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Community Care proposes plan to attract physicians

by Dana McArthur

During the Yellowhead County Governance and Priorities Meeting on Aug 20, the Community Care

Foundation requested financial support for a subcommittee focused on attracting physicians.

"On behalf of the Community Care Foundation, I am

requesting support of a subcommittee dedicated to the attraction, recruitment, and retention of healthcare workers, with a specific focus on physicians to our area,"

stated Marsha Jensen, President of the Community Care Foundation Edson and District, in a prepared statement.

"As we continue to face

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The Edson & District Public Library held a soft opening for the public on August 15 and 16. Connie Hargreaves (center), who has been the library director for the past year, pictured along with other staff in the kid's area of the library (see page 6). photo Deanna Mitchener

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Community Care proposes plan to attract physicians

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challenges in ensuring adequate healthcare services for our community, this initiative aims to address the critical need for a sustainable healthcare workforce," Jensen continued.

Edson and Yellowhead County, like many others, is experiencing a shortage of healthcare professionals, particularly physicians. "This shortage not only affects the quality and availability of healthcare services, but also impacts the overall well-being and health outcomes of our residents," stated Jensen. Without sufficient physician coverage, residents face longer wait times, limited access to specialized care, and potential gaps in primary care services.

"On June 15, The Community Care Foundation of Edson and District struck a sub-committee, under the umbrella of our existing Foundation, specifically to focus on Attraction, Retention, and Recruitment of physicians to the Edson area," stated Jensen.

"This Attraction, Recruitment and Retention sub-committee requires the support and collaboration of the Town of Edson, as well as Yellowhead County to effectively address the healthcare workforce challenges we are facing," Jensen continued. "By supporting this initiative, Yellowhead County Council and administration will be demonstrating a commitment to the health and well-being of our residents, ensuring access to quality healthcare services now and in the future."

According to the foundation, the sub-committee would consist of healthcare professionals, representatives from the healthcare foundation, community leaders, and Town and County administrative representatives.

"To initiate this effort, we request an initial \$10,000 in seed funding for the sub-committee. These funds will support start-up costs, including advertising campaigns within Alberta and potentially abroad. This initiative aims to promote the Edson area as an ideal location for physicians to practice, ensuring our

community's healthcare needs are met effectively," stated Jensen.

Councillor David Russell said, "I had a conversation with the Minister of Municipal Affairs a couple of conventions ago, and the message he left me with at the end was Municipal Districts need to learn to stay in their own lane. Health care is a provincial matter. I also worry that we're going to have 69 municipalities, some well to do, some not so well to do, in bidding wars trying to buy doctors and bring them to their own districts. That's why it should remain a provincial responsibility in my opinion. Having said that, I am currently without a doctor. Something has to give, I just don't know what. But I'm not sure that having municipalities involved in healthcare is the right answer."

Councillor Shawn Berry said, "We have to live with the facts of where we are, what's going on here, what facilities are here, and what may be built in the future. We're trying as a council, very hard, to bring the area up to where we have these facilities in place. I understand that Alberta Health Services is trying to bring doctors to our area, unsuccessfully at this point, sadly. So I'm in favour of doing something to promote them coming to the region, and trying to point out all the positives for the area is a really good thing."


Councillor Brigitte Lemieux said, "I'm a little bit concerned that you do not have an AHS recruitment individual or individuals on your subcommittee. I think to be effective, we'd also need immigration specialists helping. Without AHS recruiters on your subcommittee, I worry about your success rate."

Bob Brown, Vice President of the Foundation, replied, "I think we can all agree that the status quo with our situation is not good. And to just sit on our hands and ignore it and hope that AHS is going to fix it is not going to work because they've been doing it for years. It's not getting any better. Our thoughts are that if we

can do just a little bit, maybe, just a little bit to swing a doctor here or there. Maybe that's all we have to do."

Mayor Wade Willaims said, "Everybody is well aware of the state our health care is in at this moment, and it's not very nice. As a council, we do as much as we can to promote and enhance the area. That is our way that we can stay in our lane and make this area very appealing to others. We are working on other projects as well to make the area appealing to others. We want to do something as much as anybody else, but we are trying to do it while staying in our own lane."

Council moved to bring the discussions forward to a future council meeting.



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Sewer upgrades to help resolve backup issues during storms

by Niki Luymes

At the August 20, Edson Town Council meeting, the Infrastructure Department presented the project plans and design for some sanitary sewer upgrades. The upgrades will help resolve sewer backup issues during heavy rains.

Council was asked to vote on whether or not to approve \$150,000 to complete the project that will come from the Asset Management Sewer Reserve.

The plan included two sewer repairs projects in Edson.

1. The South portion of Project A6 contains the sewer section found on 48th Street between 1st Ave and 6th Ave. This sanitary sewer upgrade is an infrastructure project identified in the 2023 Sanitary Condition Assessment conducted by McElhanney. This project had been identified for design in 2026 and construction in 2027 and was placed into the 5-year Capital Plan. However, recently it was determined that the project needs to be moved forward sooner in order to

accommodate the proposed sanitary discharge flow requirements for the YCE Multiplex.

2. Project B1 is the sanitary main found under 52nd Street, 54th Street, 13th Ave, 54th Street, and 14th Avenue. These repairs are a continuation of the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Upgrade on 54th Street and 10th Ave.

"Since we started it, we need to finish it to make sure we resolve the sewer backup issues during heavy rain events for the residents impacted," said Armia Mikhael, Capital Projects Manager.

"Approving this allocation will allow us to retain a consulting engineer firm to oversee the process of design, geotechnical survey, and technical preparation for the two projects. They will be ready to begin in the 2025 construction season, subject to council approval," said Mikhael. The Asset Management Sewer Reserve currently has a balance of \$665,868.

Councillor Peter Taylor had a question about project A6, "Will the design work and any construction work cause any delays in the Multiplex construction or anything like that?"

"No, this is separate," answered Mikhael. However, he added, "It will serve the YCE, so the faster we finish it the better it is, because it will be ready when the YCE is ready and we won't be stuck waiting for this to be done."

Mayor Kevin Zahara said, "I am very happy to see B1 on the project list as well as that portion of A6. We are getting these projects complete and

having those designs is critical. When the Premier was here a couple of weeks ago, she was happy to see that we have been taking action to address what we've learned though the various flood events.

Councillor Krystal Cacka made the motion that Council approve \$150,000 for the design of sanitary sewer upgrades from the Asset Management Sewer Reserve. The motion was then carried unanimously.

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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 <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.**

SCAN ME

Soft Opening For the Edson & District Public Library

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson & District Public Library held a soft opening for the public on August 15 and 16.

The library started off with this soft opening as they work on bringing regular programming back online. Sometime in September the library will be holding their official grand opening celebration.

Temporary hours for the remainder of August will be Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5:00 p.m.

"This \$3.7 million renovation project was a joint effort between the Province of Alberta, the Town of Edson, Yellowhead County, and the Town of Edson Library Board through various grants and funding," the Town of Edson stated in a release.

The library is also celebrating the official unveiling of their new sponsorship. The facility is now sponsored by Peyto Exploration & Development Corp. and will be recognized as 'The Edson & District Public Library – Presented by Peyto Exploration & Development Corp'. "Peyto has been a great corporate partner, and we thank them for their community support in this facility and throughout the community," the Town stated.

Connie Hargreaves has been the director at the library for a one year contract during the renovations and moving process. "I'm an interim director helping to fill in the gaps and to keep the train rolling. I helped keep staff going and organized and helped them plan for the move."

"I am excited to be in this new space and this last year has been marvellous for me because of the passion Library staff and the Library Board have for their Library and their community, said Hargreaves.

"Their enthusiasm and commitment to the renovation has been constant because it delivers on what the community asked for: more space that's more welcoming, accessible, and inclusive to everyone," Hargreaves said.

"What's especially noteworthy is how the renovations of this library only took one year. One year! I've worked in public libraries for over 30



The back of the newly renovated library. The artwork was conceived, designed, and painted by Indigenous artists Mackenzie Brown, Matricia Bauer, and Ryley Williams. submitted

years that included several renovation projects; every one of those projects took two, three, and often more years before completion. So, the fact this renovation occurred relatively on time and within budget is a success," said Hargreaves.

"Board Chair Robin Corser and Vice Chair Sheila Buckle have been noteworthy champions of this renovations," Hargreaves added. "They have put in thousands of hours of their own time to this project – and I know it's thousands of hours because I had to count them for the Province of Alberta's Public Library Service Branch when I submitted our 2023 annual report. Now as we open our doors and give this beautiful building back to the community, the public can see those thousands of hours, and their faces show their delight!"

During a library tour on August 20, Trisha Thurner said, "The first day we opened back up we had close to 400 people come through our doors. At one point we had six or seven families all in the kids area that were all accommodated by the seating and by the toys."

There are six little pods or areas so individual

families can have their own area. "We also now have two separate rooms for families or individuals to use if they are in need of some quiet time away from others. We have so many young children that come and they may need a few moments to regroup or just to get away from the sensory overload. Also, if tutors need to come in and spend some time with an individual, they have a quiet area to work in," Thurner explained.

"The multiuse room, which used to be our community room and where we had movie nights, needs to be built back up to the hours we used to have. Right now our hours are only from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The board is working really hard to try and get our hours back to what they were before all the renovations. It is really important that the public comes and tells us what they want to see. Come in and voice your thoughts and feelings on what you use the library for or what hours you would like to see," said Thurner.

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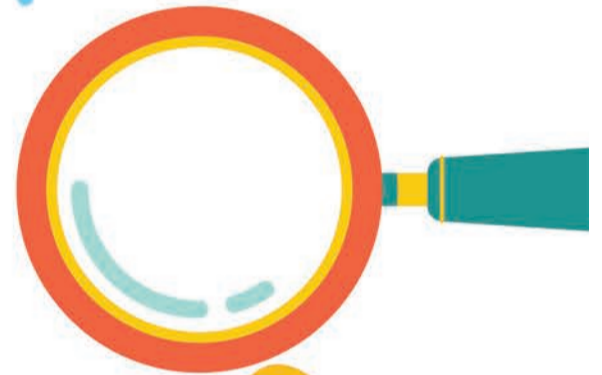
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D24-110	Plan 1121058 Blk 1, Lot 1 SE-33-53-17-W5	Accessory building (Shop)	Aug 6/24	Permitted Use
D24-109	Plan 0524946 Blk 2, Lot 1 NW-24-53-9-W5 South of Wildwood	Agriculture (Intensive) Greenhouse Addition -Discretionary	Aug 7/24	Aug 28/24
D24-111	Plan 3058ET Blk 13, Lot 2 SE-30-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Fence- Variance to Front Yard & Side Height	Aug 7/24	Aug 28/24
D24-112	Plan 7433AN Blk 4, Lot 22 NE-36-53-19-W5 Marlboro	Addition to Existing Single Detached Dwelling (Covered Porch)	Aug 7/24	Permitted Use
D24-108	Plan 2221523 Blk 4, Lot 22 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick Resort	Manufactured Home & Existing Accessory Buildings - Variance to Front yard Setback & Separation Distance	Aug 9/24	Aug 30/24
D24-115	SE-15-54-15-W5 South Rosevear Area	Accessory Building (Garage) - Variance to Side Yard Setback	Aug 16/24	Sept 6/24
D24-107	NW-10-54-8-W5 North of Evansburg	Agriculture Processing (Biochar Processing Facility) - Discretionary	Aug 16/24	Sept 6/24
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The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$500.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision.

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Town reviews Extreme Cold Warming Shelter protocol

by Niki Luymes

During the August 20, Edson Town Council Meeting, Council discussed the budget for the return of the Extreme Cold Shelter Emergency Warming Centre Protocol.

The discussion focused on the cost of the program, with discussions of possible alternatives. This protocol would only go into action if a third party non-government organization (NGO) does not create something similar.

Extreme Cold Shelter Emergency Warming Centre Protocol was created in 2023 as a response to an immediate need within the community. "The Town of Edson has a vulnerable population experiencing homelessness who are at increased risk during the winter months, especially during extreme cold weather (-25°C). There are currently programs and warm spaces provided by various social support agencies during the day, however, there are no facilities available for individuals experiencing homelessness to escape the extreme temperatures overnight," explained Doug Wagstaff, Acting CAO.

In the absence of any program in the community addressing this need, on December 12, 2023, Council adopted an Extreme Cold Shelter Emergency Warming Centre Protocol to support the operation of a warming centre. The facility became operational on December 20, 2023. During this time the shelter activated a total of 26 nights and supported 63 visitors. The warming centre operated solely as an emergency, temporary, supervised space. The shelters did not provide local supports, food, or any such services. "It's intent is

to limit disruption to business and the public," said Wagstaff. In 2023/2024 the total cost for the initiative was \$53,405.90, not including Town of Edson Staff wages.

Based on average temperatures from the past 10 years, Town Administration anticipates that there would be a need for between 30-45 nights in 2024/2025. Anticipated hard costs for five 5 months, or 45 evenings, is a total of \$102,287. This includes operating expenses and fixed costs for mobilization and demobilization. These costs would be split between the 2024 and the 2025 operating budget, and sourced from multiple funds and reserves. Once trailer availability is secured, the centre can be operational within 7-10 days.

"If Council authorizes the financial allocations, the Town of Edson will only move forward with this proposal if there is no viable alternatives operating and will continue to explore grant funding opportunities," added Wagstaff. The preferred situation would be for a NGO to create a Medication assisted treatment program or something similar to fill this void in the community. The Town would support such a group in doing so.

The project is broken down into two motions. Motion 1: That Council approve \$43,327 additional funding in the 2024 Operating Budget for an Extreme Cold Shelter Emergency Warming Centre, on the condition no other viable program is operable, funded from the Connected Community Reserve with a transfer of \$32,727 from the Revenue Sharing Reserve.

Motion 2: That Council approve

\$58,960 to be included in the 2025 Operating Budget to operate an Extreme Cold Shelter Emergency Warming Centre, on the condition no other viable program is operable, funded from the Connected Community Reserve with a transfer of \$58,960 from the Revenue Sharing Reserve.

"We know there is another NGO that's working on creating a MAT program," said Councillor Krystal Cacka. "Do we know where they are at in that process?"

"We have been working with a community group that did make an application to the province last week," answered Wagstaff. "Currently the province does not fund a warming centre that's based off a weather dependent trigger, they currently only fund MAT programs that operate on a daily basis. But, that it under review. They have assured us that they are looking at whether or not they would fund such a proposal."

"With the government looking into funding, if a group does get approval for a MAT program, but we have already started our Extreme Cold Shelter Emergency Warming Centre, can we stop it or are we committed for the entire winter season?" asked Council Chaka

Wagstaff replied that if the shelter needed to be put up to fill a small gap, it could be demobilized when no longer viable.

Councillor Greg Pasychny then asked how many NGOs are currently working on a shelter program or a MAT program. "If so, how far along are they and what are the chances they will be in operation before we have to deploy trailers."

"To our knowledge there is only one organization that is considering a MAT program. The Homelessness Taskforce is looking into transitional housing. With regards to preparedness, that depends on the answer from the provincial government. It is based solely on whether or not they get grant funding," answered Wagstaff. He also explained that the NGO's proposed program is only looking to use the same extreme cold weather protocol as the Town, and not to be open every night.

"Looking at this situation, it's difficult," said Mayor Kevin Zahara. "These are citizens of our community that have no place to go—if it saves one life, then it's worth it. I don't like spending this kind of money, and I much prefer us looking at longer term solutions."

Mayor Zahara also asked if the town had looked into purchasing a lightstand and generator to save on rental costs. Such equipment could also be used in other situations. Wagstaff answered that the town hadn't considered those kind of long term decisions. However, that is something that they can look into.

Councillor Peter Taylor, who sits on Edson's Homelessness Taskforce, clarified, "First and foremost, the Homelessness Taskforce does support the warming centre. They don't see it as a long term solution, they do see it as part of a solution to keep people alive."

Both motions were moved by Councillor Peter Taylor. Both were carried with a majority vote. The Town also noted that they would make sure to keep council and the public updated on whether or not the protocol is activated.

NOTICE OF VOTE



Otipemisiwak
Métis Government

This Fall, the Métis Nation of Alberta will be holding the following District Captain and District Council Elections for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

District Captain elections will be held for Foothills Métis District, Jasper House Métis District, Fort Edmonton Métis District, and Lac La Biche Métis District.

District Council elections will be held for Rockyview Métis District, Calgary Elbow Métis District, St. Paul - Cold Lake Métis District, Athabasca Landing Métis District and Wabasca-Desmarais Métis District.

From **October 29 to November 5, 2024**, eligible Métis Citizens will have the opportunity to vote by one of the following methods:

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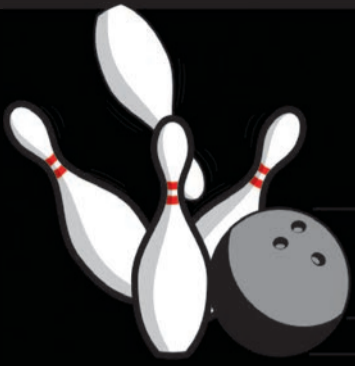
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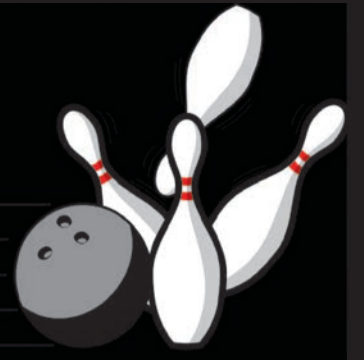
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Del Graff, Chief Electoral Officer, Otipemisiwak Métis Government

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The Town of Edson and FCSS hosted a Tri-Activity Day on August 13 as a great way for kids to get active during the long summer days.. submitted

by Niki Luymes

'Behind the Counter'

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Callen James Kenyon, Edson pharmacist and owner

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Stifle seasonal sniffles: Whether you're sneezing your way through picnics or feeling like you can't leave the house without a box of tissues, pharmacists can recommend the right antihistamines to help you battle seasonal allergies. Plus, we know all about pollen seasons that can turn your outdoor brunch into a tissue-fest. If regular over-the-counter options aren't cutting it, pharmacists in Alberta can assess and prescribe for allergic rhinitis.

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Callen James Kenyon is the pharmacist and owner at the local Shoppers Drug Mart in Edson. Visit ShoppersDrugMart.ca to find your nearest store.

The Town of Edson and FCSS helped kids make the most of their summer with the Tri-Activity Day on August 13.

From 9am to 3:30pm the kids got to travel around town trying out different activities. This was the second and last Tri Activity Day of the year.

There were three different physical activities planned. Each day started off with a session at Edson Tumblers gymnastics. One of the coaches led the group through some basic maneuvers. They did some work on the mats, and later let the kids try other equipment such as the balance beams.

After a snack, the group put on their helmets and went for a bike ride around town. The ride went for about 45 minutes and made use of Edson's trail system. The ride stopped at lunch, after which the kids did a relaxing craft. This year, the kids created homemade slime that they got to take home at the end of the day.

The group ended their day swimming at the Edson Leisure Centre. "Its was a really good day," said Kyla Drader, Town of Edson summer student with FCSS. "The kids had a lot of fun." Registration is open to kids ages 8 to 14.

The Tri-Activity days serve a great way for kids to get active during the long summer days. "I think the goal is to get kids out of the house. Do something really active and try some new things. Just have a fun active day in the summer," added Drader. The day is planned and put on by FCSS in partnership with Edson Tumblers Gym.

TOWN OF EDSON

Public Information & Notices 2024

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Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar

Transportation and Economic Corridors

September

Back to school

- Cycling
- Alcohol and drug impairment
- Speed

October

Pedestrian safety

- Wildlife
- Fatigue

The Town of Edson aligns its Traffic Safety Priorities with the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, with an aim to reduce road traffic fatalities.

Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for information and enforcement activities. September's focus is on Back to School, Cycling, Alcohol and Drug Impairment, and Speed. For more details on the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx>.

PHOTO ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS FOR SEPT 2024

For more information on photo enforcement, including a list of frequently asked questions and stats, visit www.edson.ca/photo-enforcement.

September 1.	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
September 2.	2 AVENUE NEAR 53 STREET
September 3.	46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
September 4.	HIGHWAY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
September 5.	12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
September 6.	56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
September 7.	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
September 8.	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
September 9.	2 AVENUE NEAR 53 STREET
September 10.	48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL
September 11.	6 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
September 12.	12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
September 13.	HIGHWAY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
September 14.	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
September 15.	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
September 16.	4 AVENUE NEAR 43 STREET
September 17.	2 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
September 18.	48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL
September 19.	56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
September 20.	13 AVENUE NEAR POPLAR PLACE
September 21.	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
September 22.	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
September 23.	2 AVENUE NEAR 53 STREET
September 24.	HIGHWAY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
September 25.	12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
September 26.	48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL
September 27.	46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
September 28.	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
September 29.	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
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Wildwood Fair celebrates 85th Anniversary

by Niki Luymes

Residents of Yellowhead County and beyond came out to the hamlet of Wildwood on August 16, to take part in the 85th Annual Wildwood Agricultural Fair, hosted by the Wildwood & District Agricultural Society.

The Fair ran all day starting at 8am with the pancake breakfast, with activities going on until roughly 4pm. Most of the activities happened at the Wildwood Agricultural Grounds with the exceptions of the opening parade that traveled throughout the hamlet.

After the pancake breakfast, the fun continued at 11am with the opening parade. This year there were over 20 floats from local businesses, clubs, and not-for-profits. Despite rainy skies, the crowds still came out to catch candy and enjoy the floats.

After the parade the crowds moved down to the Ag Grounds to enjoy a variety of activities. This year saw the return of classic fair fun, along with some exciting new activities.

Returning classics included the climbing wall, the coin dig, jello and watermelon eating contest, axe throwing, multiple concessions, and live music. New this year was the mechanical bull, cake walk, sumo suit fights, and a petting zoo. While some of these activities were scheduled for specific times, others were ongoing and could be enjoyed throughout the day.

The activities were alongside the live animal shows. Local young farmers brought in cattle, chickens,

turkeys, and bunnies, which were all judged for winners. The arena's hosted the cow shows and the horsemanship competitions. The larger arena was also the staging ground for a live sheep herding demonstration that was a first for the fair.

The annual bench show opened at 1pm. The bench show displayed a variety of produce and handicrafts all submitted for judging. Entries included art, photography, flowers, veggies, cakes, lego builds, knitting, and more. People from as far away as Spruce Grove came out for this event alone.

The fair started in 1939 and has continued strong to this day. "For a small community, we still do pretty good," said Wilma Swinkel, Ag Society President and Fair Coordinator. To celebrate this milestone the Ag Society ended the day with some amazing fireworks. To complete the evening, there was also a steak dinner and family dance fundraiser for Santa's Anonymous.

While rain did continue on and off for the rest of the day, quite a few people still came out to enjoy the fun. "It was not as bad as last year, but because of last year we were prepared and had quite a few things inside. Still, there were lots of people; we were amazed at how many people came out to the parade and braved the rain," said Swinkel. "We can put this fair on because of our really great volunteers. If we didn't have the volunteers, we wouldn't have a fair."



Participants and the audience braved the rain to enjoy the annual Wildwood Agricultural Fair and Parade on August 16. photo Niki Luymes

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The bench show entries attracted lots of attention at the 85th annual Wildwood Agricultural Fair on August 16. photo Niki Luymes



A staple of the Wildwood Agricultural Fair is the kids coin dig. Kids spend hours in the pit looking for the buried change. photo Niki Luymes

~ Obituary ~

LINDA MARIE BABYAK

(nee BARBAZUK)

It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of Linda Marie Babyak (nee Barbazuk) on August 11, 2024 at her home in Edmonton, after a short battle with cancer.

Linda was born in Edson on January 4, 1961, to Ed & Ann Barbazuk, where she went to school and lived until her early adulthood, when she moved to Edmonton.

Linda was predeceased by her parents, Ed and Anna Barbazuk; brother Lyall Edward Barbazuk; grandparents Hans & Martha Affolter and Alex & Mary Barbazuk; and brother-in-laws Larry Bowness and Rob Theaker.

Linda is survived by her loving husband Ken Babyak; two sisters Laurie Barbazuk and Leslie Bowness (Simon); half sister Carol Theaker; stepdaughters Brooke Babyak and Rhys Bearchell, two granddaughters Jemma Drake and Iva Babyak and grandson Lyndan Gates. And her much loved dog, Fin.

Linda had an unconditional love for her dogs and all animals in her life. She was hard working, dedicated, loving and trustworthy and the best friend anyone could ask for. She sent the best cards and gifts - always personalized and funny and if you were the recipient of one, you looked forward to them each year.

She was very organized and took pride in a clean home, a nice yard and taking care of her husband Ken.

She has left 63 years of amazing memories for all the friends and family who shared those years of good times, bad times, fun times and so many laughs with her. She definitely left an impression wherever she went.

She chose to not have a service and her ashes will be spread by a trusted friend "Who will know where to spread them."

Until we meet again Linda, keep laughing. We love you and miss you, and your memory will always bring a big smile. Thank you for all the joy and laughter you brought us.

Putting the Squeeze on seniors

Generation Squeeze, an organization claiming to focus on younger people's struggles to afford homes, is proposing to tax home equity.

The organization proposes that the government tax homeowners annually on the equity in their homes. This would be in addition to the municipal taxes homeowners already pay.

Gen Squeeze's website states: "Canada's tax system relies heavily on taxing income, and very little on taxing wealth. It's time to ask provincial and federal governments to shift this balance by taxing wealth more – including housing wealth. This shift is necessary to respond to changes in factors affecting the financial wellbeing of Canadians."

"Gen Squeeze proposes a small, annual, progressive surtax on homes



From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
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valued over \$1 million. This new surtax would apply to only about 10-12% of homes across Canada, meaning that the vast majority of Canadians won't pay a penny more," they state.

Note the word, 'progressive'. Let's be honest here, once a government tax is put in place it inevitably increases and expands. Soon, it's likely to include \$500,000 homes and an ever-increasing percentage rate.

Gen Squeeze is showing a fair bit of resentment against older people who have homes, without appreciating the effort it took, or the struggles many seniors are facing. They state, "The home ownership tax shelter motivates us to bank on rising home prices to gain wealth. By turning home ownership into an investment strategy."

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In their younger years, the majority of today's seniors did rely on home investment as a means to help secure their old age and retirement. Many of today's seniors paid these mortgages through difficult times including the Great Depression and countless recessions. Many worked two jobs to make ends meet, and many did so without company pension plans or benefits, or the social programs we have today.

An image of older homeowners that assumes they have a high enough income and sufficient cash to pay ever-increasing taxes on their home's equity is very erroneous.

Most retiring seniors quickly find their income and saving diminishing at an alarming rate. Seniors have incomes that are roughly two-thirds of those of working Canadians, and over a quarter of seniors are so poor that they need government supplements.

Including government assistance, an average single senior receives about \$35,000 annually, while a couple gets about \$65,000.

Today's seniors worked hard, saved, and counted on some home gains to

keep themselves afloat during a longer retirement than the generation before them, as life expectancies increase. The rising cost of senior care, medications, and illness are also major concerns that can impact their savings and equity.

Somehow a tax on senior's home equity added to government coffers is going to help our younger generation afford a home? Isn't that like saying the carbon tax was supposed to reduce pollution? Or the road tax was supposed to improve our highways? Or the GST...well, you get the idea. This is another example of a tax-crazed leadership with no foresight or thought given to the ramifications.

What this tax will do is take away resources from families to care for their aging parents, and take away whatever financial legacy seniors are able to hand down to their children and grandchildren.

The high cost of housing for young people is a serious problem that hasn't been seriously addressed at any level. Adding an additional tax on families and claiming it will help, is pretty poor reasoning.

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of: Aug 12 to Aug 18, 2024

Assistance calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 15 calls . Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 0; Alarms/False Alarms 03; Animal Calls 05; Assault 03; Cause Disturbance 04; Fail to Comply with Conditions 02; False/Abandoned 911 Call 07; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 02, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 01; Lost or found property 02, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 0; Information File 01; Mental Health Act 05; Mischief or Damage 02; Municipal Bylaws 0; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 01; Recovered Stolen Property 01; Sudden Death 01; Suspicious persons 09; Theft Complaints 14 ;Traffic Complaints 07;Trespassing 04; Traffic Violations 08;Unlawfully in Dwelling 01; and Wellbeing Checks 09.

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Edson United Church 1214 Edson Drive Edson AB

Phone: 723-3418

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noemi_sogocio2006@yahoo.ca

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August 31: Alberta Air tour air show. Edson Airport 8:30-11:00am. See dozens of planes and meet the pilots "Grab & Go breakfast"

August 31: Wop May & Alberta Day Country Fair Free fun for the whole family RCMP Centennial Park 1:00-5:00pm

September 7: End of Summer BBQ Edson Mennonite Church 11am-3pm free food bouncy castle lawn games (6212-13ave)

September 13: Braedon's voice National Suicide Awareness week Centennial Park 7:00pm-11:00pm. Indigenous Performances.

September 14: Suicide Awareness Walk 7:00pm-10:00pm Centennial park with Liver performances.

September 19: Downtown Music and Art Walk & FCSS Community Pig Roast. Main street 4pm-8pm free everyone is welcome.

September 26: The Edmonton Schoolboys Alumni Band 7pm doors open at 6:30pm 5016 5 ave Royal Canadian Legion Free no ticket required.

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