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Library celebrates 80th Anniversary and Family Literacy Day

by Niki Luymes

The Edson and District Public Library made the most of Family Literacy Day on

February 1, by combining it with celebrating their 80th Anniversary. To commemorate the occasion there were crafts, activities, and cupcakes to

enjoy. Visitors could choose to enjoy the free chocolate or vanilla cupcakes and the many activity tables. Positioned

around the interior were stations for colouring, crafts, playdough, and more. The event provided a great opportunity for families and

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The Edson and District Public Library celebrated their 80th Anniversary on February 1, along with Family Literacy Day. The event offered many activities as well as delicious cupcakes. photo Niki Luymes

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Library celebrates 80th Anniversary and Family Literacy Day

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guests of all ages to come and explore the library.

"Since we opened right at noon, it has been steady. We have many different groups coming in and every one feels welcome to be here," said Library Manager Sarah Tonowski.

"It's a nice way to celebrate the library and a great way to highlight all the things we have going on here," said Tonowski. "We have our kits and all of our many library materials, the public computers, and our special new areas. So everyone is getting a chance to look it over."

The Edson Public Library has been a community hub since 1945. Originally the library was based out of the old town hall. Over the many years it has changed locations four times (including the 2024 renovations). In 1949 the library was inside the scout's hall. In 1957 it was located in the Civic Center. The current 8th Ave location became its home in 1981. This location was then fully renovated over the course of 2023 to 2024.

Throughout the decades the library has been run

by a board of directors. This board is comprised of local residents who keep the library active in the community. The goal is to keep the library as one of the go-to places in the community.

Alongside the celebratory activities the library was also host to a yoga fundraiser for the Yellowhead Woman's Emergency Care Shelter. This was led by Renae Ilnicki, and raised \$190. For more information on the Library's community programming, see the story on page four.



This young lady was enjoying the free cupcakes on February 1, at the Library's 80th Anniversary & Family Literacy Day celebrations. photo Niki Luymes



Many young families enjoyed the crafts and activities on February 1, at the Library's 80th Anniversary & Family Literacy Day celebrations. photo Niki Luymes

Edson's updated Fees and Charges Bylaw is now in effect

The Fees and Charges Bylaw is updated annually in accordance with Council's approved budget and sets the various rates for the Town of Edson, including Leisure Centre fees, utility rates, business and animal licence fees, planning charges, and more.

Some of the key changes include:

- Assessment Review Board non residential fee increased from \$75 to \$150.
- Adjustments to utility fees in accordance with the 2025 approved budget, including water, wastewater, waste management, bulk water, and landfill.
- Additional fees added for construction water, after-hours callouts, additional waste containers (additional organics container has no fee), and landfill construction/demo material from outside the region.

- Modified Planning and Development fees to match best practices.

- Business Licence fees for new residents and non-resident has been adjusted to merge into existing resident and non-resident categories.

- Animal licencing fees have been streamlined to remove repetition, and a category for service dog has been added at no charge.

The new bylaw also includes some rate and fee structure changes for the Edson and District Leisure Centre, which go into effect in March and July of this year. More information on those changes will be released on our website and social media channels soon!

See the full Fees and Charges Bylaw, and the new fee schedule with effective dates at www.edson.ca/bylaws.



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New local market hosted at Edson Pioneer Cabin

by Niki Luymes

Edson and area residents could enjoy some local shopping on February 1, at the Cupid's Corner Market. Local vendors had tables set up in the Pioneer Cabin selling a variety of goods. The sale was open from 11am to 3pm.

The market is the first of its namesake in Edson. The goal is to fill the void left by farmer's markets during the winter months. "We wanted to hold a market to be that go-

between for customers to have that option to make purchases," said Myrna Slusarczyk, vendor and event co-organizer.

"It is also something to get you outside and doing something on a Saturday," added Linda Price, vendor, and the other co-organizer. "Other markets would be during the week and a lot of people can't make it because of work."

This market focused more on non-food items. The Cupid's Corner was specifically Valentines Day themed.

This included soaps and beauty products, candles, crocheted items, and more. "Everybody's welcome, but what we were trying to do was make sure we didn't have duplicate vendors. We were trying to make it individual. Each person has a unique item and that's what we want our customers to see, that there's a lot of uniqueness in what we bring out here," said Slusarczyk.

Because of the cold, only nine of the planned 14 vendors were able to make it. This same cold brought less

foot traffic than expected, but people still came to take a look. "It's hasn't been huge, but still fairly steady," said Slusarczyk.

The market was planned by a group of vendors. "We've grown to know each other over the years doing markets together and we just decided to plan our own," said Slusarczyk.

The group is hoping to make this style of market a regular thing. "Its nice little hall. It's the perfect size for us really, we could even squeeze a few more in if we need to," said Price. The current plan is to host it once a month.



Kathy Fagnant was one of the vendors at the Cupids Corner Market on February 1. There were a variety of items up for sale. photo Niki Luymes

Lots to do at the Edson and District Public Library

by Niki Luymes

The Edson and District Public Library has many new and returning programs for people of all ages to enjoy.

Residents of the area are welcome to come and make the most of the newly renovated space. These programs cover a variety of hobbies and interests. There is something offered almost every day of the week for people to enjoy.

This month the Library is happy to announce the return of the ever popular Friday movie and games night. Every Friday from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, drop in for board games, card games, video games, or role playing games. Then the kid-friendly family movie starts at 6:00pm. This includes classic cartoons, new releases, and fun movies—all safe for kids. "It's a great program for families to come and attend together," said Sarah Tonowski, Library Manager.

Also for the kids, is the Thursday Story-time with Mrs Trish. Every Thursday stories are read aloud for the kids. Story-times happen at 10:30am and 4:00pm. Families are welcome to come to one or both.

Fridays now welcome the Seniors Movie program. Library staff are offering free coffee and tea, plus a movie for seniors every Friday morning at 11:00 am. The goal is to show a variety of classics, musicals, and more. "Seniors Movie was inspired by the desire to have more free and fun activities for seniors in our area. It is something that they can attend and engage with the community, while also enjoying some free entertainment. We will also take movie requests," said Tonowski.

The library also hosts two book clubs. The first one is the Lunch Hour Book Club. Once a month this group meets at 12pm for a casual discussion on that month's chosen title. "Everyone is welcome, feel free to bring your lunch. Copies are available at the front desk the month prior to our meeting date," said Tonowski. January's book was 'Hotline' by Dimitri Nasrallah. February's meeting will be on Feb 18,

covering 'Go as a River' by Shelley Read.

The second book club is new this year. It's the Silent Book Club that also meets once a month. This club differs in that you can bring any book you want. You simply grab a drink and enjoy an hour of quiet reading followed by an optional sharing time. "Whether you are a seasoned reader or just looking for an excuse to crack open a new book, this is your space. There are no rules, no pressure, just reading. The dates coming up are: Feb. 10, Mar. 17, and Apr. 14," said Tonowski.

"We hear all the time, that despite wanting to read more, people struggle to put down their phones and focus on reading. Silent Book Club helps readers prioritize reading by providing a set time and location as well as removing the distractions that phones/social media can pose. Everyone is welcome to participate and we look forward to growing a community of readers."

Alongside all these date-specific programs are the everyday ones. These includes the Cynthia's spectacular Grab and Go Craft Kits and the Seed Library, which is in it's third year starting in February. "Our Seed Library has run for a few years and last year we gave away over 700 full packages of seeds. We provide seeds that have been donated to our library and ask that you return seeds to us after you harvest," said Tonowski.

Library staff are also available to offer assistance with technology with a special emphasis on Tech Help Tuesdays.

"The Library is a reflection of the community and continues to support interests. If you tell us your wishes for new books, movies, and programs we will do our best to make it available," said Tonowski. "The purpose of these events is to bring people together in fun, innovative ways. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy our new space! The library is a comfortable, safe, and inclusive place to explore interests, make friends, and inspire curiosity."



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Public Information & Notices 2025

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Public Notice to Electors

**Town of Edson, Province of Alberta
Section 251 - Municipal Government Act**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the T own of Edson, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing Bylaw No.2321 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the Town of Edson toborrow monies from the Province of Alberta by way of debenture issue, to pay for the cost of the following municipal purpose(s), namely an Aerial Fire Truck within the limits of the Town of Edson;

The total estimated cost of the aforesaid project amounts to \$2,750,000.

The net amount to be borrowed on the credit and security of the municipality at large by the issue of debentures is \$2,750,000. The debentures are to be repayable to the Province of Alberta in forty (40) equal consecutive semi annual installments of combined principal and interest, the semi annual interest not to exceed six per centum (6%), or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the province of Alberta.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Edson that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw No. 2321 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw. All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly. DATED at the Town of Edson, in the Province of Alberta, this 4th day of February.

Denise MacDonald, Acting CFO

Information for Electors

Pursuant to Section 1 (i) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means:
1. A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a Councillor under the Local Authorities Election Act. Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if he:

- a) is at least 18 years old,
- b) is a Canadian citizen, and
- c) has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and is resident in the area on election day.

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Edson by electors equal in number to at least

- a) in the case of a municipality other than a summer village, by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population and
- b) in the case of a summer village, by 10% of the electors of the summer village

in accordance with the provisions of Section 223 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act. The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in Section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.)

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 17th day of February 2025.

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2296 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 2296. 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 Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7. **Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.**



Response to U.S. tariff pause

Although U.S. President Donald Trump announced a 30-day pause on tariffs on



From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

“The appointment of a Canadian fentanyl czar with authority to coordinate a

massive joint effort with the United States to target fentanyl traffickers is something Alberta has been calling for since it became clear in our discussions with U.S. elected representatives and administration officials that this would be a critical part of reaching a deal to avoid tariffs.

Canada's top exports to the U.S. are natural resources such as oil, natural gas, and critical minerals, which are mainly produced in rural regions.

Almost all of our oilsands production ends up at American refineries. The same goes for many towns whose mining, agricultural products, and livestock end up in the U.S.

These looming threats hinder corporate investment, rural job stability, and any hope for economic growth in the impacted regions.

Trump's tariffs are also likely to increase U.S. foreign takeovers of Canadian companies as our dollar is weakened. Something we've allowed too much of already.

We need to move beyond the mindset of being peddlers of raw materials and start investing more in processing and manufacturing. This would give rural communities great economic diversity and stability. Canada could then sell these value-added products on the global market ourselves.

Why are we leaving money on the table for someone else? India's growing manufacturing know-how has increased its economic stability from its previous boom and bust resource based economy.

The U.S. has recently shown itself to be an unreliable trade partner. Free trade is dead without mutual respect, and we must not allow Canada to be reshaped according to U.S. terms—especially now, as they realize their tariff threats yield the desired results.

This should be a wake-up call for Canada to diversify our trade partnerships and also address interprovincial trade barriers to help unify our economy.

As a limited resource, Canadian energy should maximize benefits for Canadians, not sold on the cheap to our only buyer.

Hopefully, this is also a wake-up call for an Energy East corridor, on Canadian soil, so we can freely sell our energy to a wider global market, at a decent price.

Premier Danielle Smith issued the following statement upon the announcement of a 30-day pause on tariffs on Canadian goods:

“I am greatly heartened to see that U.S. President Donald Trump and the Government of Canada have agreed to a plan to crack down on fentanyl trafficking and other illegal activities at our shared border.

“Diplomacy has won the day. Let us ensure that continues, as we know there is much more work ahead of us.

“I once again call on our federal government officials and my fellow premiers to de-escalate rhetoric, abandon any non-tariff measures for the time being, and turn our efforts entirely to advocacy and good-faith negotiation. There are so many win-win solutions on trade and security between our two nations. Let us turn this crisis into an opportunity to find them for the benefit of Canadians and Americans.

“To this end, I am preparing to return to Washington, D.C. next week with my fellow premiers to continue our diplomatic efforts and will again return to D.C. later in the month to attend the National Governors' Association conference.”

Lisa Baiton, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) President and CEO stated, “CAPP is pleased the tariffs on Canadian energy and all Canadian products will be paused to allow for further negotiations with the United States. Our integrated energy infrastructure delivers the reliable, affordable and secure energy Americans and Canadians need every, single, day.

“Combined, Canada and the U.S. produce about 30 percent of the world's natural gas and about 25 percent of the world's oil. If we continue to stick together, the United States and Canada could be the most dominant energy superpower on the planet.

“Instead of tariffs, we should be working together to expand our energy trade and grow oil and gas production from both countries with the goal of exporting more Canadian and American energy to our global allies. More exports from us means our allies are using less oil and less natural gas from non-allied countries like Russia, Iran, and Saudi Arabia.

“Working together on expanding energy production and trade means everybody wins. It means continued access to reliable and affordable energy for Canadians and Americans and a stronger, more secure, North American economy.”



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INVITATION TO TENDER
2025 Road Improvement Projects
Range Road 144A
for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below.

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2024-832-2
Project: 2025 Road Improvement Projects
1:30 P.M., February 27, 2025

Will be received until: Yellowhead County
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

At the office of:

For the following work:
Range Road 144A Road Improvements - From Twp Rd 541 to 560 m South of Twp Rd 541

Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions. Electronic (PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., February 6, 2025 at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security and Consent of Surety as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Myles McMillan, Manager of Transportation Services for Yellowhead County at mmcmillan@yhcounty.ca.

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Township Road 544 Road Improvements - From Hwy 32 to 3.6 km East of Hwy 32

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REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2025 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY
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INVITATION TO TENDER
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for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below.

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2025-71009
Project: BF71009 Culvert Replacement and Other Work
1:30 P.M., February 26, 2025

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For further information, please contact Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services for Yellowhead County at rwallace@yhcounty.ca.

INVITATION TO TENDER
BF 07552 Bridge Replacement

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below.

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2025-879
Project: BF 07552 Bridge Replacement and Other Work
2:30 P.M., February 26, 2025

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At the office of:

For the following work: Removal of the existing 24.4 m steel pony truss bridge, and construction of a new three-span (10-14-10) SL-510 precast girder standard bridge with a modified substructure. Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions. Electronic (PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., February 5, 2025 at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

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D25-005	SW-29-56-23-W5 North of Hinton	Workcamp - 8 Person - Discretionary & Accessory Building (Shop)	Jan 22/25	Feb 12/25
D25-006	Plan 9223000 Lot 1 SE-13-57-14-W5 North of Shiningbank Lake	Single Detached Dwelling	Jan 27/25	Permitted Use
D25-001	Plan 8822541 Lot 1 SE-25-53-17-W5 Edson Area	Home Business Medium - (Helicopter Aerial Work & Taxi Service from April 1 - October 31) & Existing Accessory Building (Shop/Hangar) & Concrete Pad	Jan 29/25	Feb 19/25
D24-130	NW-4-54-15-W5 North of Pinedale Estates	Single Detached Dwelling	Feb 4/25	Permitted Use
D25-007	SE-14-53-9-W5 South of Wildwood	Accessory Building (Dry Storage/Hay Shed)	Feb 4/25	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 02.24 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.

Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

Nova Theatre celebrates 70th Anniversary

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Nova Theatre in Edson celebrated their 70th Anniversary on February 1, and invited the community to join in. The theatre marked the milestone with a 10am showing of Mufasa: The Lion King, followed by a tour of the theatre for those interested in learning about what goes on behind the scenes.

Guests could take part in contests such as guessing how much candy was in a jar and how many feet of film was in another, and the event featured great décor such as a display of the theatre's uniforms over the years and a poster that guests could sign. One of the messages on the poster read, "The place to be always! Lucky to have a great theatre."

After watching the movie, kids were treated to goody bags and cookies. The goody bags included movie posters, a pair of Transformers sunglasses with a case, gummy worms, a Hunger Games keychain, a piece of a theatre screen, and a piece of film from a reel.

After receiving their treats, guests split up into tour groups led by Theatre Manager Sandy Moore and Assistant Manager Terry Simms Abu Al-Soud.

Sandy, who has been with the Nova Theatre for 35 years, brought tour groups upstairs and showed the projector, which contains seven different types of computers.

A full-time projection person used to be required to operate the projector and keep the film going. "He'd come up here and that's the last time we'd see him for the night," Sandy said.

The process is a lot more automated now, and a lot easier to fix than it was a few decades ago. "We can't splice film or kick [the projector] anymore," joked Sandy, adding that when issues arise now, techs can plug into the machine remotely and fix it. "Luckily, it's been very reliable," she said.

Terry took groups behind the theatre's screen and into the basement, which she said is home to the theatre's ghost, Frank. With no movie playing, kids thought it was cool that they could see behind the transparent screen, thanks to the unique fabric the screen is made of.

Sandy provided some additional theatre history and information to the Weekly Anchor, such as the fact that Edson actually had three theatres at one time. The Edson Theatre opened in 1938 and closed in the mid-60s, while the Glenwood Drive-In opened in 1952 but burned down on August 30, 1976.

The Nova Theatre opened February 1, 1955, and was owned by the Fowler family until 1976 when Landmark Cinemas purchased the theatre. "Our association with Landmark continues to this day," said Sandy.

Some of the first films played at the Nova Theatre after its opening included Gilbert & Sullivan, The Diamond Queen, Ma and Pa Kettle Back on the Farm, Green Fire, Law and Order, and Kiss Me Deadly.

Stop by the Nova Theatre if you'd like some great popcorn, or if you want to catch a show, and be sure to wish them a Happy 70th.



Nova Theatre staff members handed out goody bags and cookies to kiddos during their 70th Anniversary celebration. photo Shaylyn Thornton



At the Nova Theatre's 70th Anniversary celebration, Manager Sandy Moore brought tour groups upstairs, where they could check out and learn about the theatre's projector. photo Shaylyn Thornton



A group of Sparks (Girl Guides) enjoyed the Nova Theatre's 70th Anniversary celebration, which included a movie and tour. Here, they posed for a photo in front of the theatre screen. photo Shaylyn Thornton

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County Council receives end-of-2024 Community Services update

by Shaylyn Thornton

The January 28 Yellowhead County Council meeting included a Community Services update from General Manager of Community Services Crystal McNernie. The update was based largely on November and December of 2024.

Community Services encompasses several departments at Yellowhead County, including Agriculture Services, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), Heritage & Cemeteries, and Parks & Recreation.

In Agriculture Services, the County provided an Agricultural Service Board orientation in November for both new and standing members of the board. "It was a great learning opportunity for everybody," said McNernie.

McNernie said that another update involved the Provincial Grant application for the five-year funding cycle, which Ag Services Supervisor Jennifer Benson has been working on over the past couple of months.

"The province has changed the reporting requirements for that grant. It's a lot more comprehensive than it used to be," said McNernie. "Really, they're looking for greater accountability from municipalities in terms of how they're meeting their responsibilities as it relates to the Weed Control Act and the Pest Control Act."

At the ASB Regional Conference at the end of October, the County-supported Drought and Livestock Agri-Stability Resolution passed unanimously. The resolution looks to re-evaluate and improve several aspects of AgriStability with the aim of providing a broader level of drought support for Canada's agricultural sector.

The resolution then went before the Provincial Assembly in January, where it was also carried. "It had 89% support from the membership," said McNernie. "That was good news, to see that it was supported."

Ag Services also took part in a meeting on November 14, 2024, that included the Assistant Deputy of Agriculture. The meeting discussed wild boar control, new trapping methods, and Bill 293 (the Pandemic Prevention and

Preparedness Act). The meeting was attended by 180 fieldman, assistants, and ASB staff.

Other updates from Ag Services included community outreach like their birdhouse workshops (focusing on chickadee, owl, and tree swallow houses), assisting Parks & Rec with outdoor ice creation and maintenance, and assisting Heritage with the construction of a headstone lifter and grave marker storage box.

FCSS updates included ongoing programming in schools, after-school activities, and community outreach, as well as the hiring of a Home Support position in the Edson-Central area. Programs include Fall Fun Days, the Good Neighbour Snow Shoveling Program, and the "Start Strong" Healthy Relationship program. Start Strong is ongoing in Entwistle and Grand Trunk Jr. High, "with positive outcomes in self-awareness and emotional expression."

FCSS also approved grants for Lobstick Successful Kids and Families (\$2,630), the Brule Community Association (\$3,740), and the Fulham Community After School Care Program (\$2,000).

"One of the biggest areas of focus for both Administration and the FCSS board over the last couple of months has been the development of the FCSS business plan," said McNernie. "That's been taking up a lot of time and we've been looking at really prioritizing or identifying what those priority areas are for FCSS. Moving forward, that process continues, and we will be looking at presenting back to Council in the spring with the outcomes of that report."

"With Heritage & Cemeteries, the two big accomplishments related to cemeteries was the purchase and installation of the new columbarium for the Evansburg Cemetery... and also the selection of our cemetery-management software," said McNernie. "That software will allow for better record keeping, plot management, and burial tracking. Just another tool for Administration to use to better manage the Evansburg Cemetery." McNernie noted that the software could expand to include another six to eight additional cemeteries, but that the focus for now is on getting Evansburg set up.

Other updates for Heritage & Cemeteries included acting as a liaison for the donation of a WW1-era kilt to the Northern Rockies Museum, and the organization of a collaboration tour with Parks & Recreation to explore potential partnerships for the two departments.

For Parks & Recreation, McNernie said that November and December "is really spent focusing on getting our outdoor rinks ready." "For the most part, by Christmas all of our rinks were open and

accessible to the public," she said. "The Bear Lake Skating Loop did open in January so we didn't quite get that one ready for the end of the year, but it is open and all of our rinks are currently operational."

Other updates included Fall Break Camps, Yoga and Pilates classes, cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals, and the YCE Multiplex.

The Community Services Highlights for November and December 2024 were accepted unanimously by Council as information.

Wildwood School Ice Fishing Trip



Grade five and six students from the Wildwood School got to take part in an Ice Fishing Trip on Chip Lake recently. All of the kids got to try fishing and for some it was their first time. A special thanks going out to Darrell Hunter, Keaten Hunter, Adam Nero, Lee Hicks, and Willem Swinkels for setting everything up along with the use of the fishing gear. photo submitted Deanna Mitchener

Return of the 10x10 Art Competition at Red Brick

by Niki Luymes

The Red Brick Museum is beginning the new year with the return of their 10x10 art competition. The competition is open for three age categories; 6-12, 13-17, and 18+.

Submissions were open on January 20, and will close on February 21. All pieces entered will be on display at the Red Brick gallery from February 24 to March 21.

This year's theme is 'Winter in Alberta' and submitted art can be in any medium. This includes the classics like paintings and sketches, but also other unique mediums such as collages or sculpting.

The only standard for the art is that it be 10" by 10" in size, be able to hang on a wall, and fits this year's selected theme. There is a \$5 entry fee for each art piece.

"The contest's goal is to get the local artists to come out and showcase their talent. We keep our registration fees low to encourage everyone to participate," said

Kirsty Maskowitz, Museum Coordinator.

Last year the Red Brick received 32 entries which all varied in style, but all fit that year's theme of 'Springtime'.

This marks the second year since the contest's inception. As of January 29, the Red Brick had received 11 entries. "We have three local volunteers come in and judge the entries. There is one winner for each age category. The winners receive a cash prize. Registration fees cover the prizes, so the prize amount depends on the number of entries," explained Maskowitz.

"This competition encourages local artists to participate in a community event to gain exposure for their work and allows them to interact with other artists," said Maskowitz.

All entries must be registered and delivered before the Feb 21, deadline. The Red Brick also has 10" by 10" canvases available for sale for those who require them.

If you wish to submit an art piece, the Red Brick is open from 9 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.



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You Are What You Eat School Spirit Day at Mary Bergeron School on January 30, had students and teachers dressing up, as something they eat. photos submitted by Deanna Mitchener



Evansburg RCMP recover stolen property

(RCMP release) Evansburg, Alta. – On Jan. 23, 2025, Evansburg RCMP responded to a report where suspected stolen property was being sold online, but was believed to be stored in the area of Evansburg.

Through the course of the investigation, RCMP were granted a search warrant on a rural property in the area of Range Road 75 and Township Road 542, where the stolen property, a heavy RotoTilk Bucket for a back hoe that had been stolen from the area of Parkland County was recovered.

RCMP would like to encourage community members to keep track of your own VIN's and serial numbers at home; should for some reason your property be stolen from you, the RCMP will upload your VIN/Serial number to the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC), so that any police across Canada, who happens upon your property, would be notified that it is stolen upon running the same VIN/serial number.

The public also has access to online tools where if you are purchasing items with a VIN or serial number, you can check to make sure it is or is not stolen.

To run a VIN to ensure it is not stolen, go to: <https://www.cpic-cipc.ca/sve-rve-eng.htm>

To run a serial number to ensure it is not stolen, go to: <https://www.cpic-cipc.ca/spt-rpt-eng.htm>

This investigation is still ongoing and RCMP would like to extend gratitude to community members for their assistance thus far.

The Evansburg RCMP is seeking the public's assistance with any reports of stolen property or sightings of stolen property in the area. Anyone with information in relation this crimes in the area, are asked to please contact the Evansburg RCMP at 780-727-4446 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8377 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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Good News Story -



Cooperative Learning in Action at GTHS

A focus of [Grand Trunk High School's School Continuous Improvement Plan \(SCIP\)](#) is to engage 100 percent of students in their learning of the curricular outcomes, with effective and meaningful methods, through longer period lengths.

So how does this look in the classroom?

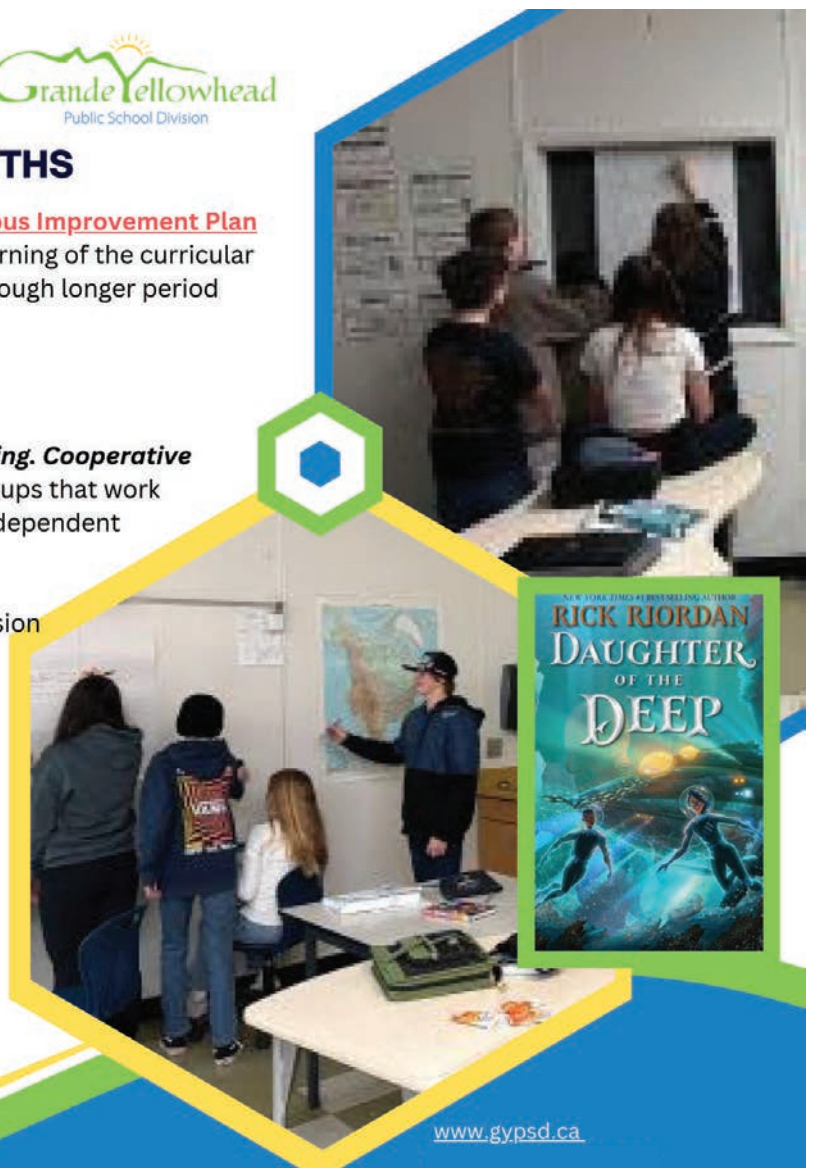
One such strategy is incorporating **Cooperative Learning**. **Cooperative Learning** involves structuring classes around small groups that work together in such a way that each member's success is dependent on the group's success.

Instead of working alone to simply answer comprehension or analysis questions, students in Grade 8 worked in random groupings and were assigned a part of the "bigger question" relating to their current novel study on *Daughter of the Deep* by Rick Riordan.

Each student took a turn acting as a 'recorder' in that they couldn't talk and had to record the ideas of their teammates. This activity helped to engage the quieter learners, reduce the daunting size of the original task, and build relationships within the classroom.

Mrs. Schatz was very proud of the students' effort as well as their creative responses!

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January: "Together We Excel"

Evansview Students Build Community One Kindness at a Time

Good New Story:

(GYPSD) Evansview School works to develop community within the school so everyone feels welcomed, cared for, respected and safe. They believe that students are able to achieve and succeed at higher levels when they feel these emotions within their school. Building community is one of the goals in their School Continuous Improvement Plan. So how do they do this?

Evansview School students learn about the importance of helping each other by "filling someone's bucket" - an idea written in a story for kids.

Students receive a recognition ticket for their efforts and then put it into the Big Bucket in the office. Principal Randall makes random draws and when a student's name is called, they are invited to the office for a special treat or prize. Once the Big Bucket is filled to the top, all the students receive a special treat or surprise! Whose bucket will YOU fill today?



Evansview students were invited to wear their favorite jersey on January 10, and then after their weekly, 'Friday Picnic' in the gym, everyone was invited to a surprise celebration with an outdoor dance party with popcorn and juice.

Looking to gain your High School Diploma?

by Deanna Mitchener

The Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) high school equivalency assessment is for adults who do not have a high school diploma or need an education credential to open new doors to educational, training, or employment opportunities.

"Pearson View, who administered the GED exam in Canada, stopped supporting the GED here, in May of 2024. It was then replaced by the CAEC exam. The CAEC was developed by Alberta Education and national partners and is a made in Canada replacement for the GED," says Clare Hemsley, who is an Adult Learning Assistant with Edson and District Community Learning.

"Like the GED, there are five different subject areas that you must pass: English Reading, English Writing, Social Studies, Science, and Math. Each of the five subject areas has its own exam. This exam can also be taken in French," Hemsley says.

"If you have taken and passed some of the exams under the GED system, they will continue to count towards your CAEC qualification and you do not need to repeat those exams up until May 2027," explains

Hemsley.

CAEC is not necessarily designed for individuals who wish to go on to further education. "University and college courses can require specific high school courses and you'll need to contact the institution directly to find which courses you require for admittance to a program," says Hemsley.

"If you did not gain enough credits to receive a high school diploma and you want to take the CAEC, you can, if you are 18 or over and have been out of school for 10 consecutive months. You must also have an Alberta student number.

You can take the CAEC exams in Edson. They cost \$60 each and must be booked and paid for online. The tests are computer based and can be taken at Edson and District Community Learning Society in the Provincial Building. For more information you can call the office at 780-723-6247.

You can retake tests in the next calendar month to a maximum of three times in a calendar year.

"We offer tutoring to individuals to help them reach their goals. We usually charge a \$25 registration fee, however, this may be waived depending on the student's situation," says Clare Hemsley.

Evansburg RCMP lay charges on male after reported kidnapping

(RCMP release) Evansburg, Alta. – On Feb. 2, 2025, Evansburg RCMP responded to a third-party report where it was believed an adult victim had been kidnapped at gunpoint in the area of Highway 16A and Range Road 81 in Evansburg.

Acting on this reported information, RCMP deployed significant resources, including dozens of members from Evansburg RCMP, Edson RCMP Traffic Unit, Edson RCMP, Whitecourt RCMP, Mayerthorpe RCMP, Parkland RCMP, Drayton Valley RCMP, Hinton RCMP, Barrhead RCMP, Saddle Lake RCMP, Real Time Operation Centre, RCMP Air Services, Alberta's Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Major Crimes Unit, Emergency Response Team, and the Federal Serious & Organized Crime Unit.

RCMP located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop, but the driver fled at an extremely high rate of speed, especially considering the road conditions; due to the perceived danger to the victim, a pursuit was initiated. RCMP were able to make contact with the vehicle, resulting in the driver fleeing on foot; the victim was secured safely with RCMP members.

RPAS and members began attempts at locating the suspect in a

rural residential area, north of Range Road 150. The suspect was located running behind a shed and the suspect attempted to break into a residence but was confronted by the homeowner, containment was initiated and shortly after, the suspect came out of the forest in surrender.

Jeffery Joseph Fendelet (50), a resident of Onoway, Alta., was charged with flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, resist/obstruct a police officer, mischief under \$5000, break and enter to a residence and forcible confinement.

Fendelet was brought before a Justice of the Peace, where he was remanded with a court date of Feb. 5, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stoney Plain, Alta.

This investigation is still ongoing and RCMP would like to extend gratitude to community members for their assistance thus far.

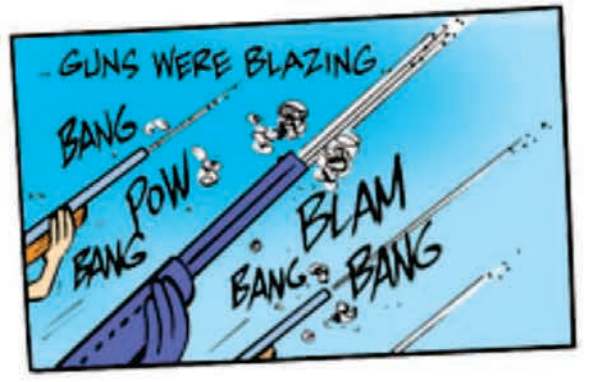
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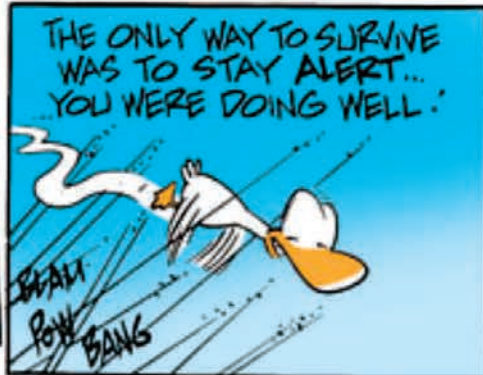
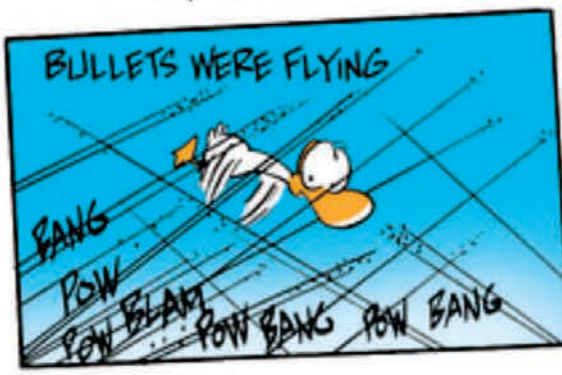
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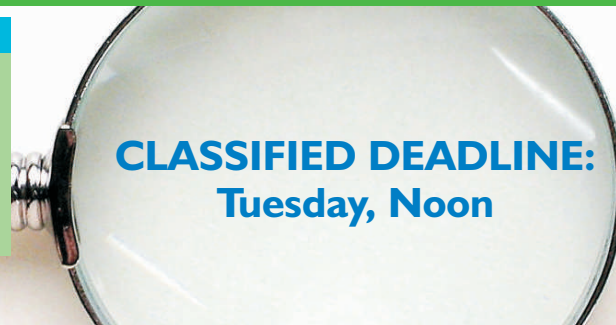
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1133-55 St. Edson - Ph: 723-5490.
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Edson United Church
1214 Edson Drive Edson AB
Phone: 723-3418

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Pastors: Pastors John and Ingrid Huizing vfm@shaw.ca
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Rev. Noemi Sogocio, Senior Pastor, 780-600-0050; noemi_sogocio2006@yahoo.ca

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4803 - 6th Avenue, Edson
Telephone: 723-3661.

Pastor Father Thomas Basani (SAC)
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Call office for weekday Mass times.
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What's happening, when and where in the community

Community Events

Fire Smart Community Series- Cadomin Hall, **February 18** Trail Hall, **February 20** Mackay Hall. Drop in style any time between 4:00-7:00pm

February 19 March 5: Family Time Marlboro Community Hall. This is a free program for caregivers with children 0-5 10:30AM-12:30PM. Registration is required.

www.yhcounty.ca/registration

February 12, 26 March 12: Family Time Peers Multiplex. This is a free program for caregivers with children 0-5 10:30AM-12:30PM. Registration is required.

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Feb 13 - Mar 20: County Free Winter Run Club: All runs start at noon at the following locations: Feb 13 - Robb Multiplex; Feb 20 - Marlboro Community Hall; Feb 27 - Peers Multiplex; Mar 6 - Niton Playground; Mar 13 - Wildwood Rec

Complex; Mar 20 - Evansburg Arena. Pre-register at: yhcounty.ca/registration - for the runs you would like to join.

March 12, April 2 April 20: @ 6:00pm Wellness Wednesday Winter Walks. Join for a 60 min walk through Town of Edson starting at Edson Drive Trail Head

February 14: Family Valentines Dance at Evansburg Legion 6-8pm to register yhcounty.ca/registration or call 780-325-4800.

February 17: Snow Much Fun Family Day. 11AM-2PM Griffiths Park so much out door activities to list but bring a Helmet and skates for on the ice.

February 22: Bottle drive for HRH Grad Class 12-5pm

May 31: Eddies Big Run. Registration opens February 10. Register online at edson.ca or in person at Edson District Leisure Centre.

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First reading to Aerial Fire Truck Debenture Bylaw

At the February 4, 2025, meeting, Council gave first reading to Aerial Fire Truck Debenture Bylaw No. 2321. This Bylaw would allow for the borrowing of a maximum of \$2,750,000 with a maximum interest rate of 6% and a maximum term of 20 years for the capital purchase of an Aerial Fire Truck in 2025.

Why does the Town of Edson need a new truck?

Engine 604 is reaching the end of its lifespan as a frontline fire apparatus. Fire Protection Association (NFPA)1900 (2024, Annex F-F.1) recommends placing apparatus older than 15 years into a reserve status, and older than 25 years into retirement. 604 has now been in service for 19 years. A direct replacement of 604 was estimated at \$1.1 million to \$2 million.

With this in mind, an aerial truck (commonly known as a ladder truck) was recommended and approved as a replacement in the 2025 budget.

Why an Aerial Truck?

An aerial truck would provide a higher service level for our community with additional capabilities for increased life safety and property protection. An aerial has greater effectiveness for fire suppression, providing vertical access for both firefighting and rescue operations.

This would also enhance Edson's Fire underwriters Survey (FUS) rating, by improving the town's ability to respond to low-rise fires and large commercial incidents.

With the growing number of large buildings, both in height and overall size, having this extra capability is a growing need in our community. Some examples of such facilities include Weyerhaeuser, Walmart, Parkland Lodge, Schools, and larger apartment buildings. This also greatly impacts fire suppression operations in standard single-family homes as well.

Costs

The Town of Edson is aware of the "sticker shock" of a number like \$2.75 million. This is a substantial purchase for our community. A debenture was chosen by Council as a way to spread the debt payments over several years, giving generational ownership of this purchase as opposed to the bulk sum being fronted by current residents only.

It should also be noted, that while \$2.75 million is the number requested in the bylaw, this is the maximum amount being considered. As Council and Administration go through the 2026 budget process, all efforts will be made to find efficiencies to bring that amount to be borrowed down. Grants and other funding will also be explored as we look to keep this as affordable as possible for our residents.

How is this being advertised?

A notice of the Bylaw will go in the newspaper for 2 consecutive weeks starting February 10 through to February 23. Following this, electors have 15 days to file a petition against the Bylaw.

More information regarding the petition process can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/petition-information-for-electors>.

Note: See town ad page 5



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