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by Shaylyn Thornton

its local healthcare centres.

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The Edson Lion's held their first community garage sale on August 9 and 10th. They had such a great response from the community they are talking about doing it annually. photo Deanna Mitchener

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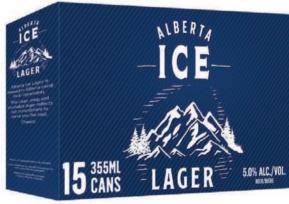
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Physician shortage impacts region

inability to secure locum [travelling physician] coverage."

The issue has also been occurring in neighbouring communities, with the Hinton Healthcare Centre posting nine different time periods in July, ranging from 8 hours to 40 hours, that there would be no physician coverage in the Emergency Department.

With concerns rising locally, the Edson Medical Centre released a statement on social media on August 6 addressed to Edson and surrounding area to give an "accurate update" of Edson's "doctor situation."

The post noted that "the recent departure of multiple doctors and the doctor numbers in Hinton being in the news quite frequently" has led to a lot of discussion.

While five doctors have left the community in the past 12 months, Edson currently has 11 family doctors living in the community who actively see patients in the clinic, with 8 also working in the Emergency Department to "take care of patients in the hospital including continuing care."

Of those eight, four also deliver babies, one also does minor surgeries, and one is an anesthe-

The post noted that in 2019, 16 active doctors were in our community, "with almost all working in the clinic and hospital."

The Edson Medical Centre stated that another 5-7 doctors are needed, and they are "actively encouraging Alberta Health Services to recruit more physicians to Edson."

"We understand it is frustrating not having a family physician or not being able to easily get in to see your family physician," they said. "What we have found, however, is that Rural Alberta is not a high interest place for new physicians currently, especially with many healthcare changes that have occurred in the past 5 years."

Edson's current physicians are working hard to try and keep services up and available for residents, but they are being stretched thin.

"In attempt to prevent the ER and hospital from being closed, our current doctors are working between 10-16 ER shifts and 1 week of hospitalist (taking care of admitted patients) per month with physicians frequently working up to 14 days straight at a time," explained the post. "This leaves, on average, 2 clinic days per week to see patients. Additionally, each doctor also usually has to devote 1/2 of one of those clinic days each week to seeing patients in the Walk-In clinic.'

In addition to all of this, Edson is "a teaching site for the University of Alberta, training medical students and residents doctors."

The Edson Medical Centre is "trying to increase access" utilizing locum physicians, which is a doctor that would fulfill medical coverage in the community for "a short time, so cannot become your family doctor and are a temporary solution only." The post also notes that these physicians are in high demand and booking them can be difficult.

"While our situation is slightly more stable than

Hinton's, our current situation is not sustainable," they said. "We appreciate your understanding and hope this makes it more clear why our current doctors are unable to take on any more regular clinic patients at this time."

Local residents expressed gratitude for the information post, with the statement appearing to be well-received by most.

The Weekly Anchor reached out to MLA Martin Long for comment on the situation, and he emphasized the priority of healthcare in rural

"We are working diligently to address health issues in rural Alberta to ensure Albertans are getting the care they need, when and where they need it. This includes more rural medical training opportunities, an updated physician compensation model to encourage the best and brightest to practice in Alberta, and expanded scope for nurse practitioners to be able to provide primary care with government compensation," said MLA Long. "As local MLA and Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health, I continue to work closely with our health minister and AHS partners to make sure we can continue to recruit the best and brightest to our communities."

For those looking for what they can do to help, the Edson Medical Centre also recommended visiting patientsfirst.ca for more information, or to reach out to your local MLA.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Wildwood Legion is looking for a Bar Steward to work in the Tavern. Please drop a resume off at the Legion Thursday - Saturday from 1:30pm - 5:00pm or email to rclbr149@gmail.com

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E'llie Walter was a recent recipient of a \$1,000 Parker Martin Kinette Scholarship. "This scholarship is incredibly encouraging. It is going to help me afford the schooling and be able to do the things I want to do. I'm hoping to enter a Bachelor of Arts and Behavioural Science programs and eventually get my Masters, and maybe my Doctorate. My dream is to improve the accessibility of mental health resources and services in small rural communities so people can get the help they need." Left to right are: Calleigh Martin, Jody Martin (Kinette) E'llie Walter, Mary-Anne Bittner (Kinette) and Jennifer Filex (Kinette). photo Deanna Mitchener

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Gerald Soroka **MP Yellowhead**

has launched a donation-matching initiative with the Canadian Red Cross to support wildfire disaster relief and recovery efforts in the province, including in the historic town of Jasper which was severely impacted by wildfires in recent days.

Both the federal and provincial governments will match all donations to the Canadian Red



Cross 2024 Alberta Wildfires Appeal, which means every \$1 donated will become \$3 to support the families and individuals most

impacted by wildfires in Jasper and across the province. The donation matching will be for 30 days, retroactive to when it first opened on July 25, 2024.

Canadians wishing to make a financial donation to help those impacted by wildfires in Alberta can do so online at www.redcross.ca or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

Group learns gold panning skills at Willmore

by Deanna Mitchener

There is gold to be found —if your ambition is to become a prospector.

On August 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the banks of Willmore Park had some prospectors out sifting sand and rocks looking for gold.

Jayla Davidson with River Willow Lodges, said, "So this is our first experience out panning for gold with Terry Rudyk. We are really happy about the turnout today and excited about future events. This is also our first summer launching events for Willow River Lodges and letting the community know what we have to offer."

"It's our kick-off this summer to launch different activities. We will be offering 'glamping' with tepees and trapper tents," said Davidson. "On August 22, Kimberly from Holistic Habits will be coming out from Grande Cache. She has a business offer wellness products and she will be holding a workshop out here at Willmore. She'll be making some bath bombs, perfume, and more from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. rain or shine. Our Trapper's Tent will work in if it rains."

Rudyk said, "I live in Yellowhead County just 15 minutes east of Edson. I have been gold panning for close to 50 years. My dad was a big gold miner. I was about nine years old the first time he taught me how to pan. I grew up carrying a gold pan with me and to this day, I still carry a gold pan with me where ever I go."

"My dad used to have a dredge to suck up the water when he panned. You find out where the gold is and then come back with more equipment. What's better than sitting by a river, playing with the water, and finding some gold.



A group of participants out at Willmore Park on August 10, learning to pan for gold from local instructors. photo Deanna Mitchener

Gold is \$2460 an ounce right now, which works out to be \$86 a gram." said Rudyk.

"Gold is heavy. You can swirl around rocks and sand and the heavier gold will stay in one spot. It is flower [fine] gold you find around this area. It is very small, but if you get enough you're making money. You can also

find garnets [gemstones] in this river." said Rudyk. "I like to bring a lawn chair and sit right in the river. It's much easier to pan than standing and bending."

During the outing, a few beginner prospectors even managed to find some flour gold.



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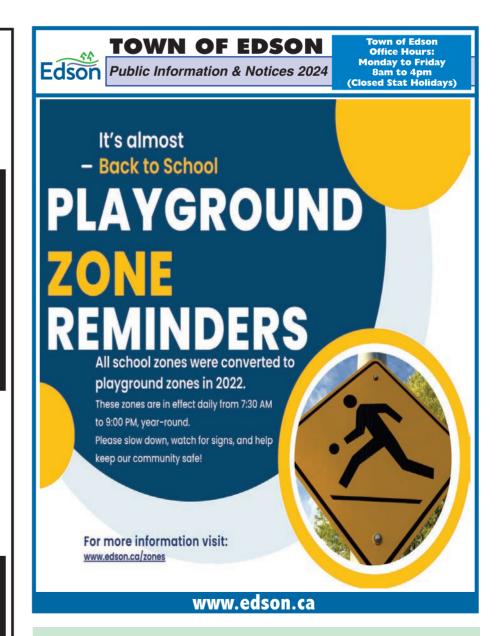
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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

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

Stretchflation the latest threat to grocery bills

Stretchflation subtly deceives consumers by increasing product quantity a bit while raising prices even more.

by Sylvain Charlebois

We are all familiar with "shrinkflation," where the quantity of a product decreases while the price remains the same, and "shelflation," where a product's shelf life is compromised due to supply chain issues. These phenomena, which have been around for decades, contribute to the rising cost of groceries. However, a new trend called "stretchflation" appears to be emerging in our grocery

Stretchflation, first reported in Europe, involves increasing the quantity of a product while its price rises disproportionately, subtly deceiving consumers. An unverified example is Saputo's sliced provolone at Costco. The package size increased from 620 grams to 750 grams, a 20 percent increase. However, the price of the 750 grams is over \$15, representing more than a 25 percent increase, according to some reports. Recently, some bakery products have also experienced similar price and quantity adjustments.

For now, cases of stretchflation are rare in our grocery aisles, but we might see more in the future. The recent consumer revolt against shrinkflation is pushing manufacturers and distributors to offer more product, but they also seem to be asking for more money in return.

The common denominator of all these strategies is the rising cost of raw materials. For example, sugar is about 50 percent more expensive than five years ago, and cocoa prices have surged by 103 percent. Orange juice prices are at a record high. Some ingredients always experience a price surge for one reason or another. Sometimes, ingredients increase wildly, or prices fluctuate enormously, as seen with wheat and other commodities at the beginning of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Manufacturers need to adjust to maintain their market share. But stretchflation is different.

The primary motivation behind

stretchflation is likely to defend the industry's image, not just to cut costs and offer less. Bulk buying was the trend for about 20 years, starting from the inflationary phase of the early 1980s. "Big was king," as the saying goes. Since then, there have been two significant shrinkflation cycles: in 2008-09 and more recently, from 2022 to now. The recent cycle of shrinkflation probably ended earlier this year, but the industry's response seems to be stretchflation.

One might wish to legislate against companies changing product quantities, but that could lead to further price increases. And there's nothing illegal about it.

Nevertheless, these tactics are a nuisance for all of us. The most concerning aspect of these quantity changes is their effect on our bills and how Statistics Canada measures their impact on food inflation. While the federal agency assures us that it monitors these strategies' effects on food inflation, it rarely provides clear examples of how it adjusts its methodology to account for them.

Another issue is retail sales taxes. Many food products lose their taxexempt status if the quantity is reduced too much. For example, this is the case for ice cream, puddings, or even granola bars. Reading the rules on what is taxable or not at the grocery store is complicated. With quantity changes, many products become taxable simply because the quantity has been reduced, or vice versa.

Besides the desire to legislate against these tactics, the lack of transparency on our grocery bills regarding taxes is probably the most pressing issue that needs to be addressed.

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is senior director of the agri-food analytics lab and a professor in food distribution and policy at Dalhousie University. © Troy Media

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of: Aug 4 to Aug 11, 2024

Suspicious persons calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 21 calls . Other investigations included: Assistance 07; Abandoned Vehicles 02; Alarms/False Alarms 05; Animal Calls 02; Assault 01; Cause Disturbance 06; Fail to Comply with Conditions 02; False/Abandoned 911 Call 06; Family Orders and Agreements 01; Fraud 03, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 01; Lost or found property 03, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 01; Information File 01; Mental Health Act 01; Mischief or Damage 05; Municipal Bylaws 0; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 06; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 01; Theft Complaints 12 ;Traffic Complaints 05;Trespassing 06; Traffic Violations 08 ;Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 08.

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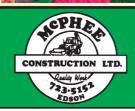
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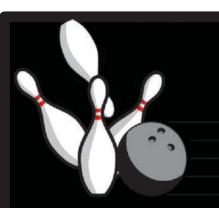


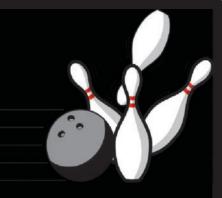
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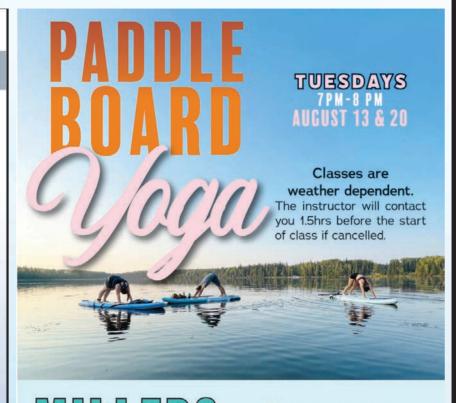


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Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-103	Plan 2421316 Blk 5, Lot 8A SE-8-53-19-W5 Millers Lake	Exisiting storange container (Seacan)- variance for size & sides, yard setback and distance to garage.	Jul 30/24	Aug 20/24
D24-105	NW-12-55-14-W5 North of Peers	Short term accommadation	Aug/1/24	Permitted use
D24-106	SE-31-54-14-W5 North of Peers	Single detached dwelling with attached shop.	Aug/1/24	Permitted use
D24-110	Plan 1121058 Blk 1, Lot 1 SE-33-53-17-W5 North of Edson	Accessory building (shop)	Aug 6/24	Permitted Use
D24-109	Plan 0524946 Blk 2, Lot 1 NW-24-53-9-W5 South of Wildwood	Agriculture (intensive) greenhouse addition discreationary	Aug 7/24	Aug 28/24
D24-111	Plan 3058ET BLK 13, Lot 2 SE-30-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Fence- variance to yard & side, yard height	Aug 7/24	Aug 28/24
D24-112	Plan 7433AN Blk 4, Lot 21-22 NW-6-53-19-W5 MArlboro	Addition to exisitng single detached dwelling (covered porch)	Aug 7/24	Permitted Use
D24-108	Plan 2221523 Blk 4, Lot 22 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobsitck Resort	Manufactured home & existing accessory to front yard- variance setback & seperation distance	Aug 9/24	Aug 30/24

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PURSUANT TO SECTION 692 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BEING CHAPTER M-26 R.S.A. 2000 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO:

Notice is hereby given that all Public Hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on August 27, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to the proposed Bylaw No. 06.24 and Bylaw No. 07.24 being Bylaws to adopt Bench Creek Area Structure Plan and Amend the Edson Urban Fringe Intermunicipal Development Plan

Proposed Bylaw No. 06.24 Amendment to Edson Urban Fringe Intermunicipal Development Plan and Bylaw No.

07.24 Bench Creek Area Structure Plan 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2024

WHEN: Yellowhead County Administration Building Council WHERE: Chambers

2716 1 Ave. Edson

Council will hear submissions from interested persons or their representatives in respect to the proposed Amendment to the Edson Urban Fringe Intermunicipal Development Plan and the proposed Bench Creek Area Structure Plan

Submissions can be email to planninginfo@yhcounty.ca or dropped at the Yellowhead County Edson office. Deadline for submissions to be included in the agenda is Friday August 16, 2024. Submissions can still be received after this date but will not be included

All written submissions will become public information upon receipt by the Yellowhead County Council.

Copies of Bylaw no. 06.24 and 07.24 are available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County office located at 2716 - 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at 780-723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.

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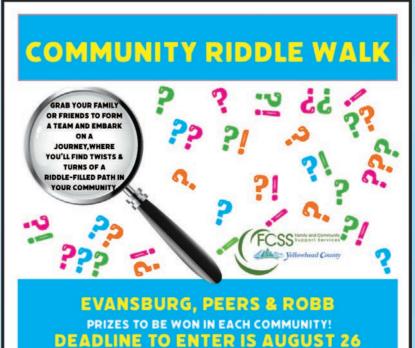
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in the entrance of the lodge.



Everyone is encouraged to join in the fundraising walk. You can pick up a pledge form and start collecting monetary donations now. Stop by the lodge and ask for a form or contact Carol Blum on the Auxiliary at 780-723-3144.

Our seniors have always been the back bone to our community and now it is our time to help support them during these difficult years of cost inflation. Even if you don't know a senior in the lodge, you can still be supportive and take part in the walk. Let's show our seniors they are important and we care. Come walk with a friend or neighbour, co-worker, or grandchild.

Money raised from the walk goes towards

the seniors to improve their quality of life. It goes towards extras at the lodge including money to each senior

for birthdays and Christmas. It goes towards flowers for beautifying areas for the seniors to enjoy. Wine at Christmas time and during Seniors' Week extra money is put towards the free movie, popcorn, and snacks for all seniors to enjoy.

There are over 100 seniors living at Parkland Lodge, I challenge everyone reading this article to please get involved and challenge those you know to take part. In the last few years not many have participated in the walk. Let's make 2024 a year to remember, this reporter will be there and taking a group photo of those who are participating. I want to see a crowd there for the photo. See you all there on September 7. Mark your calendar and start working on those pledges.



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Edson Food Bank begins new Seniors' Day

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Food Bank is always in need of support with food items as well as volunteers. Amy Pillage, their Program Coordinator, said, "Right now we have a regular volunteer base of 65 people. We have volunteers of all ages and many students help us during the summer months. But, we are always in need of volunteers and there is no such thing as too much help." "We have a wide variety of tasks and there is absolutely something for everyone to do. Right now we have vacancies for volunteers on Tuesdays and Fridays for bakery pickup. A pickup truck is required. The first Thursday of the month we are looking for volunteers for evenings to help build produce hampers and hamper carry-out," Pillage explained. "We have new volunteer orientations and tours every Monday and Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m, unless it's a holiday. We are open for client food hamper pickup every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., for appointments and for walk-ins from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Thursday evenings from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for both appointments and walkins," said Pillage.

"It has been a very exciting summer here. We have just started a New Open Day for Seniors. Our senior clients can now visit us on the second Wednesday of the month, to pick up their food hamper from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m," Pillage said.

"Having access also to the Moving Edson Bus system, we offer a free ride to and from the Food Bank, through a recent grant. This allows our senior clients a less busy experience and a chance to visit and enjoy the customer service we have to offer. This Seniors Day will also allow us to free up some space during our busy Tuesday and Thursday shifts, creating some breathing room for our volunteers. Our first Seniors Day will be starting on August 14." said Pillage. "We've also started a new self-bagging area for our families of one or two people. We have been facing a cardboard box shortage and also want to support a more green experience," Pillage said. "So, we are now building our non-perishable and fresh or frozen hampers in reusable plastic trays and having our clients pack into their own grocery bags for easier carrying and unloading at their homes. This change was based on client

feedback. It is easier for them to carry the bags and many clients already have reusable bags." "We've had a few cutbacks lately due to budget restrictions. We no longer purchase Hamburger Helper, Chunky Soup, canned tomatoes, or instant coffee. If these items come in through the donation or recovery channels, we are thrilled to provide them as extras for our clients." said Pillage. "Our regular staple items are always our highest demand. We buy enough for over 600 people a month. These regular staple items include Kraft Dinner, dry pasta, pasta sauce, canned pasta, canned vegetables, canned condensed soup, peanut butter, instant oatmeal, and granola bars."

"Since implementing a monthly donation theme, we've seen a great influx of our high demand items. This campaign has really helped build out our kids snack bags. We are so lucky to have additional support from Food Banks Canada and Food Banks Alberta. We are always applying for grants to continue to purchase groceries and we are actively fundraising for our cause. We are seeing almost double the people we saw at this time last year. We are now averaging 600 people per month; last year we were averaging 350 people a month, in need of support," said Pillage.

Red Brick's Baker's Dozen Kids Camp

by Niki Luymes

The Red Brick Museum continues to offer learning and fun with their Summer Day camps. Their camp on July 30 was called 'Baker's Dozen'. The day focused on teaching kids the basics about cooking and prepping food. The day camp ran from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

The camp featured different food related projects that the kids worked on throughout the day. They started off by customizing their aprons with happy drawings and messages. Then they created a fruit salad with a variety of produce. "We started off the day with learning how to properly use a knife. Kids learned how to properly cut around the rinds of watermelon, and take off the tops of strawberries," said Soleil Lee, Summer Program Coordinator with the Red Brick.

After this, they created cookies, personalized pizzas, individual apples pies, ice cream sandwiches,

and finally, death by chocolate. At the end of the day the kids took home a recipe book with all the treats made that day. They decorated their books themselves before heading home.

The Red Brick's day camps are open for all kids ages 6 to 12. Each camp hosts 16 kids. "I think our main goal was to allow kids to learn how to effectively and responsibly follow a recipe. And, to use the utensils that they have in their kitchen in a safe way," said Lee. "We want them to feel comfortable reading a recipe and learning to do different things."

Staff also made sure to use more traditional baking tools to teach the kids how things were done in the past. For example, instead of a blender, the kids used a hand-mixer to create their whipped cream.

All the kids had a great time. "I think it went really well," added Lee. Some of the treats the kids got to enjoy right away and others they got to take home to enjoy later.



It was a full house at the Red Brick's bakers dozen day camp on July 30, where kids got to make a variety of treats including cookies, pizza, and death by chocolate.



One of the goals of the Red Brick's bakers dozen day camp was to teach kids how to properly use kitchen tools. photos submitted



As part of the Red Brick museum's Baker's Dozen day camp, kids got to use traditional baking tools, like a hand-mixer.

Quilters group donates blankets to Jasper evacuees

by Deanna Mitchener

A group of ladies from Rycroft Community Quilters got together and made 36 beautiful quilts that were donated to evacuees and people around Edson who have been affected by the Jasper Fires.

Some quilts were given to the Edson hospital and Parkland Lodge to hand out, and some were given to evacuates that were staying at the Lion's Campground.

Helen Vurake with the group, said, "We started off as a small group of ladies getting together just to be doing something. One day a week we get together and quilt. We started donating them to those in need. We have made hundreds over the past few years, and donated them to different charities in need or

to shelters. We are now down to only half a dozen faithful people coming together to quilt at my home. We enjoy staying busy, socializing, and helping others. We hope a quilt can help comfort someone that is in need of a hug."

Reporter's comment: "A huge thank you to everyone helping out where they can for our neighbouring community of Jasper. There are Jasper residents camping in the Edson area, some staying with family here, and some that have found a new home at the lodge. We welcome you to our community and hope you can feel settled and find everything you need to get by. We are truly sorry for your loss and we understand how hard it must be for you."



Helen Vurake and husband from Rycroft Community Quilters holding one of the 36 quilts they made and donated to Jasper evacuees in the Edson area. photo Deanna Mitchener

Bargain Boutique for your everyday needs

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Bargain Boutique is a one stop shop for your everyday needs such as clothing, bedding, curtains, and small houseware supplies.

Myrna Field has been volunteering at the Boutique since it first opened many years ago. "I don't remember how many years it has been, but many years now I have been volunteering here. I enjoy meeting lots of people, new

and old friends, and trying to help out and seeing what comes into the store."

"We try to help people out here and hope we are making a positive difference in the community. If you are ever in need or for anyone affected by the fires, please come to our shop and we will gladly provide you with some free items," said Field.

The Bargain Boutique is located in the United Church at 1214 Edson Drive.



Sarah Coks and Joseph Matangihan with the Edson Daycare Society with the blue room kids (ages three to five) out enjoying a walk recently. photo Deanna Mitchener.



Myrna Field, a long time volunteer at the Edson Bargain Boutique, sorting through some articles and assisting people as they come in. photo Deanna Mitchener



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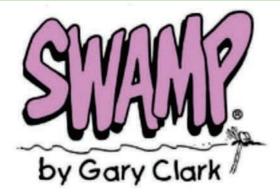
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Edson piper competes in World Championships in Glasgow



Third from the right in the front row is Edson home town girl Cynthia Munro Just after the award presentations in Scotland.

by Deanna Mitchener August 17.

August 14, 2024: The Edson was a part of the Edmonton and District band that went. "We Pipe Band travelled to competed in grade 4A Scotland to compete in and won 6th place out the European Pipe Band of 19 bands in our Championships that grade. There were 147 were held on August 11, bands from around the in Perth GB. They were world competing. The also to be competing in grade 2 band from the World Champion- Edmonton-North ships in Glasgow on Stratton placed first and

Cynthia Munro from

won the title 2024 European Champions. We received a shield and we're bringing it back to Canada and getting it engraved."

Cynthia was still in Glasgow waiting to compete again on Saturday. This is her third trip to Scotland for the Worlds.

"It's amazing being here and seeing the country. I started playing the pipes when I was 12 in Army Cadets. The bagpipes are challenging to play, but also really cool and it's great to be able to travel to different games and events," said Munro.

"This trip is about two weeks. So far I've been to Oban and Arran and a few places around Glasgow. In past years I've been to Edinburgh Castle, Royal mile, Rose chapel, Stirling castle, the Wallace monument, and Inverness, Culloden, and Loch Ness," said Munro.

~ Obituary ~

Aline Cecile Kyllo

June 6, 1937 - July 26, 2024

A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Aline Cecile Kyllo (Couture), was born on June 6, 1937, in her hometown of Leoville, SK. Her journey with Alzheimer's disease came to an end on Friday, July 26,

After graduating Grade 12, Aline attended Saskatoon Teachers' College, Saskatoon, SK,

for one year. Her first year teaching was to grades 1 to 8 in a one-room school in Witchecan Lake, SK. She also taught at Prudholm and Delmas in Saskatchewan, as well as Edmonton and Grimshaw in Alberta. In 1967, she attended the University of Alberta in Edmonton to complete her degree and graduated with a Bachelor of Education.

In 1968, she moved to Edson, AB and taught in the French programs for the Yellowhead School Division at Pinegrove, Central and Evergreen elementary schools. There she met Ted, who worked for the Hudson Bay Oil & Gas plant, and they were married on July 4, 1970. Her last eight years teaching Grade 3 French Immersion were her most cherished; and in 1991, she received an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Alberta government.

She retired at 55 in order to spend more time with her ailing mother in Leoville, and she spent time as a tutor when at home. After Ted retired, they spent the next 14 years as snowbirds, travelling in their fifthwheel/motorhome to California, Arizona, and even a 6-week trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They also travelled to Costa Rico, Belize, and New Zealand, with their best trip taking them to Australia for 2.5 months

Aline enjoyed playing cards and other games, such as Aggravation, as well as hiking, walking and shopping at thrift stores and garage sales. Looking for bargains was always her goal. She loved ice cream, especially soft serve, and she also enjoyed hard candies of all sorts. Her family and friends will fondly remember her joy in laughter and her delightfully mischievous spirit.

Aline is survived by her loving husband Ted (Vernon, BC); son Dale (Edson, AB) and grandkids, Aiden and Kirsten (Edmonton, AB); daughter Valerie and husband Braam (Edmonton, AB); sister-in-law Lynn (Montreal, QC); sister-in-law Claire (Saskatoon, SK); sister Rita and husband Peter (Wasaga Beach, ON). She was predeceased by her parents, Adelard and Isabelle Couture, and her brothers, Maurice Couture and Paul Couture. Aline was a longtime friend of Lois & Bill W.

We are very grateful for the exceptional care and dedication of the healthcare professionals at B Villa, Creekside Landing long-term care and her doctor, Dr. Catherine Brown. A Celebration of Life will be held September 17, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Cypress Funeral & Cremation, 2980 Smith Drive, Armstrong, BC, with a reception to follow. For those who cannot make it in person, a livestream will be available at https://livestream.cypressfuneral.ca/. Donations in lieu of flowers are requested to be sent to the Alzheimer Society of B.C., 300-828 W. 8th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 1E2.

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