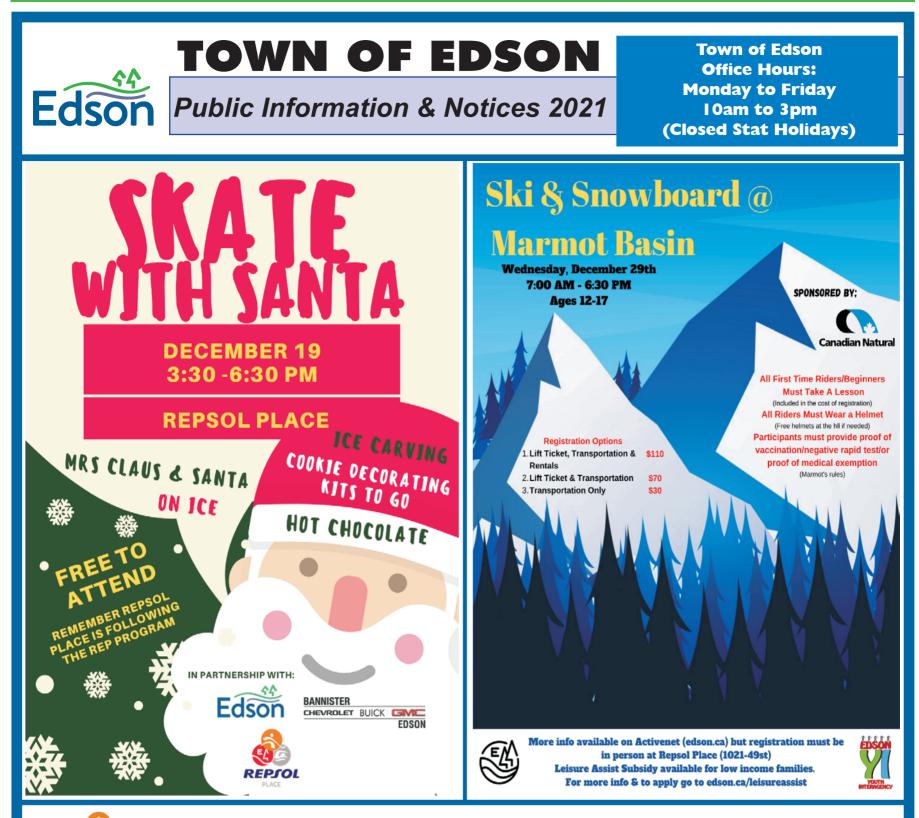
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Repsol Place Pool Schedule

December 1^{st -} December 19th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
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Public Swim/Lessons	9:00am - 10:15am					Private Rentals 11:25am – 12:25pm Dec. 4, 11, 18
Aqua Fit			10:45am – 11:45am			
Lane Swim/Preschool Swim	12:00pm – 1:00pm					
Public Swim/Schools	1:30pm – 3:00pm					1:00pm – 2:30pm 3:15pm – 4:45pm
Aqua Fit/Lessons	6:45pm -7:45pm		6:45pm -7:45pm			
Public Swim/Lessons		5:30pm – 7:30pm		5:30pm – 7:30pm	5:30pm – 7:30pm	
Lane Swim/Preschool Swim Membership Required	8:00pm – 9:00pm					5:30pm- 6:30pm

Pool Schedule is subject to change

POOL CLOSED December 3 from 7:30am – 10:30am for staff training

Non School Day December 3 Free Public Swim sponsored by Velvet Energy 1:30 – 3pm, 3:30 – 5pm & 5:30 – 7:30pm

The Restriction Exemption Program (REP) is in place at Repsol Place. Please note that the REP moved to full vaccination only (14 days from second dose) starting October 25th. Vaccination records with QR codes, along with valid ID, are required as of November 15th. Full restriction details and REP information can be found at https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx.

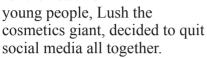


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Social media —be somewhere else

After Facebook's own research indicates that Instagram is bad for the health of



Lush shut down its Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and TikTok accounts recently, stating that the decision to get rid of its accounts came because of the deep problems the company has seen with safety on social media.

"As of November 26, 2021, we're saying goodbye to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok until these platforms can provide a safer environment for their users. The serious effects of social media on mental health are being ignored by these platforms," the company stated. "We wouldn't ask our customers to meet us down a dark and dangerous alleyway – but some social media platforms are beginning to feel like places no one should be encouraged to go. Something has to change."

. "I'm not willing to expose my customers to this harm, so it's time to take it out of the mix," stated Lush's chief executive, Mark Constantine.

This comes in the wake of the leaked internal Facebook documents from whistleblower Frances Haugen. The documents indicate Facebook knew Instagram was harmful to the health of young people and didn't



share that information with the public. Meta the parent company of

Facebook and Instagram, now faces accusations of putting the financial success of its platforms before the health and safety of its users.

Lush's bold move may prove costly in the short term, but as the company stated, "How could we possibly suggest we're a caring business if we look at that and don't care?"

In the past, there have been concerns raised about the serious effects of social media, but those have mostly been ignored up until now. Much like the early evidence of climate change was ignored.

However, many people have recently decided to 'Stop Feeding Facebook' for various reasons, from social media burnout to peace of mind. Perhaps then, now is the time for companies to reevaluate their use of 'social media' and decide what's the 'socially responsible' thing to do for the customers and clients they serve.

Until social media platforms introduce some serious bestpractice guidelines along with much-needed regulations passed into law, Lush's new motto is an admirable one: "It's time to stop scrolling and be somewhere else."

When in doubt, don't share it.



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Edson RCMP Occurrences For the week of Nov 22 to 28, 2021

Traffic violations topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 18. Other investigations included: Assault 2; Assistance Calls 9; Cause Disturbance 2; False/Abandoned 911 call 7; Fraud 2; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 2; Information File 1; Liquor Act 1; Lost/Found Property 3; Mental Health Act 2; Mischief 9; Missing Person/Request to Locate 1; Possess Stolen Property 1; Suspicious Person or Vehicle 11; Theft complaints 7; Traffic Collisions 17; Traffic Complaints 5; Trespassing 5; and Wellbeing Checks 3.

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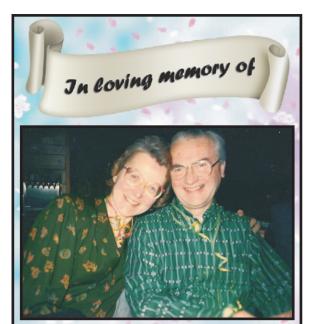
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Edson Eagles sitting third in GMHL Western Division



The Edson Eagles served hot chocolate on Main Street during the annual Light Up event and sale. They also took pictures with fans.

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Edson Eagles have been busy making an impact during their inaugural season in the Greater Metro Jr. A Hockey League (GMHL).

After 16 games so far this season, the team has earned a record of 9-6-1 and are in third place in the Western Division, behind the currently undefeated High Prairie Red Wings and the Northern Alberta Tomahawks.

Over the November 5-6 weekend, the Edson Eagles had back-to-back games against the Fox Creek Ice Kings. The first game was played in Edson at Repsol Place, and the second was played in Fox Creek.

The Eagles came up victorious with a sweep over the Ice Kings, winning the games 6-5 and 7-2.

November 12 and 13 saw two more games played at Repsol Place. The High Prairie Red Wings came to Edson on November 12 and experienced their toughest matchup of the season. The Eagles battled hard and managed to keep the score even and pushed the game to overtime before taking the loss but earning a point against one of the strongest teams in the entire league.

The Fox Creek Ice Kings took on the Eagles on November 13, and the Eagles earned a 10-1 win. They played again on November 19 in Fox Creek and the Eagles won 5-3.

The Eagles played against the Mackenzie Mountaineers on November 20 in Edson, and on November 26 and 27 in Mackenzie, BC. The Mountaineers have proven themselves to be one of the Eagles' toughest matchups, providing three consecutive losses for the local club.

But the Eagles are back in Edson on Friday, December 3 and are looking forward to taking on the Gibbons Pioneers in front of their cheering fans at Repsol Place. The game starts at 8:15pm and tickets can be purchased at the door.

The team will then travel to Slave Lake for a game on December 4 and will be back at Repsol on December 10 at 8:15pm to take on the Red Wings – a game any fan will not want to miss!

The Edson Eagles have not just been making an impact in the league, but also in the community. They have been participating in events like Vanier School's Jersey Day and the Light Up Sale on Main Street.

At Light Up, the team served hot chocolate, marshmallows, and candy canes to Main Street shoppers, and took pictures with fans – including Santa.

If you want to follow along closer with the Edson Eagles, you can check out their social media or view standing and schedule info at gmhl.net.



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LEAP programs offer opportunities for children

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson LEAP Therapy and Resource Centre offers a safe and supportive environment for children with special needs along with their families. The Edson LEAP Centre and the LEAP Society have partnered together to offer several free programs to families in the community with children aged five and under, regardless of ability.

"We have staff available if families do have concerns about their child or a question with developmental concerns," said Anna Vander Haeghe of the LEAP Centre. "It is a fully accessible program, so it doesn't matter what skill level your child is at, just come and enjoy a safe, fun place to interact."

Anna noted that the programs are a great opportunity for children to get out and try new activities in a small group, especially with how limited everyone has been over the past 20 months. "Families have been saying, 'Oh my gosh, my child is less anxious to leave the house now, just from attending some group activities," she said.

Participating in LEAP programs can be a great way to help reduce anxiety. With some children finding it

stressful to meet other kids, or being in new spaces, or even with "touching things", LEAP programs are structured in a way to help your child feel safe while experiencing new things. "It has been so nice for the families to see their child playing in a new space, rather than the child standing behind them or wanting to hold onto the parent and not let go," Anna said. The LEAP Society has been working on some fundraising projects, including Santa's Little LEAP Gift Shop, where families can book their child to come and pick out a little Christmas gift. "The child can come in with a shopper (one of our Expert Elves) to help them pick out a present for someone. They will help them wrap the gift, do up a Christmas card for the person of their choice," Anna explained.

The child's family will make a small monetary donation and the child will get to "shop" all on their own. "It is a great fundraiser and the child gets to experience picking out a gift without a parent with them," Anna said.

The fundraiser will run on December 10th from 5-7pm and again December 11th from 10am-4pm at the Edson LEAP Centre. Registration is required to book your spot, and as with any LEAP Centre program you can sign up online at edsonleapcentre.as.me. There, you can select 'Santa's Little LEAP Gift Shop' and book a time that works best for your family.

The fundraiser is also open to both SCOPE and McMan clients, giving them the opportunity to shop for the special people in their lives with help from an Expert Elf.

The LEAP Centre and Society also support respite services for older children, such as families that have respite hours through FSCD contracts, or families looking for respite with their child who has special needs and just needs some extra care. Programs include Speech and Language Therapy, Children's groups, Family Support, respite day camps, and Preschool and Kindergarten PUF Services.

The LEAP Board is also looking for new members, if you are interested in joining the board or if you'd like more info on programs and services, you can reach out to Anna at 780-723-1295. Anna also wanted to thank the community. "We are so grateful to all the positive feedback we have been

receiving. We couldn't do it without everyone working together as a community to help support each other," she said. "Edson has been very positive that way."

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photo Adrienne Tait

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Gelmici Jewellers spreads some mystery holiday cheer Support the Edson Food Bank by buying a mystery gift bag

by Shaylyn Thornton

Gelmici Jewellers is doing their part this year to spread some cheer and community spirit with their charity mystery bag fundraiser.

In 2019 they sold mystery bags after brainstorming ways to "give to the customer as well as to a charity," said Store Owner Stacey Gelmici-Saunders. Knowing that they always sell well in store, they came up with the idea of selling mystery bags with all net proceeds going to a local charity.

Their first mystery bag fundraising recipient was Reflections, who also received a donation from the store in 2020 despite them not being able to host the fundraiser last year.

This year, their recipient will be the Edson Food Bank. Gelmici Jewellers has long been a supporter of the Edson Food Bank, donating both money and food, but this year they wanted to do even more "because it has been a hard year for everyone, including seniors," explained Gelmici-Saunders.

Gelmici-Saunders shared some important 2021 HungerCount findings that helped the store decide to focus their efforts on the Food Bank this year. These facts include:

* 116,396 Albertans visited a food bank in March 2021. A total increase of 29.6% since the 2019 HungerCount.

* There were over 44,586 visits to Alberta food banks by children in March 2021. * 45% of Alberta's food bank users are families.

* 15.2% of food bank users receive Provincial Disability Supports.

* In rural Alberta, 30.5% of food bank users are seniors or persons with a disability.

* 1 in 8 Canadians access a community food program like a food bank.

Not only are they running their mystery bag fundraiser, but Gelmici Jewellers is also asking their customers to help Stack the Sleigh for the Edson Food Bank food drive, encouraging people to stop by with any non-perishable food items to help Stack the Sleigh with donations.

Then, starting on December 9 at 10am, Gelmici Jewellers will be selling their 100 mystery gift bags for \$20 each. The bags are first come, first serve, and you're encouraged to get there on time – as they sold out in only 2.5 hours in 2019!

The bags will be numbered 1-100, and purchasers can choose which numbered bag they want and how many they want. Each charity mystery bag has a minimum value of \$70. "Three of the bags have more elaborate gifts," noted Gelmici-Saunders. "One of the charity bags has a diamond necklace worth \$500."

Gelmici-Saunders said that the fundraiser went "great" in 2019 and they are hoping for the same this year. "The people buying the gift



Gelmici Jewellers will be selling charity gift bags at \$10 each to raise money for the Edson Food Bank. Pictured is owner Stacey Gelmici-Saunders (middle) along with staff.

bags were excited and very happy. It created a lot of fun and excitement in the store and people were buying them as their Gift Exchange gifts, so it would be a surprise for everyone," she said. "We had a lot of fun and from the feedback of the purchasers they were happy as well."

Gelmici-Saunders also commented on the community spirit and generosity that is so often seen in the Edson area and the importance of supporting local. "The local Edson businesses are fantastic at donating to our local charities – whether it be school fundraisers, sports teams, church events, etc," she said. "What goes around comes around... when you shop our local merchants the dollars spent in your community contribute back to your community, whether it be by employing residents of your community or donating to your town fundraisers."

So this holiday season, stop by Gelmici Jewellers and help support the Edson Food Bank, whether it be with their mystery bag fundraiser on December 9, or by helping Stack the Sleigh with food donations for those members of our community that could use a helping hand this holiday season.

GYPSD new Director of Transportation Services

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) is pleased to announce that Ms. Christine Van Neck has accepted the position of Director of Transportation Services.

For the past eleven years, Ms. Van Neck has worked for Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) in their transportation department as a Safety and Compliance Supervisor focused on safety, training, and maintaining compliance with provincial regulations. She is also a fully qualified Senior Driving Instructor and has proudly taught a number of students to successfully complete the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) 2S program to obtain their licence to drive a school bus. She is currently on a provincial committee collaborating with Alberta Transportation and other applicable stakeholders in the province to update and enhance the MELT program. She has also worked with the Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council for the last few years. Ms. Van Neck focuses on collaboration and



building positive relationships while adapting to identified needs. "Through my work at Elk Island Public Schools, I had the privilege to learn and become skilled in many facets of the student transportation industry and assume increasing areas of responsibility. I was the first point of contact for



Ms. Christine Van Neck is the new Director of Transportation Services at GYPSD.

accident investigations, and have become skilled at resolving complaints, reducing future risk, and enhancing safety for students. I look forward to using those competancies

serious safety concerns or

using those competencies at GYPSD in my new role."

Prior to her tenure at EIPS, Ms. Van Neck was the operations supervisor for First Student in Edmonton. She has completed courses through the National Association of Pupil Transportation and believes in the importance of lifelong learning.

Ms. Van Neck and her husband will be relocating to Edson and commences duties on December 1, 2021.

This stunning moose was spotted near Edson recently. photo Deanna Mitchener

OBITUARIES

WEEKLY ANCHOR

<u>~ Obituary ~</u> Hazel Geraldine Monty

June 27, 1934 - October 17, 2021



Hazel is survived by her three sons, David, Michael and Gerald and her granddaughter, Miranda (Campbell). She is predeceased by her son, Kenny, and her husband, Tony, three brothers and her sister.

Hazel was born in Prince Rupert, BC. She was in the RCAF for two years as Air Woman 1 (AW1), HG Paulson, Nurse Assistant, before marrying Tony on August 18, 1956, then moved to Wildwood, AB. She was a devoted mother to her children and a dedicated volunteer to the local groups in Wildwood. She helped her husband in business, making trips to pickup various items and deliveries to the job sites.

She was named Citizen of the Year in 2005; she volunteered wherever and whenever a volunteer was needed. She was an avid crafter and a gifted artisan. You could always find Hazel at the Farmers' Market, generally knitting. She loved sharing stories, laughing, travelling with friends on varied adventures and enjoying life. She babysat many children and worked casually in local businesses. Hazel lived for the times spent with all her "quilting buddies" and travelling to quilt stores. She cherished her memories and shared many with friends, generally resulting in laughter over and over. She was proud to be "Grandma Hazel" in the Grandparent Program with the Wildwood Senior Citizens Club. "Life provides Memories and Memories become Treasures. Rest easy Hazel, we shall meet again!"

We thank the doctors, nurses and staff of the Royal Alexandra Hospital and the Drayton Valley Hospital for all they did for Hazel.

W hat's happening, when and where in the community

<u>~ Obituary ~</u> Caroline (Carol) Crawford

December 11, 1940 - November 19, 2021

Caroline (Carol) Donna Crawford (nee Stevens), born December 11, 1940, and bornagain March 1, 1983, rode off to be with Jesus on November 19, 2021. Mom was not your typical country gal, although she loved the country, horses, deer, birds and good,



fresh air. A musician with a unique touch on the piano, accordion, and guitar, she wrote many songs and poems about life, the Lord, and victory.

Her family knew that compassionate and ardent heart of Carol, especially her husband of 61 years, Donald W. Crawford. Carol deeply respected Don's practicality and attention to detail in fixing things.

Her children, Ken Crawford (Colleen) and Bonnie Maguffee, and her one and only adored grandson, Matthew Maguffee miss her terribly already. Her one brother, Daniel Stevens (Dave Howlett) was someone she shared special memories with and treasured their renewed friendship in these last years.

A special thankyou to Merv Edgecombe for standing by dad and being a good friend in this time. Carol was pre- deceased by her special son-in-law, Jim Maguffee, sister Bonnie Douglas (Wayne), dad Ed Stevens and mom Lillian (nee Black).

Memorial Donations may be made in Carol Crawford's name to the Canadian Lung Association - Tribute Gift.

A Visitation (1:30 p.m MST) / Service (2:00 p.m. MST) was held at Bethel Pentecostal Assembly, on Saturday, November 27, 2021, Bethel Pentecostal Church, 6350 13 Avenue, Edson, AB

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First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 2 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge. See the Senior's Day Facebook Event for more details.

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Outdoor dog safety during trapping season

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson and District Historical Society, the Alberta Trappers Association, along with the local Fish and Game Association and Gun Club are putting together an educational seminar with preventative education on keeping dogs safe during this trapping season.

This information session is being held on December 8th, at the Galloway Museum starting at 7:30 p.m.

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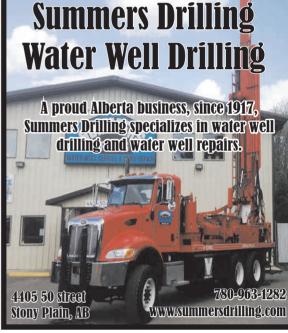
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