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**County hosts Kids can Catch event**

by Niki Luymes

Yellowhead County welcomed families out to Millers Lake for the annual Kids can Catch event. Each year, the county gathers fishing experts and newcomers alike for a chance to hang out, have some fun, and learn something new. This year the event took place on July 4, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Upon arriving at the east side dock of Millers Lake, participants could go straight to fishing or enjoy some of the provided amenities. If you didn't own fishing gear, the County had fishing rods for anyone to borrow. Those extra rods were then raffled off at the end of the evening. There was also a free BBQ provided by Secure Energy

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**Edson Chamber Summer Festival Kick-off July 10**

Excitement and screams were in the air five minutes after the ride's opening during the Edson and District Chamber of Commerce Summer Festival on July 10. Rides started at 1:00 p.m. and there was already a lineup for the popular Zipper ride. More coverage in our July 22 issue. photo Deanna Mitchener

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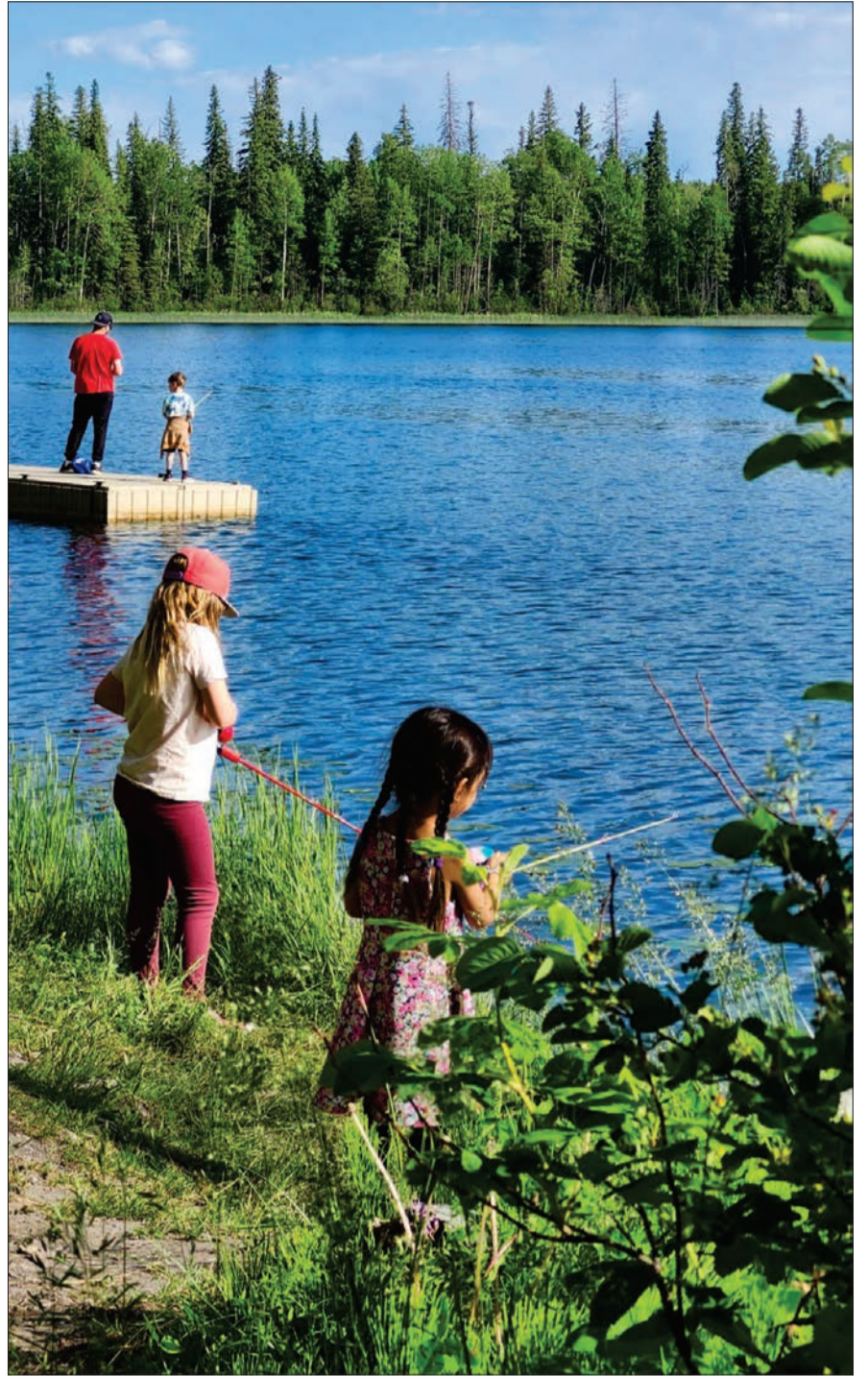
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Families with kids of all ages came out to Miller Lake to take part in the Kids Can Catch event hosted by Yellowhead County on July 4. photos submitted



July 4 was a great day for fishing at Millers Lake. Lots of families arrived to take part in Yellowhead County's Kids Can Catch event.



## County hosts Kids can Catch

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that ran throughout the event.

Local volunteers from Fish & Wildlife were onsite to teach the basics like safe handling, licensing, varieties of fish, and more. They weren't the only organization to come out and join the fun, according to Jina Materi, Yellowhead County Parks and Recreation Coordinator. "The Edson & Game Association raffled off two family mentored fishing evenings, Alberta Invasive Species staff joined for an educational component, and Alberta Wildfire staff assisted with rod set up and participant engagement."

This is the third year that the County has hosted the event. It

serves as a great way to introduce the next generation to the joys of fishing. "Our goal is to recruit and introduce new participants to the sport, as well as bring experienced anglers back to the lake. The event encourages the entire family to come out and try fishing together," said Materi. "We had an excellent turnout this year. It was a beautiful sunny evening. All attendees seemed to be enjoying themselves and we had strong participant numbers."

This event is just one of the many ways Yellowhead County engages residents to make the most of local recreation spots.




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# 6th Annual Bikez 4 Kidz Poker Run

by Deanna Mitchener

The 6th annual Bikez 4 Kidz Poker Run will be taking place to help bring some kids a brand new bike to ride this summer. Kingz RC and T. Rainald & Sons Contracting are thrilled to be a part of this event.

The Poker Run will take place in Edson on July 20. Brett Ross, said, "The Poker Run starts in Hinton. We hand out some bikes in Hinton, next stop being Scarly Scoops Ice Cream in Yellowhead County, then Edson, Rosevear Ferry, and ends at the Pine Grove Hall.

Bikers will be rolling into the Edson Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

This event is open to all children ages 2-14 that reside in Hinton, Edson, Robb, Marlboro, Peers, and Yellowhead County.

Bil Teskey says, "Kids winning bikes here in

Edson must be in attendance to receive their new bike. We are super excited for this year's Bikez 4 Kidz and we are looking forward to seeing many happy kids and parents."

"We have so many kids in need of a good bike. Unfortunately, we get so many names, this year we had to put a cap on at 80 bikes. That's still a lot of bikes to hand out," said Teskey.

"Afterwards, the group will be riding out to the Pine Grove Hall. There, we all come together to

camp, socialize, play some games, and food is available to purchase."

"Each year we have so many wonderful sponsors and businesses that step up to donate. Without all of the support, this event wouldn't be as successful as it has been over the past six years," said Teskey.

If you would like to help, there is still time to reach out to make a contribution. You can contact Bil Teskey at 780-223-3603.

## Edson Recycle Depot gets new bailer

by Deanna Mitchener

To stay up to date with equipment as technology improves, The Edson and District Recycle Depot recently installed a new bailer.

Recycle Depot Manager, Anne Auriat, said, "We are so happy to have our new bailer up and running. Our last one was 10 years old and starting to need repairs. It is an upgrade and able to do the job twice as fast as our old one."

"We had some technology with the older bailer, but this is a big jump forward. In 10 years technology changes a lot," Auriat said.

Jonah Kuzmic added,



Daniel Schnee and Jonah Kuzmic standing beside the new bailer at the Edson and District Recycling building on July 3. photo Deanna Mitchener

"You can program any OCC cardboard, paper, hard or soft plastic, as well as tin. You can see on the computer the position and where you want to tie. The ram can tell you how far you are and how much farther to a full bail. It can tell you how many bails you have done each day or for the month."

Rather than the bails being only 550kg they are now up to 700kg. This makes it easier for shipping and it opens up markets for the Depot.

The new bailer also has two motors giving it more options during use. "In five hours we were able to do 30 bails which is about 20 metric tons of cardboard. We can do multiple amounts of streams as it's able to have two conveyors if we want to spilt it, so we are really excited about it."

"We were down for three days taking the old one out and putting the

new one in. We had a crane come in to help. After being shut down for a few days, we had cardboard backed up. But it didn't take long with the new bailer to get all caught up, which was really nice," said Auriat.

"With the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) coming into effect it means there is a

provincial program coming for the residential portion. Municipalities will be funded for processing it. We might end up with glass coming in here from other parts of Alberta, paper or other materials to process. It's under a management authority province-wide," Auriat said.

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LOVE FROM THE FAMILY...

# Kinette Christmas Hamper campaign begins with Toy Run

by Deanna Mitchener

The Annual Kinette Toy Run took place in Edson on July 6. The event started and finished at the Edson Lions Hall.

The parade of riders got underway at 11:00 a.m. led by the Edson RCMP, the Edson Fire Department, motorbikers, Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara, the 'Stuff the Bus', and whoever else wanted to take part in the event.

Kinette, Mary-Anne Bittner, said, "We are happy to host another annual Toy Run. I have to admit we are hurting, as it's hard to get volunteers. Many organizations are in the same shape these days. This event is our kick-off to start promoting for our Christmas Hampers. It's Christmas in July where we start reminding people we are collecting toys for our Christmas Hampers or monetary donations."

"We used to do registration fees, but with the economy the way it's been we have to open it up and make it as accessible as possible for everybody. If they are able to donate great, but times are tough. This makes a registration fee not feasible for some and can turn people away. We don't want that. Everything today is completely free."

"We have a free barbecue today compliments from Cenovus. They are providing the food and cooking on their BBQ, which is amazing. The fire department is coming down and leading the parade. The RCMP will be directing the 748 intersection, and

we are happy about that," said Bittner.

"Edson Early Learning and Childcare Centre donated the bus we can stuff with toys. We have Santa here from the Edson Kingz Biking Club. They come every year to support us, and we promote their event, Bikez 4 Kidz, and will be making a \$1,000 donation to them to help purchase the bikes. They like to come out and help us with our Christmas Hampers too," Bittner said.

"We have a pretty good routine to assembling all the hampers, after years of doing them. Last year we had around 370 families and food hampers were close to 1200. We had between 550 and 600 bags of toys last year, so every child could have a gift. The need definitely grew last year for sure," added Bittner.

"Registration for a hamper is very confidential and non-judgmental. We ensure it stays confidential and the volunteers who deliver have a very solid oath. We take it very seriously," Bittner explained.

The ride started at 11:00 a.m. throughout town. Unfortunately, this year a few places on the route got missed. An apology went to those waiting and not able to see the parade. Not as many riders made it out this year, but it was still a great event.

After the ride, community members were invited to join the free barbecue at the Lions Hall.

This was just the kick off to the Christmas Hamper campaign, so you still have plenty of time to make a donation if you can.



Leaving the Lions Park, Motorbikers followed the RCMP, fire trucks, and Mayor Zahara on July 6, during the Annual Kinette Toy Run. photo Deanna Mitchener



Larry L'Hirondelle and Mike Martin with Cenovus were busy cooking burgers outside the Lions Hall during the Annual Kinette Toy Run on July 6. photo Deanna Mitchener

## Community Futures West Yellowhead launches Leadership Program

Community Futures West Yellowhead is excited to announce the launch of a 3-month community leadership program designed to cultivate the leadership skills and community awareness of the next generation of leaders in the West Yellowhead region. This program, hosted by Community Futures West Yellowhead, will run from September to December 2024, offering a comprehensive leadership development experience for residents of Edson, Grande Cache, Hinton, Jasper, and Yellowhead County.

The program features a series of retreats and learning days held in various locations throughout the region, offering participants hands-on experiences to enrich their understanding of effective leadership and community development. One of the program's key components is the Community Action Projects, where participants are divided into diverse teams to work on projects that deliver tangible benefits to local community organizations. This initiative not only allows participants to practice personal leadership skills but also provides sponsoring organizations with the efforts of motivated and engaged teams eager to make a difference.

Complementing the retreats and learning days is the Mentor Program, which extends the participant's

experience beyond the initial three months. Each participant is paired with a seasoned mentor in their specific area of interest, whether career or community-related. This relationship encourages the exchange of ideas and strategies, enabling participants to further expand their leadership networks and gain new insights from experienced leaders.

Join the Leadership Journey! This program is for young professionals, emerging leaders, and community-minded individuals aged 18+ seeking personal growth and leadership development. Deadline to apply for the program is September 15, 2024.

Community organizations are invited to collaborate and benefit from dedicated project teams and engage in meaningful community action by submitting their Community Action Project no later than September 1, 2024. Experienced leaders are also encouraged to share their wisdom and guide emerging talents and sign up as a mentor by September 1, 2024.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.westyellowhead.ablertacf.com/services/leadership-west-yellowhead](http://www.westyellowhead.ablertacf.com/services/leadership-west-yellowhead) or contact Community Futures West Yellowhead. Lead the Change: Unleash Your Potential with Leadership West Yellowhead. #LeadWestYellowhead

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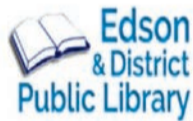
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Aqua Fit 10:45 - 11:45am					Private Rental 11:30 - 12:30pm
Lane & Lagoon Swim 12 - 1pm					Public Swim 12:30 - 2:30pm
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Below is a letter we received from the War Amps on summer safety.

Letter to the Editor

## Keep children AWAY from lawn mowers!

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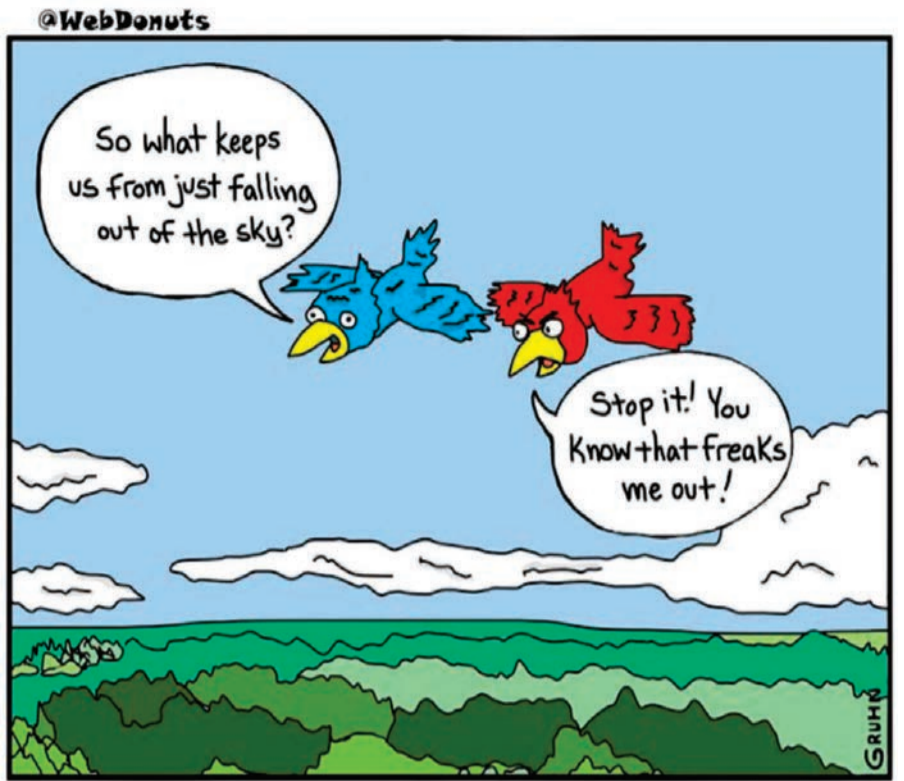
I was only two when an accident forever altered the course of my life. Innocently playing outside, I ventured too close to a moving lawn mower, unaware of the danger it posed. The operator was unaware of my presence and backed up, not realizing I had stumbled and fallen behind the lawn mower. I was rushed to the hospital where doctors had to amputate my right arm above the

elbow and part of my left hand.

As a graduate of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, I am advocating for safety measures around lawn mowers. I accept who I am today, but I wouldn’t want another child to go through what I did.

It’s important to recognize that accidents can occur in the blink of an eye, with lifelong consequences. By sharing my story and raising awareness, I hope to encourage greater caution and vigilance among parents, caregivers and communities alike.

Denise Swedlo  
The War Amps



### Edson RCMP Occurrences

**For the week of: July 1 to July 7, 2024**

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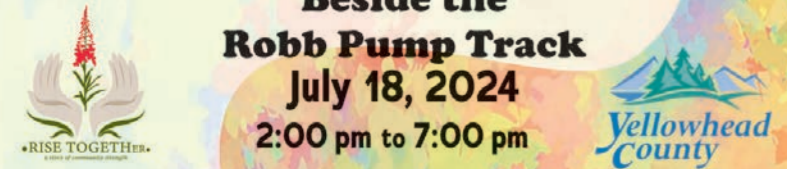
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Help make a Mural! Join your community to help create a mural for Yellowhead County's hamlets that showcase our region's spirit & strength. All ages welcome! Please wear painting clothes.

Beside the Robb Pump Track July 18, 2024 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm



### SQUEAL ON PIGS!

Did you know that wild boar at large are one of the most damaging invasive species in North America?

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The MD of Greenview, Saddle Hills County, Woodlands County and Yellowhead County want you to Squeal on Pigs! For every verified\* sighting, your name will be entered to win a Cabela's gift card! You can report sightings through the EDDMaps App or by emailing [wildboar@gov.ab.ca](mailto:wildboar@gov.ab.ca).

\*To be eligible for the draw, reported sightings need to be geotagged for confirmation. To learn more about the reporting process, please visit [www.mdgreenview.ab.ca/squeal-on-pigs/](http://www.mdgreenview.ab.ca/squeal-on-pigs/)

For more information, please contact Greenview Agricultural Services at 780.524.7621.



Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Summer Bridge Work REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Bridge repair work is being done in Yellowhead County to fix damaged bridges caused from flooding in 2023. Repair work will not affect any open routes or current traffic usage.



For more information, contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800. Yellowhead County

### New Broadband Opportunities Coming to County Residents!

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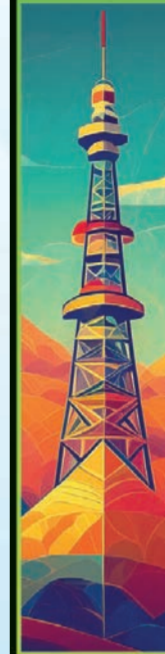
Students can get the education they need from a remote location!

Emergency services will have a more robust communications network for emergency services.

Several new towers being built over the next year will provide more high-speed internet access options to homes using Fiber Optic and Fixed Wireless technology.

This will mean more service opportunities for internet service providers resulting in more high-speed access to County residents and businesses.

For more information, contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800. Yellowhead County



### Yellowhead County's 2024 VIRTUAL GARDEN PRIDE CONTEST



Yellowhead County is once again hosting its annual County Garden Pride Contest and we're looking for YOUR garden photo submissions!

Get your camera and start snapping pictures of your beautiful yards! The public will get a chance to vote on which yard is their favourite in order to determine the winners for the 21st Annual County Pride Contest & Tour - Virtual Edition!

#### Contest Submission Rules:

1. Submissions: July 12 - July 26  
Voting: July 27 - August 2  
Winner Announced & Virtual Tour: August 12
2. Open to residents only (county-wide).
3. Maximum 4 photos can be submitted.
4. Photos must be of your own yard.

#### Prizes:

- 1st - \$100 gift card to your favourite local green house
- 2nd - \$75 gift card to your favourite local green house
- 3rd - \$50 gift card to your favourite local green house



\*In your email you must include your full name, phone number, and the legal land description or physical address of your property. Please include a couple of sentences about why you're proud of your yard/garden, or why you love gardening or living in the county. Your personal information will only be used for staff to verify your residency.

PLEASE NOTE: When taking photos, choose an overview of your entire yard, along with the things which you like best (flower beds, water features, vegetable gardens, etc.). Do not feature any photos that identify your valuables or any individuals.

The contest will be hosted on our county Facebook page, go to our page to see full details

[www.YHCounty.ca](http://www.YHCounty.ca) for more details!



### DO YOU NEED TO PURCHASE FALL DUST CONTROL?



Application Deadline July 31

To apply for Fall Dust Control (Calcium Chloride), submit payment and application before the deadline. The application form is available online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) or at the Wildwood or Edson office.

1. Applications for Dust Control can be made at our Wildwood and Edson offices.
2. Each ratepayer is entitled to an application of Calcium Chloride, 200 metres in length, for a fee of \$242.00.
3. The fee must accompany the application.
4. Fall Applications must be received by July 31.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

(This fee represents approximately 33% of the total cost for the dust control application. Full application costs will apply for any requests over 200 metres.)

\*Dust Control Policy #3200.02

### Summer Road Work MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

PLEASE BE AWARE OF CREWS AND EQUIPMENT

Mowing, Graveling, Shoulder-Pulls, Line Painting and Crack Sealing work for local roads is taking place in Yellowhead County this summer.

This work extends the life and usage of these areas and results in enhanced safety for traffic and a better road system.

Please slow down around flagging crews. Allow work crews the space needed to complete their work. Reduce speed in work zones.

For more information, contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800. Yellowhead County







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**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**



# Adventure Play Camps!

**Cost: \$5**

**Ages 3-5\***

This camp offers a chance for children to try new activities, explore their creativity, and build confidence while away from their parents.

*\*Children must be potty trained to attend.*



## A BUG'S LIFE

Are you ready to explore the miniature world of bugs? Get ready to explore a new perspective through creativity and imagination as we take you on a journey into a bug's life!

July 9 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Peers Multiplex	July 18 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Niton Community Hall
July 11 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Entwistle Community Hall	July 23 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Marlboro Community Hall
July 16 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Wildwood Complex	July 25 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Robb Multiplex



## DINO WORLD

Are you ready for a back-in-time adventure? Get ready to explore this historical era as we take you on a journey through time as you navigate your way through this ancient world!

July 30 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Peers Multiplex	August 8 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Niton Community Hall
August 1 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Entwistle Community Hall	August 13 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Marlboro Community Hall
August 6 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Wildwood Complex	August 15 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Robb Multiplex

Registration is required. Go to [www.yhcounty.ca/registration](http://www.yhcounty.ca/registration)  
 Registration opens June 10



# AWESOME ADVENTURE CAMPS!

Camps are for ages 6 to 11!

Cost: \$20 per week

Yellowhead County summer camps are designed to keep children active and engaged throughout the summer.

Each week features hands-on activities, leadership opportunities, a chance to socialize with peers and learn new skills.

Registration opens June 10<sup>th</sup> at [www.yhcounty.ca/registration](http://www.yhcounty.ca/registration)

## WILD WANDERERS!

Embark on an exhilarating adventure like never before with our summer camp, where the wonders of nature await! Join us as we delve into the heart of the diverse ecosystems, from lush rainforests to arid deserts and everything in between.

Every day brings a new and thrilling experience, so pack your bags, gather your courage, and prepare for the journey of a lifetime at our wilderness exploration camp!

**July 8-11**  
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Wildwood Complex

**Aug 6-8**  
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
Brule Community Hall

**July 15-18**  
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
Marlboro Community Hall

**Aug 12-15**  
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Peers Multiplex

**July 22-25**  
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Entwistle Community Hall

**Aug 19-21**  
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
Robb Multiplex

**July 29-Aug 1**  
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Niton Community Hall



What should you bring to camp? Here's a checklist!

- Sunscreen
- Lunch
- Healthy snacks
- Water bottle
- Bug spray
- Hat
- Change of clothes
- Shoes (in/outdoor)
- Towel
- Swim suit
- Positive attitude!

[www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca)



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-097	Plan 9624243 Blk 3, Lot 1 SW-18-83-18-W5 Octopus Lake Area	Accessory Building (Fabric Shop) - Variance for Side Yard Setback	Jun 28/24	Jul 19/24

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://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 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.

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.

## ASK OUR RESIDENT EXPERT! DO YOU HAVE TREE & GARDEN QUESTIONS?

Yellowhead County has a new seasonal Horticultural Technician to answer your tree and garden questions and concerns.

**TREE & PLANT IDENTIFICATION**

**TREE PRUNING ADVICE**

**GARDEN SOIL TESTING**

**Testing for the upcoming season:**

- Garden Soil sampling provides a basic range result for pH, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium.
- Limit of 1 garden soil sampling per household.
- Testing is on a First come, first serve basis and is subject to availability of testing supplies. \*Priority is given to gardens that are exhibiting growth concerns.

**TREE & PLANT DISEASE ID**

Disease or pest identification and recommendations or referrals

Contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Department at 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782 for inquiries or to set up an appointment with our Horticultural Technician.



Makaya Bentley-Ohman is a summer student with the Town of Edson. She was busy making snow-cones on June 26, at Kinsmen Park during the Kick Off to Summer Party. photo Deanna Mitchener



Kyla Drader, summer student with the Town of Edson, during the Kick Off to Summer event. Free games and crafts were being offered as a drop-in at Kinsmen Park, June 26. From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. arts and crafts were being offered. There was ice cream paintings, rock decorating, and cool ray sun glasses to decorate. There were outside games such as spike ball, snakes and ladders, water balloon toss, bubbles blowing, music playing, and some snow-cones added in, to make it a fun time for everyone. photo Deanna Mitchener.

# Annual Summer Fishing Contest

Gerald Soroka  
MP Yellowhead



## Conservative Hunting and Angling Caucus' 2024 Annual Summer Fishing Contest

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is excited to announce the launch of this year's Annual Summer Fishing Contest, starting on July 2nd, 2024, and running until September 2nd, 2024. This contest is a fantastic opportunity for fishing enthusiasts to showcase their skills and win incredible prizes.

Participants are invited to use a fishing lure provided by MP Soroka's office. To enter, anglers must catch a fish using the lure, take a photo of their catch with the lure and the MP's name visible, and email the photo to [cphuntingandangling@outlook.com](mailto:cphuntingandangling@outlook.com). Please include your name, province, age demographic, and a short story about your fishing experience. Selected stories and photos will be shared with the community.



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## GNS: Good News Story

Rock Tour 2024 was an incredible success, bringing together 30 talented students from GYPSD's Harry Collinge High School in Hinton and Grand Trunk High School in Evansburg, and Thorhild Central School from Aspen View Public Schools. Over the course of three days, these students embarked on a six-show rock and roll tour, performing at schools in Hinton, Jasper, and Grande Cache.

The students also had a public performance at The Venue in Hinton, drawing a fantastic crowd and showcasing the students' hard work and dedication.

The tour provided a unique learning experience, immersing students in the realities of touring life. They honed their skills in setting up and taking down light and sound systems, while learning the intricacies of live performance. Traveling hundreds of kilometres together, they forged strong bonds and developed a deeper understanding of teamwork and collaboration.

Unlike many school activities that focus on competition, this tour emphasized team-building and unity. Students from different schools worked together, supporting each other both on and off the stage. The camaraderie and shared experiences made this tour truly special, leaving lasting memories and friendships. Overall, the tour was an unforgettable journey that highlighted the power of music to bring people together and foster a sense of community.

One Vision One Team One Goal

# Edson's Farmer's Market President marks 50th Anniversary of "Sunnygirl"

by Dana McArthur

With the 50 year celebration of Alberta's approved Farmers' Market program, the "Sunnygirl" symbol has been the official logo since 1974 helping consumers identify approved farmers' markets.

Laurel Casavant, President, Edson Farmer's Market, says, "It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Alberta Farmer's Market on its 50th anniversary. This milestone is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and entrepreneurship of our vibrant community of farmers, artisans, and vendors."

There are more than 145 Alberta approved farmers' markets serving over 110 communities across the province.

"The Farmer's Market is not just a place to buy and sell goods, but a hub of community support and unity. It is where neighbours come together to support one another, to celebrate our local economy, and to showcase the amazing talents and products of our vendors. The sense of camaraderie and pride that comes from being a part of such a dynamic and thriving market is truly unparalleled," says Casavant.

Through the Alberta Approved Farmers' Market Program, the province helps ensure market managers and vendors have the information they need to be successful in their roles and keep its visitors safe.

"As we continue to navigate through challenging times, the Farmer's Market stands as a beacon of resilience and strength, a testament to the power of community support and unity," Casavant adds. "I am continuously inspired by the unwavering dedication and passion of our vendors, who work tirelessly to bring high-quality, locally-sourced products to our community."

"Here's to another 50 years of success, growth, and community spirit. The Edson Farmer's Market is proud to be a part of the Alberta Farmer's Market family, and we look forward to many more years of collaboration, friendship, and shared success," concludes Casavant.

The Edson Farmer's Market runs from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm every Friday from April until December at The Royal Canadian Legion. Please visit [sunnygirl.ca](http://sunnygirl.ca) for more information.



The Farmers' Market is held at the Edson Royal Canadian Legion Branch #51 on Fridays throughout summer. There are always some great prices and treasures to be found. Photos by Deanna Mitchener



HRH Teacher Sandy Fedorak retired at the end of the school year. She taught for 32 years, 29 of which were in Edson at Vanier and HRH. Fedorak spent countless hours inspiring students in her English and Art classes. Her smile and motherly attitude will be missed by everyone. The school community wishes her all the best in her retirement. submitted

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BLUE RIDGE LUMBER INC.**  
Vegetation Management Program



Blue Ridge Lumber Inc., on approval from Alberta Forestry and Parks, will be conducting our vegetation management program on or after August 10, 2024, until September 10, 2024. Approximately 1200 hectares of harvested area will be treated with Vision Max via aerial or ground operations. The purpose of the chemical treatments is to manage competing vegetation.

All treatment locations are listed in the following townships:

Legal Locations of planned Herbicide Treatments		
Township	Range	Meridian
69	9,10	5
67	9	5
66	8,9,10	5
65	10,11	5
64	8,10,16,17	5
63	9,10,11,16,24	5
62	9,15,16,17	5
61	10,11	5
60	11	5
59	19,20,21	5
58	19	5
57	18,19	5
56	17,18	5
51	12	5

Access to all areas will be posted with signs and all applications will be conducted in accordance with Alberta Forestry and Parks regulations. For more information regarding our Vegetation Management Program, please contact us by email at [brl-woodlands-tending@westfraser.com](mailto:brl-woodlands-tending@westfraser.com) or call 780-648-6266.

# Town of Edson's new Structure Protection Unit

The Town of Edson has a new piece of equipment in place to help protect the community in the event of a wildfire.

In 2023, the Edson Fire Department had budgeted for a new Structure Protection Unit (SPU), and it has now been delivered and put into service. The unit consists of a number of pumps, sprinklers, hose, and other equipment that can be quickly deployed as a wildfire approaches.

“The new SPU will allow crews to quickly and efficiently set up sprinkler protection around the community to help protect homes in the event of an approaching wildfire. It's an

effective tool that can help reduce the impact of fire and embers and help prevent the loss of homes and other important infrastructure.” - Edson Fire Chief Brad Milton Town Council set aside \$250,000 for this project in the 2023 budget, and it was carried over to 2024 based on the manufacture and delivery times. The final cost for the SPU was approximately \$215,000.

“With the wildfire emergencies of 2023, and

the increasing fire behaviour in recent years, this project was a priority for Council as we move to increase Edson's emergency preparedness. Having this equipment on hand will give our fire crews the resources they need to act quickly to protect homes in our community.” -Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

Edson fire crews will be out testing the new equipment and conducting some practical Wildland Urban Interface training.



The Town of Edson's new Structural Protection Unit consists of pumps, sprinklers, hoses, and other equipment that can be quickly deployed to protect buildings and structures in the event of a spreading fire.

# Hungry Harry's Pizza and More Grand Opening

by Deanna Mitchener.

Hungry Harry's Pizza House and More celebrated their grand re-opening on July 6, from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m, then offering 50% off of everything on the menu to help kick things off.

Located at 4826 3rd Avenue, they had something for everyone to enjoy, offering free samples to showcase the expanded menu.

Guests could sample a variety of items such as mushroom caps, crispy cauliflower, three kinds of pizza, and options for gluten free diets. They also served up beef patties on a bun, as well, their star chef's Indian dish of butter chicken and rice. With so many choices, no one was leaving hungry.

The festivities included live entertainment and a car show along the street. The show offered a chance to see classic cars, antiques, muscle cars, hot rods, trucks, and an opportunity for enthusiasts to come together.

Harry, the owner, said, “I took over this business in July 2021. It is a family operation business, and I have been in Edson since I took over. Besides having top rated pizza, we now offer burgers, wraps, salads, poutine, milkshakes, and East Indian cuisine. We make everything fresh from scratch here in our restaurant.”

Their hours are Sunday to Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.

When asked how it has been opening up another business in Edson, Harry said, “It was difficult at first, but with support from our customers we did great each and every day.”

“We had around 200 people today. Then at least 500 orders with the 50% off all night. We have also introduced CarHop (car dine-in experience). We look forward to serving our customers,” said Harry.



There were many tasty treats to sample at Hungry Harry's and More on their July 6 reopening. photo Deanna Mitchener.



There were classic cars and more during the Grand Re-Opening of Hungry Harry's and More on July 6. Deanna Mitchener

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**Q:** What do you call a lazy baby kangaroo?  
**A:** A pouch potato!



The Weekly **ANCHOR**

# Farm & Field

## News and Views

### Dangers of blue-green algae when temperatures rise

Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) has been identified in the waters of Isle Lake, according to a notice on July 9. Lake users are advised to avoid all contact with cyanobacterial blooms. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.

Do not swim or wade or allow your pets to, in any areas where cyanobacteria is visible. Do not feed fish from this lake to your pets. Consider limiting human consumption of fish from the lake.

#### Dangers of blue-green algae in Agriculture

“Blue-green algae is actually cyanobacteria, and can produce toxins that can be dangerous,” says Shawn Elgert, agricultural water engineer with the Alberta government. “It can cause organ damage or even death if ingested by livestock or pets.”

“If you are trying to determine a cause of poisoning, there are other potential toxins on the farm that can also cause harm to cattle such as water hemlock or batteries. You may need to talk to a veterinarian for assistance in determining the cause.”

Elgert says the first and most important step is to identify the type of growth. “Blue-green algae can

look like blue-green scum, pea soup or grass clippings suspended in the water. You should start watching for it when the temperatures rise above 25°C.”

If blue-green algae is suspected in a dugout, it is best to be cautious, says Elgert. “You should contact a water specialist to diagnose the growth to determine if it is potentially a toxic growth. You should also remove your livestock from the water source in the interim and prevent them from accessing it. One rule of thumb is that if you can grab it as a solid mass in your hand, it is not blue-green algae.”

If blue-green algae is present, the dugout can be treated using a copper product registered for use in farm dugouts. “Once you treat it, consumption should be restricted for up to a month. The use of copper will break the cells open and release the toxins if present into the water all at once. It is important that cattle do not drink the water during this time so the toxins can degrade. You can follow up with aluminum sulfate and/or hydrated lime treatments afterwards to remove the nutrients from the water to prevent regrowth. Sometimes these coagulant treatments are better than a sole copper treatment.”

Elgert says there are also preventative measures that can be taken to try to avoid the problem. “Temperature is an important factor in the growth of blue-green algae, so a deeper dugout with

steeper slopes while avoiding slope deterioration would help make the dugout water cooler.”

Nutrients are required for growth of blue-green algae. “We have information on how to reduce nutrients from entering the dugout in our Quality Farm Dugouts manual. Buffer strips, grassed waterways, culvert controls and off-source watering systems are examples of how you can reduce nutrients.”

Dugouts should not be built in the waterway, as sediments can bring more nutrients into the dugout and depth can be lost quickly, adds Elgert.

“Aeration of the dugout can also help improve the water quality. A dye packet can also be thrown into the dugout to help prevent photosynthesis from occurring, thereby reducing the growth of blue-green algae. However, one action alone may not be enough to prevent growth.”

Elgert also notes that the wind can push the blue-green algae into highly concentrated pockets where the risk of harm is higher. “Since blue-green algae can rise or fall in the water column, inspection of the dugout should include peering into the deeper part of the water. Always be safe around the dugout by going along with another person and have a rope with a flotation device attached.”

For more information or assistance, contact an Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation water specialist at 310-FARM (3276).

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**Dale Drader**  
who died on June 4, 2024.

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