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The Holiday **Season begins!**

by Niki Luymes

The Town of Edson officially kicked-off the Holiday Season with the Annual Light Up

This year the festival had two parts. On Thursday, November 17th, the downtown celebrated Lite-Up with participating businesses staying open late to offer unique sales. Then on Friday the 18th the party moved to RCMP Centennial Park's Light Up with treats, crafts, community fun, and of course Santa switching on the Christmas lights.

This is the 7th year that a town Light Up has happened, but the first year that it has happened over two nights and therefore been called a 'Festival'. The switch was made to better facilitate shopping on the 17th by removing the conflict between the event in the park and events downtown. "This is the first year that we've done it this way, and I'm hoping that it worked out," said Diana Inscho, Community Development Coordinator for the Town of Edson.

This year many downtown businesses, including longtime Edson businesses like Thymes Two, Jensen's, Nuwave, and Gelmici Jewellers took advantage of the opportunity to offer special deals. Even as Thursday night came to a close you could see people moving from store to store to take advantage of the various sales. continued page 2

The Light-Up Festival signaled the start of the Christmas season with Santa lighting the Centennial Park Christmas trees on Nov.18. photo Niki Luymes











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On Friday night the focus turned to RCMP Centennial Park. From 5:30pm to 7:30pm families could brave the cold to enjoy roasting marshmallows, hot chocolate, and free craft kits. The official 'Light Up' of the park trees happened around 6pm. Many special guests came through the park during the festival. Both Santa and Eddie the Squirrel were in the park spreading Christmas joy, and Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara as well as other members of

council came by to take part in the fun. The Edson Girl Guides also stopped by and sang some Christmas songs for all

The event was well attended, with many families arriving before the event officially started. The free event was put on and sponsored by Town of Edson in partnership with the Galloway Museum, which is run by the Edson and District Historical Society.



Brielle Bjornson was one of the many kids who enjoyed roasting some free marshmallows at RCMP Centennial Park during the Light Up Festival Nov. 17-18th. photo Niki Luymes

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE **Mint Homes Ltd.**



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Eddie the Squirrel braved the cold to share some holiday cheer, and candy canes at RCMP Centennial Park during the Light-Up. photo Niki Luymes



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Off-highway vehicle use broadened in County

by Dana McArthur

Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw 18-22 was discussed during the Nov. 22 Yellowhead County Council meeting.

The bylaw regulates the operation and use of off-highway vehicles on highways under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County. The current bylaw only allowed OHV use on routes from a property to a trailhead.

After the draft bylaw was presented to Council at a previous GPC meeting, Administration was instructed to bring the bylaw back for debate and approval at a regular Council meeting.

"The current bylaw was passed in 2012 and was written based on current usage of the day and Traffic Safety Act within Alberta," said Albert Bahri, General Manager of Protective Services. "The current bylaw was forwarded to Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP for their review. There were several changes recommended in this review."

Administration also reviewed the current

bylaw in its entirety. Statistics were also reviewed to determine any major enforcement issues that were encountered with the current bylaw. No major issues were found.

"It was clear in the research that OHV use in hamlets and county roads is done in a very responsible manner. The one major issue in hamlets is that the current bylaw only allows travel from a residence to a trailhead. It doesn't allow for operation throughout the hamlet for extended periods or on a regular basis. This means that there are daily violations of the bylaw," said Bahri.

The changes in the new bylaw will allow operation of off-highway vehicles in hamlets and county roadways on a regular basis, but in a safe and controlled manor to include proper operation in county ditches. Not just to go from a property to a trailhead.

"The changes have been reviewed for their enforceability and do not pose any challenges to the Traffic Safety Act," said Bahri.

Mayor Wade Williams said, "I think this is a very good plan moving forward. I think we will

get really good support from residents in the hamlets."

Councillor Shawn Berry asked, "Are we actually promoting the use of county ditches for off-highway vehicles? I thought we were promoting on road, licensed and insured." Bahri responded, "We are recommending they drive on the road when possible. There may be times when they need to use the ditch, but they have to operates properly in the ditches and not ripping it up —we have regulated that."

Council passed all three readings of the bylaw, bringing it into effect.

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The Skin Room celebrates 10th Anniversary in Edson

by Dana McArthur

The Skin Room in Edson is proud to be celebrating 10 successful years in Edson.

Owner Katelyn Rousselle said, "My goal when opening The Skin Room in 2012 was to help others who struggled just like I did, and I knew I wanted to take it further. I began researching ingredients and incorporating them into my treatment room."

"I want to provide clients with hope and the tools they need to figure out what's happening to their skin and why," said Rousselle.

When asked what attributed to her 10 years of success, Rousselle stated, "My clients. Since day one they have supported my business, treatment options and products. They're loyal above all else. Also my staff over the years that became family, willing to grow and go with all my of new and crazy ideas."

Rousselle is also the founder and creator of her own line of products called Medikate. "Creating my brand Medikate Skincare came seamlessly at the perfect time. It's a perfectly curated line of products made to make skincare fun."

Medikate was launched in 2016. "As I saw improvements in my own skin - and that of my clients - I felt so fulfilled! I worked towards developing a more comprehensive and customizable product line-up, to address a range of concerns my clients had shared with me in my treatment room. The results are what you see in my store today!"

When asked if she felt nervous about starting a new business from the ground up, Rousselle said, "This is my happy place, taking care of your skin and doing what I do best. I was ready and confident that I was bringing experience, and a wealth knowledge in the industry. The Skin Room was ready for business the same day I

moved to Edson. It actually started before I had ever been here. I knew in my mind what I wanted to bring to Edson and made it happen."

Rousselle is now planning to take Medikate to the next level. "We have some exciting new ideas that will come to fruition in the next year."

Regarding her 10 years in business in Edson, Rousselle concluded, "I feel so proud and grateful. Each year has brought more to me than I could have every imagined."



Edson Town Council members meet Edson's new Youth Council on November 15. The purpose of Youth Council is to provide youth with a platform to let their voices be heard and to have a positive impact in the community.

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The Report-a-Problem feature allows you to choose your category, add a photo/location of the concern, and decide if you would like a follow up email as well.

This also acts as an issue tracking system for the Town of Edson, meaning we can pull reports on what areas of town are experiencing the most issues and this helps us determine priorities for things like snow removal. utility work. roads, and other areas of concern.

We encourage all residents to use this new tool to help streamline our issues management and tracking process!

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Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2070 as amended, can be found at www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or engineeringandplanning@edson.ca.

Any person who is deemed to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority by 4:00 p.m., on the 21st day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website. On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 2070. On Discretionary Uses, all aspects of the proposed development may be challenged upon appeal. Written notice of appeal, accompanied by the appeal fee as established by Town Council, must be filed through the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7. Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.

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Senior thanks Edson couple for kindness

This week we Tip our Hats to the wonderfully kind couple from Edson who treated an

Edmonton senior to lunch —whom they'd just met.

There are no better ambassadors for this region, and the holiday season, than thoughtful people like this couple, who are willing to extend a hand of friendship and kindness to those they meet. Well done! - Editor DM.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to tell you about a couple from Edson who brought untold happiness to an 83 year old lady (myself) in Edmonton on Friday, November 19, 2022.

I was seated in the Olive Garden Restaurant in Edmonton when the hostess brought in a warm, comfortable, appearing couple and seated them at a table next to me.

There was something very special that attracted them to me, like how they spoke to each other and how they were obviously there to enjoy their time together. There was no cell phone devouring their time! They



talked to each other! They were "together!" Oh, how refreshing. How nostalgic! I

found myself wishing I had someone who would treat me as such.

I finished my lunch and was sitting with my credit card in hand waiting for my bill when the waitress placed two chocolates in front of me and said, "Your lunch has been taken care of."

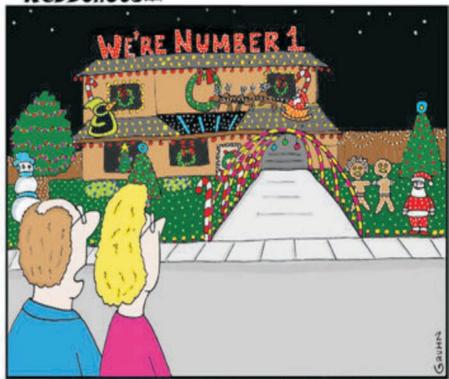
I was stunned and tearfully asked "who?" She indicated the couple next to me, the couple I so admired.

Trying to thank them through my tears I asked where they were from. Edson, they replied. I tried to express my thanks, but felt so inadequate in my attempt to tell them just how much their kindness lifted me up. Eating out alone especially in the Christmas season can be very lonely but this special couple made me feel that I really was not alone, as I was with them in their special thoughts.

I hope they read this, as I would again like to say Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

Jeanne, Edmonton

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Edson RCMP Occurrences For the week of Nov 14 to Nov 20, 2022

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Edson's local RCMP host Town Hall Meeting

by Shaylyn Thornton

On November 16 the Town of Edson and the Local RCMP Detachment held a Town Hall Meeting at the Edson Friendship Centre. The event was also live streamed on the Town of Edson Facebook page.

"Policing, obviously, is a very big priority in the Town of Edson," said Mayor Kevin Zahara during his welcoming of attendees.

"Engagement sessions like this help inform the decisions that the RCMP make in our community."

Detachment Commander S/Sgt Christian Delisle then took to the floor, introducing Jennifer Kee from the Alberta RCMP Crime Prevention and Reduction Unit, who would be giving a presentation on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED – pronounced "septed").

"We're very lucky to have her here tonight," said S/Sgt Delisle of Kee. S/Sgt Delisle also introduced Julie Vanderhoek, President of Edson Citizens on Patrol (COP), to give a few tips on crime prevention in Edson. Delisle described the Edson COP as "a very dynamic and active group that works hand-in-hand with [the Edson RCMP]."

Vanderhoek shared some concerns that the COP sees every winter. "People leave their vehicles running," she said. "If you can lock up your vehicle while you leave it running, that's one thing, but if you leave it running while you run [in somewhere], there's a really good chance somebody's standing there watching for you."

Vanderhoek also encouraged the removal of all valuables from one's vehicle. "Don't let anything be in the line of vision," she said. "These people that are out there breaking into vehicles are opportunistic. If they see it, they'll just break the window and get into it."

Kee then began her CPTED presentation. CPTED uses existing structures and changes/additions to structures to make things "less appealing and less desirable for criminal activity," explained Kee. "It can be applied to a whole community,

it can be applied to a section of the community, it can be applied to homes, businesses, [etc]."

Kee described her previous work with a community in rural Alberta. "The police, the public, and the town all [came] together to improve the quality of life for that community," she said.

"We had businesses that were cleaning out their yards, fortifying their properties, as well as on the town side of it, we got more lighting. They started trimming down the trees and the branches so there's less hiding places, it was more open," Kee explained. "And all the local crime rates dropped."

CPTED strategies "rely upon the ability to influence offender decisions that precede criminal acts," said Kee. "It's trying to make your property less desirable for criminal activity."

Kee also described the 'crime triangle'. For a crime to occur, "You need a victim or a target, you need a criminal and the desire to commit a crime, and you need the opportunity," she said. "If one of those angles is gone, a crime is more than likely not going to occur."

Kee said that criminals tend to operate on the Risk vs Gain Matrix. "If there's a high risk of getting caught, and a low reward value, then the offense is likely not to occur," she explained. "So what we want to do with CPTED is heighten that risk for the offender and lower the value." Adding layers of defense such as chains and locks is also a tool to deter offenders.

While following CPTED recommendations doesn't guarantee that criminal activity won't occur, it "lessens the probability that your place may be targeted," said Kee. More information on CPTED strategies and assessments can be found at cptedalberta.com.

S/Sgt Delisle spoke next, describing a pilot project that the Detachment started in May called a Crime Reduction Position. "Basically it's a member that is just doing proactive work," he said. "Basically chasing down the bad guys, executing arrest warrants, enforcing traffic."

"We've got good results out of it so

we've decided to make that position a little more permanent," said Delisle. "They are beneficial in helping reduce the crime rate."

In terms of goals for the year, they have continued to increase police interaction with the public and increasing proactive visibility patrols. Their goal of reducing theft by 10% also seems to be on track. With 380 thefts in Edson in 2021, the goal would be to have less than 342 in 2022, and the first six months of 2022 had approximately 140 thefts. "So we're below our targets," said Delisle. "We're doing good."

The crime stats Delisle presented were from January to October 2022. "It is only for the town of Edson, it does not include statistics that would be part of the rural area," he explained. "Overall, in the statistics compared to last year, we saw a slight increase overall in the files that we're getting, a 3% increase."

"The main reason is the last two years we had COVID so the economy was a lot slower, the activity in town was not as busy, and therefore there was less opportunity for crime," Delisle explained. "But despite this, if I look at some of the numbers, we are way below the stats that we were seeing in 2018 and 2019 so... we're still seeing numbers that are less than what we saw pre-COVID."

In Person's Crimes (which includes offenses such as assaults, sexual assaults, etc), overall there has been a 5% decrease compared to the same period in 2021, however an increase of 60% in sexual assaults has been seen.

From January to October last year, 15 sexual assaults were reported to the Edson RCMP, however 24 sexual assaults have been reported this year. "50% of those files are family related, and the other 50% is people that know each other," explained Delisle.

Delisle said he doesn't know for sure what could be causing the increase, but "One thing that comes to mind is that we as a society have been working to remove the stigma around sexual assault and make victims feel more comfortable to approach authorities, services, and to disclose that they were victimized, and I think that's what we're seeing." Delisle noted that some of the reports were historic, meaning the crimes happened in the past but were just disclosed this year.

Property Crimes saw an overall increase of 13%, which included a 10% decrease in breaking and enters, a decrease of 7% in theft of vehicles, a decrease of 17% for mischiefs, while possession of stolen property saw a 63% increase. Last year, 16 files related to possession of stolen property were opened in January to October, while this year has seen 26. Delisle closed out the meeting by

Delisle closed out the meeting by taking a few questions from attendees, taking notes of suggestions and potential problem areas in Edson.

The full Town Hall can be viewed on the Town of Edson's YouTube or Facebook page. If you have questions or concerns that you'd like to speak to S/Sgt Delisle about, you can reach him via email at christian.delisle@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

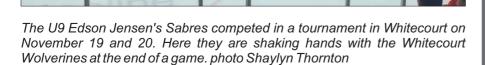
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On Tuesday, November 15th, the Holy Redeemer Junior Volleyball teams had a very impressive showing at the annual GYAC Tournament in Edson. The Junior A Girls won the bronze medal after defeating Gerard Redmond from Hinton. Meanwhile the Junior A Boys finished in 4th place out of 8 teams - their playoff games were lost in 3 sets and not by much. With only four returning volleyball players this year there is lots to celebrate. And finally, the Junior B Girls also had an impressive tournament with most of the athletes competing in their first full season of volleyball. Here, the HRH Junior A Girls showcase their bronze meals after a hard fought season. submitted



RCL Joe Wynne Br 51 Treasurer Marty-Jo Beier, presented a \$5000 donation to the new PCHS Pacers Football team to help in the cost of the purchase helmets for the players. "Gil Belcourt is a huge driving force behind the fundraising. They will be doing a lot of fundraising for equipment and for the football field," said Beier. photo submitted

Local groups raise money for service dogs

by Deanna Mitchener

The Order of the Eastern Star and the Lions Club recently held a joint event at the Edson Lions Hall to raise money for Service Dogs.

Service dogs are a priority project for both clubs, making this a great collaboration. The evening consisted of a delicious supper, a silent auction, and a presentation about Service Dogs. With attendance of around 150 people, more chairs needed to be set up for the presentation. Just over \$3,000.00 was raised.

Member Janet Wilkinson said, "We can't possibly say thank you enough for everyone who donated, attended, bought tickets and most especially all the volunteer workers. We only need a few cash donations to be able to have enough for a hearing guide dog. They cost \$4,000.00 each to train and there are three on the waiting list here in Alberta. The community support has been overwhelming and we can stamp a huge success on this event."

Llynne Lambert, Canadian Chairman of the Service Dogs Committee, from Moose Jaw Saskatchewan attended the fundraiser as a guest speaker. Lambert shared personal stories about the different Service Dogs. She also shared information on the training that is needed, the cost, and most importantly the lives of individuals who receive the gift of mobility, safety, and independence along

with the lifetime commitment of a Service Dog and companion.

"We have the ability to help others navigate their world through the assistance of a service dog. The need is great and wait lists can be long for these dogs. We have the ability, with your support, to bring service dogs into the lives of those that need it most and to provide an increase in confidence and independence that most take for granted," said Lambert. There is no government funding for these dogs to be trained and they solely depend on donations.

Located in Oakville, Ontario with a breeding and training facility in Breslau, they are the only school to train dog guides in seven distinct programs. The seven programs are for Canine Vision, Autism Assistance, Support, Hearing, Seizure Response, Service and Diabetic Alert. There is a goal of training 250 dogs each year which serve a wide variety of people.

When a client receives a trained dog, it is at no cost to them personally. Clients travel and stay in Oakville for a period of 10 days up to four weeks, taking in-depth training. Lifelong follow ups of service are offered. Dogs typically retire from working in 8-10 years. They can then be adopted by the client, family, or friends.

"The client will receive a new dog guide to continue with support needed. All funds raised in

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Arden Lohner (Lions Club), Janet Wilkinson (Lions Club and Eastern Star) and Llynne Lambert (Canadian Chairman-Service Dogs) during the fundraiser. photo Deanna Mitchener.

Alberta, stay in Alberta," said Lambert.

If you are interested in learning more about these wonderful guide dogs, you can reach out to Janet Wilkinson at 780-712-9875 or Arden Lohner at 780-712-4267

Edson Legion gives out bursaries, awards, and donations

Bursaries awarded to local students

On November 11, the Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51 presented two bursaries to local students.

Marty-Jo Beier, Treasurer and donation chair of the branch, said," The Legion is dedicated to its youth force and our past and future Legion members. The bursaries are given to students who are anxious to help and aide in this country's growth. Being a child of a Legion member is not necessary in receiving a bursary."

Alyssa Vankosky received the Branch bursary for \$500. Jessica Holden received the Floyd Olson Bursary, which can be given to students that are in University outside of Canada, for \$1000.

Vankosky also received a bursary for \$500 from the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary. "My local high school first sent out an email informing the Grade 12 students of these available scholarships with an attached application form. I then made sure I was eligible to apply, filled out the application form, and submitted them in person. It was a very easy process," said Vankosky.

"As I am currently studying at MacEwan University for a Bachelor of Commerce, this money will be put towards my education. I am very thankful to be the recipient for these two awards and the generosity of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Legion is greatly appreciated. To be recognized and rewarded for your hard work is always a great feeling and I encourage many other students to get out there, get involved, and apply!" Vankosky added. She hopes to return to Edson to start her own business once she finishes her schooling.



The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary presented Legion Branch 51 with a cheque for \$5000. Shown are Ladies Auxilliary members Bryn Wassing, Erin Wassing, branch president Wendy Williams, Ladies Auxiliary President Sherry Wassing, Ladies Auxilliary member Dianne Cheisa, Ladies Auxilliary Sergeantat-arms Marty-Jo Beier, Ladies Auxilliary secretary/treasurer Dawn Mitchell. photo Dawn Olsvik



Greg Beier from the Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51 presented a \$500 cheque to Ivan Strang for the Parkland Lodge Auxiliary 24 days of Christmas program. photo Dawn Olsvik



Sherry Wassing from the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary presented a \$500 cheque to Ivan Strang for the Parkland Lodge Auxiliary 24 days of Christmas program. photo Dawn Olsvik



Ryan DeRoche received The Legionnaire of the year award from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 51 president Wendy Williams. photo Dawn Olsvik



Wally Coes received his 55 year membership pin from Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51 president Wendy Williams. photo Dawn Olsvik

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YCFD Hosts Grad Ceremony; Presents Service Medals

(YC) The Yellowhead County Fire Department held a Celebration of Honours for Service Medals and the 2021 & 2022 Recruit and Cadet Graduation Classes.

Yellowhead County, AB (November 21, 2022) - The Yellowhead County Fire Department held a graduation ceremony for their 2021 and 2022 Recruits and Cadets as well as a Service Medals presentation at the Peers Multiplex on October 28.

The Celebration of Honours recognized 28 graduates between the two years, with most of the graduates attending the event. There were 5 Recruits and 2 Cadets in 2021, and 17 Recruits and 4 Cadets in 2022.

YCFD Recruits are part of the County's Paid-On-Call Volunteer Firefighter program. In participation with their schools, Cadets are also part of the program and the youth, ages 16-18, can earn school credits while gaining valuable skills that can be applied to becoming a firefighter.

The Celebration of Honours also featured the awarding of Service Medals to YCFD members who have been serving our communities for many years.

The Alberta Emergency Service Medal is awarded to individuals who serve in Alberta as members of organizations who are involved in or directly supporting the prevention of, preparedness for, and response to day-to-day emergencies. Recipients are eligible for their medals after 12 years of service to Albertans. Recipients are also eligible to receive additional Service Bars based on years of service.

The 1st Bar (Bronze) represents at least 22 years total service, the 2nd Bar (Silver) represents at least 32 years, and the 3rd Bar (Gold) represents at least 40 years.

The Canadian Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal (Federal Exemplary Medal) is awarded to individuals who have completed at least 20 years as a member of a fire service with a record of exemplary service during that period, and at least 10 of those years must have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risk.

Alberta Emergency Service Medals (AESM) were awarded to 14 members, and one member received her Federal Exemplary Medal (FEM).

Congratulations to all YCFD Graduates and Service Medal recipients!

Recruit Graduates 2021: Jamie Derbyshire, Timothy Baskill, Gregory (Jacob) Kennedy, Edmund Tamares, and Matthew Dames. 2022: Cornelius Blatz, Joshua Baskill, Josie Sexsmith, Andrew Bool, Scott Ligertwood, Sydney Howard, Deirdre Poulin, Thomas Steil, Travis Rosborough, Tara Munn, Shaelynn Martens, Josh Stewart, Adrian Tyrlik, Maureen Berard, Kamleesh Knorr, Greg Farrants, and Amanda Hack.

Cadet Graduates 2021: Ty Dickson and Berg Felsing. 2022: Xander Stephens, Eric Roberts,

Sadie Whitford, and Daniel Vergara.

Service Medal Recipients: Edward Strauss, AESM Medal; John Adkins, AESM Medal; James (Jim) Akers, AESM 2nd Bar; Andrew Kencis, AESM Medal; Candice Canning, AESM Medal; Jay Lowe, AESM 2nd Bar; Robert Conger, AESM Medal & 2nd Bar; Dale Cole, AESM Medal; Thomas Heidler, AESM Medal & 2nd & 3rd Bar; Kerry Parnell, AESM 2nd Bar; William Parnell, AESM 2nd Bar; Perry Hayward, AESM 2nd & 3rd Bar; Pamela Scheffler, FEM & AESM 2nd Bar.



The 2022 YCFD Recruit and Cadet graduation classes on October 28.



2021 Recruit Graduate Gregory (Jacob) Kennedy receiving his certificate from Station 12 Division Chief Dave Michie.



2021 Recruit Graduate Timothy Baskill receiving his certificate from Station 10 Division Chief Leslie Schatz.

Edson Citizens on Patrol member receives award

Edson Citizens on Patrol members recently attended the Alberta Citizens on Patrol Annual General Meeting & Workshop in Strathcona County. Citizens on Patrol is a volunteer group that acts as an extra set of eyes and ears for the RCMP and work closely with the RCMP to prevent crime in the community.

The annual meeting is an opportunity for the 53 patrol groups across the province to meet, network and attend a number of training and information sessions. Guest speakers from various RCMP units including Hate Crimes, Serious/Organized Crime & Community Safety attended the meeting.

Edson Citizens on Patrol President Julie Vanderhoek also received an award from the Alberta Citizens on Patrol Association for being an Exemplary Volunteer in the province.

Out of the 53 patrol groups in Alberta, Edson ranked 3rd for the

amount of hours patrolled just behind Drumheller and Strathcona County with 534 patrol hours in the last year. Edson ranked second for kilometers driven. The group also volunteered at various events throughout the year and hosted a downtown clean-up evening in conjunction with the Edson Youth Council.

In total 834 volunteers are involved with Citizens on Patrol across the province with 16 of those in Edson. Anybody interested in joining can get an application form at the Edson RCMP Detachment or visit www.acopa.ca for more information.

Edson Citizens on Patrol would like to thank the Edson RCMP for their continued support and collaboration to help address crime in the community. The group also thanks the Town of Edson, Bannister GM and Garva Petroleum for their annual contributions to ensure the program continues to operate.



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Farm & Field News and Views



Keep safe burning practices top of mind

After a dry wildfire season, smart winter burning practices can make a big difference in reducing the number of humancaused wildfires.

"While wildfire season officially ended October 31 and a fire permit is no longer required for burning inside the Forest Protection Area, it's important to keep safe burning practices top of mind," says Josee St-Onge, provincial information officer with Alberta Wildfire. "Fire safety matters yearround, even when there is snow on the ground."

Fires that are not properly extinguished can smoulder underground and re-ignite as a wildfire in the spring when conditions tend to be at their driest.

Winter burning can also cause dangerous driving conditions when smoke lingers in the air. On particularly cold winter days, such as during an inversion when cooler air is trapped at the ground under a layer of warmer air, smoke can stay close to the ground and travel great distances. The ideal conditions for burning are typically days with average temperatures and minimal wind.

When burning during winter:

- Refrain from burning when an inversion is in place or is forecasted.
- Consult local municipalities and authorities on how to mitigate impacts when undertaking larger winter burning projects near communities or roads.
- Actively manage burn projects to reduce total burning time and smoke impacts.
- Burn debris in stages so that you can adapt to changing weather conditions and reduce smoke.
- Ensure good snow cover in the burn area (more than 15 cm).

"Any burning should closely follow our guidelines," says St-Onge. "Check weather conditions and make sure you have the resources on hand to control the burn at all times. After the burn, make sure the fire is out - soak it, stir it, soak it again. It is safe when it is cool to the touch, but you should go back and check your burn site regularly after the burn to make sure it is completely extinguished."

To report a wildfire any time of year, call 310-FIRE (3473).

If you come across smoky driving conditions, you can report smoky conditions to Alberta Transportation by calling 780-644-1851 when it is safe to do so.



Event Reminders

December 2:

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December 2: Family Movie Night 'Home Alone', Wildwood Community Hall 6pm. Includes snacks and drinks.

Registration required 780-325-3782

jtruemner@yhcounty.ca December 2: Edson Baptist Church is hosting Free Hot Chocolate and Cookies from 5:45-6:16. Then stay for a free Movie Night right after the Santa Clause Parade of Star Wars. The Parade passes right by the Church 4717-9th ave **December 2:** Paint the Ice, Pembina Rec Plex Evansburg. 12-2pm, Free for all ages. hot chocolate and cookies. 780-

723-4800 ntarves@yhcounty.ca **December 2:** 36th Annual Santa Parade. Parade starts at

December 3: Santa is coming to Galloway Station Museum from 1-3pm Donations to the Edson food bank are welcome. December 5: YKCS comedian "Make Canada Laugh Again" 6pm. Tickets 780-723-3850 office@ykcschool.com

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Sunday to Thursday 10am to 10pm; Friday & Saturday 10am to 11pm

Prices in effect: November 30 to Dec 5

Please drink responsibly - Don't drink and drive

Provoke Vodka Ryan's Irish Cream

750ml 750ml



Seagram VO

750ml



EZY Whisky 4yr Old 1.75L



New Amsterdam Vodka 750ml

18.99



Bacardi Gold 1.75L

Bacardi White 1.75L



Bailey Cream 750ml



Fundador Brandy 750ml



J.P Wiser 1.75L



Clear Creek 15 cans



Vizzy Mixer 12 cans



Brewhouse Pilsner 24 cans



A.G.D. 24 cans



Brava 30 cans



American Mixer 12 pack



Cariboo 24 cans



Brewhouse Light 24 cans



24 cans



Albert Star Lager Busch Light, Busch Lager Mountain Crest 30 cans



12 cans



The Wine Maker **Pinot Grigio** 750ml



Copper Moon Malbec 750ml



Barefoot Moscato 750ml



Baby Canadian Champagne 750ml

\$7.9



Copper Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon 750ml



Cupcake Sauvignon Blanc 750ml



Franzia **Chillable Red**



19 Crimes Chardonnay 750ml



Copper Ridge Chardonnay 750ml



Franzia White 3L



Black Cellar Pinot Grigio 4L



Malbec/Merlot 4L



Baby Duck 750ml