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Community Care's Spring Fling Fashion Show

by Niki Lumes

The Edson Community Care Foundation held their Annual Spring Fling Fashion Show on March 6. The event was held at the Edson Legion, with doors opening at 6pm. The Spring Fling Fashion Show functions as the main fundraiser for the year. Before March 6, they were already selling raffle tickets for three exceptional prizes to be awarded that night. "The raffle draw took place on the evening of the Spring Fling fashion show, adding to the excitement

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40 students from Parkland Composite High School and Holy Redeemer Junior Senior Catholic High School took part in the Let's Go Rural event, held by the Rural Health Professions Action Plan at the Edson Healthcare Centre on March 6 (see page 11). photo submitted

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Community Care's Spring Fling Fashion Show

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of the night," said Marsha Jensen, Community Care Foundation President.

In addition to the raffle, guests enjoyed a lively fashion show, with local fashions and models, a rousing live auction, and a silent auction, making for a dynamic fast-paced evening.

The Community Care Foundation focuses on enhancing healthcare options within Edson. This event serves not only as a fundraiser, but a way for the group to raise awareness. "Through our ticket sales, auction, and raffle the event brings the community together to raise funds for rural healthcare equipment and services while showcasing fashion and celebrating local businesses," said Jensen.

"We feel very fortunate to be fully supported by our community. We were about ten tickets short of a sold out event, as well as selling out of our raffle tickets before the end of the evening," added Jensen. The Foundation was especially proud to have several local doctors volunteer as models, while many other healthcare professionals attended and assisted throughout the evening. Despite their demanding schedules, their participation added to the event's energy and sense of community.

"Seeing them take part in the runway show highlighted the strong commitment to supporting rural healthcare. The Foundation extends immense gratitude to the many supporters who make these initiatives possible," Jensen said. The group also runs other events throughout the year. During Rural

Healthcare Week from May 26 to 31st, the Foundation will be hosting a Healthcare Hero BBQ as an appreciation to our healthcare workers.

"This is our fourth year in a row holding this event at the Edson Healthcare Centre, it is very well attended by on site healthcare staff, support staff, as well as community First Responders from Town of Edson and Yellowhead County, RCMP, Sheriffs, and Peace Officers. Secure Energy will be on site cooking up burgers and our Foundation volunteers come together to ensure all attendees feel welcome and appreciated," said Jensen.

If you are interested in learning more about the Community Care Foundation, their next annual general meeting will be on March 26, 7pm at the Edson Healthcare Centre. "We are always looking for volunteers, come out and see what we're all about," added Jensen.



Former hospital administrator Les Halliwell and his great grandson on the catwalk at the Community Care Foundation's Spring Fling Fashion Show Fundraiser. photo Three Tree Photography



The Community Care Foundation's Spring Fling Fashion Show Fundraiser took place on March 6. Dr. Robinson, a local physician, was modelling during the event. photo Three Tree Photography

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Edson Town Council receives YCE multiplex project update

by Niki Luymes

The Town of Edson Administration presented an update on the YCE multiplex project during the Committee Of The Whole meeting on March 11.

In April, 2024 the budget was officially approved with a total of \$80,240,000. In 2025 the Town of Edson allocated \$27,000,000 toward the project in the Capital Budget. This latest update provided new details on the plans for the parking lot, the official start date for early construction, and details on the tendering process.

The issues of parking have been fully explored by the Multiplex Project Committee. After much consultation the future parking plan for the Edson & District Leisure Centre site has been released. "The parking lot design creates a clear, organized structure, making it easy to navigate," said Doug Wagstaff, General Manager, Community and Protective Services.

A majority of the parking will be located along the northern side on the multiplex. Additionally, the plan is to convert the top four quarters of 48th Street into one-way angle parking. The overall parking design strives to guide users with a natural flow toward the additional parking stalls on the east side along 48 Street, and then to the ones on the south side as well.

Converting 48th Street into a one-

way with angle parking has several benefits. It is cost effective, it adds the stalls needed to support parking at the facility, and it provides visibility for pedestrians as there's only one lane of traffic to monitor. "When we did the engagement, both the public and the internal, the public was certainly clear that if we can limit cutting the tress and limit using the green space used by the community, that was the preferences. It is also very cost effective," said Wagstaff.

The full project mobilization is scheduled to commence on April 7, 2025. The initial phase of this mobilization will focus on preparing the space. This means fencing, tree removal, asphalt stripping and the development of temporary access into the facility during construction.

"It's exciting that we are getting to that point when we're going to beginning to see, as a community, the actual construction activity. It won't just be talk and drawings and plans. It will be actual activity," said Wagstaff.

There are plans to hold an official ground breaking ceremony later in the spring after more substantial work has begun.

The procurement schedule is progressing and is on track for completion in July 2025. The tender package for site services, tree removal, and site stripping has begun. "Its scopes were



Parking plan for the YCE multiplex project

intentionally segmented to encourage participation from local contractors, as evidenced by a well attended pre-bid walkthrough. Contractors interested in being considered for future bidding opportunities can submit their company name, contact information, and relevant qualifications to YCEMultiplex@clarkbuilders.com," added Wagstaff.

Councillor Ed Moore asked, "How will the current tariff issues affect our multiplex construction schedule and costs." Wagstaff responded, "That is a question that the project team is asking our consultants fairly regularly, as is the steering committee. Frankly, they don't have a strong answer for us at this point in time. Some of the things that they have done already is try to secure some of our pricing."

Councillor Peter Taylor asked, "With the parking and changing 48th Street to a one way, did you notify the GYPSD school division, and did they have any comments?"

"We did." Answered Wagstaff.

"We have been in contact with the transportation department at Grand Yellowhead and they were glad to hear that it will not impact routing for this school year."

Council accepted the update for information.



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École Westhaven School celebrates Bonhomme Carnaval

by Deanna Mitchener

École Westhaven School hosts a Bonhomme Carnaval every year. The event lasts for a full week.

Ms. Debra Boos, Principal of École Westhaven School, said, "The Bonhomme Carnaval is always timed to coincide with the Carnaval De Quebec, an annual French Canadian celebration held every year in Quebec."

The week-long event had something different and exciting happening each day. On February 24, was the Carnaval kick-off starting at their morning assembly. The history, traditions of Bonhomme were introduced. One song a day with Québécois traditional style music.

Throughout the week, Westhaven students participated in making crowns for the Winter Crown parade, playing outdoor winter games, building food castles with donations for the Food Bank, eating pancakes at their Pancake Breakfast on Thursday morning, eating maple taffy, and taking part in the Question of the Day activities. On February 25, students were even encouraged to wear a toque to school.

When asked why this event was important to the school and students, Principal Boos responded,

"It's important for the school and students, because almost half of our students are enrolled in French Immersion classes at Westhaven. It is a fun way for all our students to learn about French Canadian culture, history, music, and language."

"Games included tug-of-war, sliding, toboggan races, gunny sack races, a scavenger hunt, snow golf, mini-hockey and other fun relay races," said Boos. The weather was beautiful this year and participants had a great time.

"Grade 7 and 8 students from Pine Grove French Immersion Program volunteered to run the games for Westhaven students—they were great leaders. Parents served hot chocolate to everyone, donated by Tim Hortons. Bert Beaupre came and donated his time to serve-up the tire sure la neige (maple syrup in the snow), which was the most popular station," said Boos.

The other thing that students find most exciting is the appearance of Bonhomme. The origin of Bonhomme Carnaval dates back to 1954. A group of businessmen relaunched the carnival to promote the city's economic development. On January 9, 1955, Bonhomme made his first public appearance.

The mayor of Quebec City, Wilfrid Hamel, handed Bonhomme the keys to the city. This is where Bonhomme symbolized a living replica of a snowman. He wears a red toque and a traditional Québécois arrow sash. His name means "good man". He embodies the "joie de vivre" (exuberant enjoyment of life) a motto that is dear to Quebecers.

"This is why it is a very important part of learning at École Westhaven School, said Boos.



Volunteer, Bert Beaupre serves up tire sur la neige to grade 5 students, Aradhya Sehgal, Elena Dean, Sara Weeteringen, and Zoey Jolin at Westhaven's Bonhomme Carnaval.

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Community Event Feedback Survey

The Town of Edson is looking for your feedback on community events! Whether you've attended past events or have ideas for future programming, we want to hear from you.

This short survey will help us improve event planning, accessibility, and engagement opportunities to better serve our residents. Your input ensures that community events continue to reflect the interests and needs of Edson and the surrounding area.

Survey Closes March 21, 2025



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Want to be a member of the Edson Youth Council?

by Deanna Mitchener

You may wonder what Edson Youth Council is all about? To help you better understand this, we reached out to find out more about this group.

The Edson Youth Council consists of up to 12 youth. They work closely with two Town Councillors and have administrative support from a Community Development Coordinator.

The purpose of Youth Council is to provide youth with a platform to let their voices be heard and to have a positive impact. It provides youth with better opportunities to become connected and meaningfully involved in our community.

To become a member of Youth Council, members are required to attend monthly meetings, represent youth perspectives on issues at these meetings, volunteer at community events, and work with Town Council representatives to address youth needs in the community. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in council chambers at the town office.

Some benefits of getting involved with Youth Council include a \$500 bursary towards post-secondary education for every year of participation. As well, the opportunity to learn about local government and how it affects them, and the opportunity to make an impact in the community, while making Edson a better place for youth.

Any youth living or attending school in Edson between the ages of 13 and 18 are eligible to apply. Youth can fill out the application form at edson.ca/government/town-council/youth-council and have two people fill out reference forms. These can be emailed to dianai@edson.ca. Printed or written copies will also be accepted at the Town Office.

Now's the time to consider filling out those applications. The next term will be accepted between mid-April and September 19, 2025.

The term limit is one year and then youth must



Youth Council members seen here are Olivia Hemsley, Maya Dalueg, Lexa Neighbours, Christina Belcourt, Monica Villasor, Calleigh Martin, Hannah Preville, Daniel Palisoc, Emy Falardeau, Kaylee Strathern, Kwan Yun, and Nolan Taylor.

reapply for the next year or term.

Nolan Taylor with the Edson Youth Council says, "One of the key things we learn in the meetings, is how a formal meeting is run. We have a chair and minute taker, who is chosen at the end of the last meeting."

"We also learn lots about the community via the two Town Councillors who sit on the council with us (Councillor Taylor and Councillor Pasychny) along with our town staff member and facilitator (Mrs. Diana Inscho)," said Nolan.

"Every year we do a major project or two that involve issues that aren't just about the youth. For example, we are doing a "Dinner for the Less Fortunate" on April 19th at the Friendship Center and a pair of 50/50's at the Tradeshow for the Food Bank. After the recent uproar about youth being unemployed, we are also in the infancy stages of helping combat this issue," said Nolan.

"Even with all of this on our plates, we still find

time to volunteer around the town at events such as the Light Up and Canada Day, and places like the Food Bank and Long Term Care at the Hospital," Nolan explained.

Edson Town Council member Peter Taylor said, "Edson Town Council fully endorses the idea of the Youth Council as it allows a venue for Council to hear what youth think about main issues affecting our community. Each of these students are fully committed to make Edson a better place to live and they actively participate in the process to make this happen."

In 2024 the Town of Edson had 20 youth apply. Only 12 youth are recruited, so the decision making process was extremely difficult.

If this is something you as a youth would be interested in, or as a parent, if you think your son or daughter may be a good fit, let them know about this great opportunity and start planning now.

Edson Housing Strategy Let's Talk Housing!

Let's Talk Housing!

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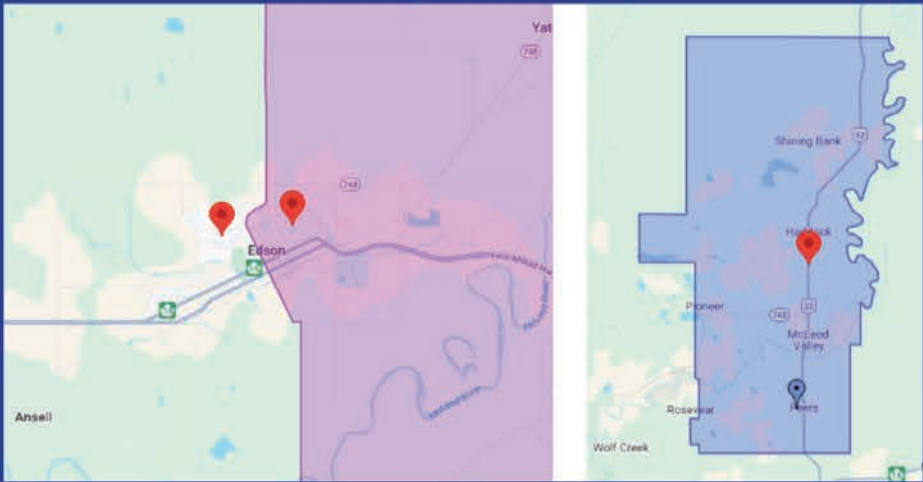


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Yellowhead County is accepting proposals from qualified engineering consultants to provide consulting engineering services for the geotechnical investigations and repair options for Rge Rd 183 and Rge Rd 92. Submissions shall be submitted based on the Request for Proposal documents.

Electronic submissions titled: **RFP 2025-880: Geotechnical Assessment and Repair Options for Rge Rd 183 and Rge Rd 92**

Will be received until: **2:00 P.M. March 25, 2025**

Submitted via email to: **amalik@yhcounty.ca**

This is a "Request for Proposal". Potential consultants are therefore advised that Yellowhead County reserves the right to:

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4. Negotiate changes in the financial or operational content of the successful Proposal.

Consultants are also advised that their hourly rates, company name and final rating will be made public when presented to Council.

Electronic (PDF) copies of the Request for Proposal documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca and will be available on or after 9:00 a.m., March 4, 2025.

For further information, please contact Abid Malik, Manager of Engineering for Yellowhead County at amalik@yhcounty.ca



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Engineering Services for Reconstruction of Twp Rd 544 from Rge Rd 165 to Rge Rd 162

Yellowhead County is accepting proposals from qualified consultants to provide engineering services for the reconstruction of Twp Rd 544 from Rge Rd 165 to Rge Rd 162. Submissions shall be submitted based on the Request for Proposal documents.

Electronic submissions titled: **RFP 2025-881: Engineering Services for Reconstruction of Twp Rd 544 from Rge Rd 165 to Rge Rd 162**

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Submitted via email to: **amalik@yhcounty.ca**

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Electronic (PDF) copies of the Request for Proposal documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca and will be available on or after 1:00 p.m., March 6, 2025.

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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D25-013	NW-6-53-17-W5 Ansell Area	Accessory Buildings (Wash House & Power/Water Distribution Building)	Feb 24/25	Permitted Use
D25-015	Plan 8720640 Blk 4, Lot 21A NW-10-50-27-W5 Brule	Short Term Accommodation	Feb 24/25	Mar 17/25
D25-009	Plan 9220810 Lot 1 SE-29-54-15-W5 North of Pinedale	One (1) Seasonal Short Term Accommodation - Discretionary	Feb 26/25	Mar 19/25
D25-010	NW-19-53-15-W5 Pinedale Estates Area	Accessory Building (Shop) & Existing Accessory Building (Pole Shed)	Feb 28/25	Permitted Use
D25-011	NW-7-53-10-W5 South of Chip Lake	Single Detached Dwelling & Change of Use from Existing Single Detached Dwelling to Accessory Building (Shop)	Mar 10/25	Permitted Use
D25-008	NW-10-53-15-W5 Sang Lake Area	Accessory Building (Pole Shed), Home Business Large (Trucking/Logging Equipment & Outdoor Storage) - Discretionary Use	Mar 11/25	Apr 1/25

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 days 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.



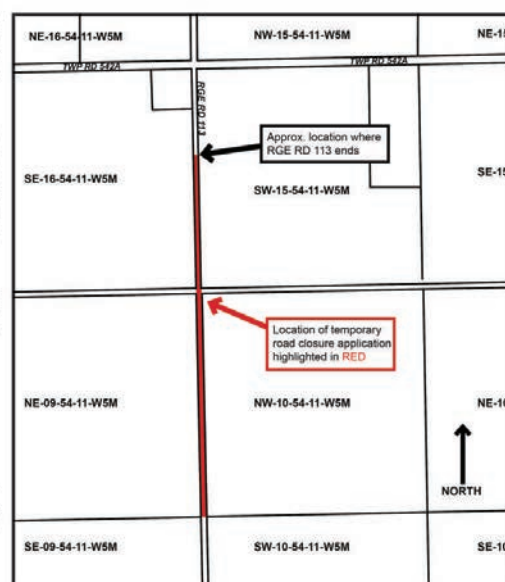
AGRICULTURAL ROAD CLOSURE

Yellowhead County has received a road closure application to temporarily close and fence an undeveloped road allowance for agricultural purposes.

The affected undeveloped road allowance is RGE RD 113 starting where the developed road ends between SE-16 and SW-15-54-11-W5M and extending southward between NE-09 and NW-10-54-11-W5M.

Any comments or concerns must be submitted by **March 31, 2025** to Yellowhead County by emailing planninginfo@yhcounty.ca

For more information contact Yellowhead County at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030, or email planninginfo@yhcounty.ca



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YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANTS
GRANT DEADLINE: March 31 (Reviewed Annually)

Community Hall Operational Grant

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating a community hall.

Outdoor Amenity Operational Grant

Registered non-profit groups are eligible for operational assistance if operating an outdoor amenity. Amenities include: playgrounds, ski trails, outdoor skating rinks, ball diamonds, soccer pitch, riding arena, hiking trails.

GRANT DEADLINES: QUARTERLY
March 31, June 15, September 30, December 31

Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Capital Assistance Grant

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital projects which could include renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility, new outdoor amenity, etc.

Recreation Program & Event Grant

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding up to \$2200 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community.

Recreation & Culture Initiatives Fund

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community.

Applications can be found at www.yhcounty.ca or picked up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. Please call Yellowhead County Parks and Recreation Supervisor for more information at 780-723-4800.



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Weed Inspector Position!

- **Weed Inspector** (Competition No. 25-006)
Responsible for performing weed and pest inspections on private and public lands in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act and County policies.

Gravel Checker Position!

- **Gravel Checker** (Competition No. 25-013)
Responsible for assisting in the administration and co-ordination of Yellowhead County's annual summer gravel programs on County maintained roads in accordance with County contracts.

Join the team at Yellowhead County!



Edson LEAP's Touch-A-Truck fundraiser event

by Deanna Mitchener

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 27, for Edson LEAP's 4th annual Touch-A-Truck event that will be taking place.

The Edson LEAP Society is a registered non-profit society that started in 2020 with the mission to support families raising children with diverse needs.

LEAP has worked to fill a significant gap in Edson and the surrounding area, with the aim to support families with children exhibiting developmental needs.

Anna Vander Haeghe BScOT, Paediatric Occupational Therapist and Director of the Edson LEAP Centre, says, "LEAP's name is an acronym for the belief that all children and youth, no matter their ability, have a right to Learning opportunities, Enriched environments, Access to the community, and Programs."

"LEAP is completely funded by donations and grants and overseen by a passionate volunteer board. Some of its most utilized services include small respite groups for children, caregiver or agency consultation, and Jumpstart supported/adapted physical activity programs," says Anne.

You can check out Edson Tumbler's Gymnastics, Kore Konditioning, and Elevation Studio for Jumpstart supported gymnastics, jump fitness classes, and aerial yoga. "A shout out to these organizations for engaging in extra training and putting programs together for children of all abilities to enjoy," Anne says.

"We have been receiving an increasing number of inquires over the past few months and there may be less opportunity for families with young children to access services specifically for early

intervention through Alberta Health Services. The wait-lists for supports through Family Services for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) are growing," explains Anne.

If families have questions or concerns about their child or youth, they are welcome to contact LEAP for a consultation. During the consultation, developmental advice, local services, and referrals are often provided to the family.

"Fundraising events occur during the year that are important to our operations. We have just completed our yearly fundraiser through West

Coast Seeds and are looking forward to the annual Touch-A-Truck event," Anne says. This event has been held at the Parkland High School parking lot. Local businesses' and municipalities with large or unique vehicles and equipment can display them for the public to sit in and explore.

To contact LEAP please email info@edsonleapcentre.com or contact Anna at 780-723-1295.

Vander Haeghe said, "We want to express our sincere gratitude to our community and their tremendous support over the past four years."



The Holy Redeemer JV Boys basketball team ended their 2025 season in style winning the silver medal at the Zone Championship in Westlock on March 8th. The Rebels squad won their first two games of the weekend tournament to advance to the final, but after a spirited contest they came up short and won the silver medal, "This team has worked incredibly hard all season long," says Athletics Director Sean Murray. "Knowing these students are only in grade 10 speaks to the bright future our senior basketball program has at HRH."



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Alberta

Let’s Go Rural event allows students to explore Health Care careers

by Niki Luymes

Local students had a unique chance to learn from real medical professionals as part of the Rural Health Professions Action Plan's (RhPAP) Let’s Go Rural event on March 6.

The event was organized by the RhPAP in collaboration with the Town of Edson, the Edson Healthcare Centre, and local health professionals.

The program was geared for high school students from Parkland Composite High School and Holy Redeemer Junior Senior Catholic High School. Students attended the Edson Healthcare Centre for the full school day to learn about the medical system. There were 40 students in attendance which was the allowable maximum.

When the students arrived they got to tour the Healthcare Centre and take part in several skills stations. There they had the opportunity to learn the basics of suturing, neonatal PPV, maternal blood pressure and fetal heart rate, continuing care, and airways management. Each session was run by a practicing medical professional.

"These interactive sessions allow students to gain practical insights into common healthcare activities such as taking vital signs, performing basic medical procedures, and understanding the tools and techniques used in daily patient care," an RhPAP release stated.

In addition to the skills stations, students engage in meaningful conversations with rural health professionals, learning firsthand about the benefits and challenges of practicing in a rural setting. These discussions provided valuable perspectives on the importance of rural healthcare, the impact of close-knit community relationships, and the rewarding nature of serving

in underserved areas.

Research conducted by RhPAP showed that of the 547 rural Alberta healthcare providers they questioned, 67% completed high school in a rural community. Of these respondents 34% work in the same community where they completed high school.

The event also serves to support the recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals in rural Alberta.

RhPAP is an initiative that aims to enhance the quality of healthcare in rural communities across

Alberta. Their focus is to collaborate with rural communities, healthcare professionals, educational institutions, and government bodies to address healthcare workforce challenges and improve access to healthcare services in rural areas.

By offering students in rural Alberta a chance to explore healthcare careers, they may make decisions about their post-secondary education with the hope that they choose rural practice in the future.



Students from Parkland and Holy Redeemer schools doing some hands-on learning at the Edson Healthcare Centre on March 6. The opportunity was provided by the Rural Health Professions Action Plan's 'Let's Go Rural' event. photo submitted

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Alberta

Local yoga instructor teaches focus on mind and body

by Deanna Mitchener

Renae Ilnicki is a trained yoga instructor who runs classes in the Yellowhead County and Edson area.

There are different types of yoga and one that might be just right for you. There is even a sleep yoga formally known as Yoga Nidra.

“Sleep yoga is a still practice for the nervous system where the practitioner guides you to a state of complete physical, mental, and emotional relaxation. One doesn't fall asleep, but you are at the state just before sleep. It's a state of conscious relaxation. When you are in this state your body can heal,” said Ilnicki.

“Yoga Nidra comes from two Sanskrit words; yoga meaning union or one-pointed awareness and nidra meaning sleep.”

Ilnicki became certified in 2020 and began teaching in January of 2021. “I teach slower, mindful yoga where you can focus on mind and body connection, so you get the most out of your practice by customizing the poses so you can meet yourself where you are at.”

“I teach classes for Yellowhead County Recreation at the Marlboro Hall and Paddleboard

Yoga in the summer. I also teach classes at Edson Yoga Collective, and donation based classes at the Edson and District Public Library. I don't have a regular schedule as I teach around my regular day job,” Ilnicki said.

“Yoga means union —where we practice the union of mind and body. It is a well rounded practice and there are many different styles and benefits. Yoga isn't just a physical practice. It is also a practice to help self-regulate in every day life situations. This is accomplished by practicing being in the present moment, breath work, and practicing stillness,” said Ilnicki.

“Yes, it is also great for stretching muscles and connective tissue. Yoga is great for building balance, strength, flexibility, and mobility. It can be great for anyone and any age. Even if you are recovering from injury —with your doctor's permission of course.

Ilnicki is offering yoga classes at the Marlboro Hall every Sunday for the month of March from 7-8pm. You can sign up for multiple classes or for one, and see if yoga is for you. Contact the Yellowhead County office to register 780-723-4800.



Mary Bergeron Elementary School is proud to be the home of Kindness Warriors, with each class taking on special projects designed to spread kindness in the community. Every so often a student goes above and beyond, earning the Kindness Warrior Award. On March 3, Mr. Reynolds presented this prestigious award to a remarkable kindergarten student, “Sloane is a constant source of positivity, always lifting up her friends and everyone she meets. Spreading joy, kindness, and happiness comes naturally to her.” photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener



A fundraiser for the Edson Dance Academy was held on March 8, at the Edson Royal Canadian Legion. The Roaring Twenties theme made for a great night to dress up and have some fun. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener



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Deepening Our Understanding of Indigenous Culture

GYPSD - Good News Story

The Grande Yellowhead Public School Divison (GYPSD) Indigenous Pathways Lead Leachers came together for an inspiring day of learning, reflection, and cultural appreciation. Teachers were honoured to welcome Knowledge Keeper Jason Bigcharles who shared personal stories that resonated deeply with all. Jason is a proud Métis from the Métis Settlement of East Prairie; his family is also deeply rooted in Cree cultural practice and spiritualism.

Jason's wisdom and insight enriched the group's understanding of Indigenous histories, cultures, and traditions. He shared the importance of passing on knowledge to future generations. Participants had the unique opportunity to engage in meaningful protocols and explore the Four Directions by hand-making Wepinason - a sacred offering to use in connecting with Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

Lead teachers are incredibly grateful for this experience and excited to continue learning from Jason at the GYPSD Annual Indigenous Education Event which is scheduled for April 14 and 15, 2025, in Jasper, AB. Jason is also one of the keynote speakers at the upcoming 2025 CASS First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Gathering.



Marion Hinks with Edson Eagle's Hockey team's Mascot on March 7. Eagle's players volunteer throughout the community like at the Legion meat draws, setting up tables and chairs for Remembrance Day, going to schools to read to kids and skate with them at the arena, help out at Scope and McMan, and more. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

~ Obituary ~

Jane (Jean) Jessie Haney

May 15, 1936 - March 3, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of 88-year-old Jane (Jean) Jessie Haney.

She passed away peacefully in the Edson Healthcare Centre on the evening of March 3, 2025.

Jean was born in Dinant, Alberta on May 15, 1936 to Jean & Melville Cornelius. She was raised around the Camrose area eventually settling in Edson in her adolescent years.

She met her first husband, George Maggs in Edson ultimately marrying him in 1956. Together they had four children: Doug, Audrey, Darrell, and Sheila. The couple eventually parted ways after many years.

Jean was remarried in the summer of 2004 to Larry Haney. Following Larry's death she moved into Heritage Court and then The Parkland Lodge.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Larry Haney; parents, Jean & Melville Cornelius; siblings, Margie Stevens & Robert Cornelius; and son Douglas Maggs.

She is lovingly remembered and survived by her children: daughter Audrey Maggs of Edmonton; son Darrell (Sue) Maggs of Calgary; and daughter Sheila (Rick) Gagne of Rosalind; as well as, grandchildren Stacy, Michael, Taryn, Riley, Jesse, Kara, and their families.

She will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Jean's Life will be held at the Edson Mennonite Church at 1:00 PM on Wednesday March 19, 2025.



Weyerhaeuser Company Limited

Pembina Timberlands Public Input Opportunity for Weyerhaeuser's Proposal to Use Herbicides 2025

What: Pre and Post harvest application of Triclopyr herbicide (for up to 250 ha), and Post harvest application of Imazapyr (for up to 200 ha) within conifer plantations to control grass and other competing vegetation

Where: Various locations within the following Townships:

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Twp. 42 Range 14 W5M
Twp. 43 Ranges 12, 13, 14, & 15 W5M
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Twp. 47 Range 9 W5M
Twp. 49 Range 16 W5M
Twp. 50 Range 16 W5M
Twp. 51 Range 19 W5M
Twp. 53 Range 21 W5M

When: July to September, 2025

How: Application of Triclopyr/GARLON™ XRT will be using aerial and ground application.
Application of Imazapyr/ARSENAL® will be by aerial or ground application.

Open Houses will be held on:

- April 7th, 2025 from 5-8 pm
at the Canalta Hotel, Rocky Mountain House.
- April 8th, 2025 from 5-8 pm
at the Best Western, Drayton Valley.
- April 9th, 2025 from 5-8 pm
at the Repsol Place Recreation Center, Edson.

Should you have any questions or wish to provide input to the above mentioned project, please attend the information session or contact:

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Alberta's Coronation newspaper closes after 114 years

Killing blows were government's switch to U.S. social media advertising and CP's monopolistic changes to flyer distribution

Former AUNA and CCNA publisher Joyce Webster has made the painful decision

to close the 114 year old ECA Review (formerly Coronation Review), a newspaper she has been with for 45 years and published for the last 40 of them. The last issue will hit the press on March 27.

"This means east central Alberta will be a 'news desert' and democracies suffer in deserts!" stated Webster.

Among the killing blows for the Review were Canada Post's decision in 2024 to not permit 'advertising flyers' into her total market coverage newspaper, effectively removing \$24,000 annually from the Review's bottom line, and the federal government's switch to social media advertising 12 years ago.

There is no doubt that Canada Post is engaging in monopolistic behaviour that has damaged Canadian newspapers' ability to compete for flyers. "Like advertisements on the pages of a newspaper, commercial inserts pay for the news content our journalists produce. This abrupt U-turn from Canada Post's long-standing policy was made without proper stakeholder consultation or economic/social impact analysis," stated Paul Deegan, president and CEO of News Media Canada. "Clearly, community newspapers with commercial inserts are not 'junk mail'."

Lisa Sygutek, the owner and publisher of the Crowsnest Pass Herald stated in her column that was reprinted by the Toronto Star, "As a proud second-generation Canadian and publisher of an independent community newspaper, I watch Donald Trump's continued attacks on our country with horror and haunted by a question: How can we protect ourselves when Trump associates such as Elon Musk and a coterie of tech CEOs enjoy increasing power over how Canadians communicate?"

"From being champions of free speech, these 'broligarchs' have reshaped our information environment, squeezing the life out of Canadian media and amplifying extremist voices while suppressing reliable, fact-based information," Sygutek stated.

"The federal government's recent decision to overturn its advertising ban on Meta's platforms is a failure of leadership that sends the wrong message at a time when Canadians are eager to support the home team. Instead of following Premier Doug Ford's example and redirecting more



From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

ad dollars to local media, the feds have doubled down on buying ad space from a company that

—censored vital information during devastating wildfires and that suppressed users' political expression without their knowledge," Sygutek added.

New Liberal leader Mark Carney has yet to speak on these issues. Promisingly, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre has said that he would redirect a share of government advertising to local, independent media.

"Canada's sovereignty depends on policymakers understanding that the online world is a free-market failure. The decentralized and dynamic internet of the 1990s has been replaced by the tech giants' inescapable walled gardens. Never have we been more in thrall to foreign interests over our means of communication and information-seeking. We must make no mistake: they are willing to use their enormous power in service of Trump and his attacks on our sovereignty," Sygutek stated. "No matter its political stripe, the next federal government must put Canada first, using all available tools to rein in the tech giants."

The federal, provincial, and local governments must stop subsidizing these foreign monopolies through paid advertising to distribute public information. In Canada's national interest, there should no more paid posts on X or Meta platforms.

According to a Totum Research study for New Media Canada, when it comes to their preferred medium to receive information about government programs and initiatives, more than half (58%) of respondents cited newspapers/news sites, while only 17% chose Facebook/Instagram.

Bear in mind also, that when Meta banned all Canadian news media sites, it was the only one left to control the message.

No country can claim to be free and independent without its own free and independent press. If the next Prime Minister seriously plans to support an independent Canada, their government should commit to utilizing its own local independent media.

"It's the communities without a newspaper, that I grieve for," stated Webster.

PS: Wouldn't it be nice to post this column to Meta's 'social media'? Oh, right, we can't as we have been banned along with the rest of the real Canadian Media.

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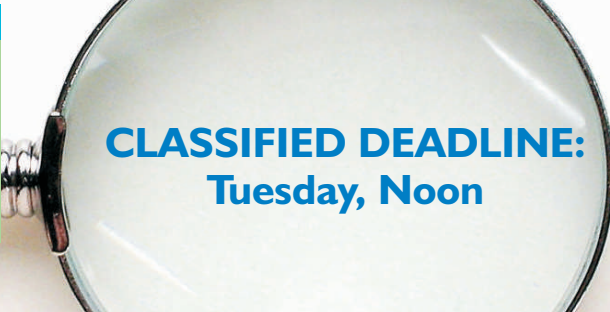
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March 20: Mens Shed 6:00-7:30pm A space by Men for Men Dinner provided free to attend Pre registration is preferred but drop ins welcome. Location Edson Fire Hall

March 27: 3D Printing Workshop ages 11-17 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Edson and District Library register at www.edson.ca/yia

March 28: Youth Interagency Presents Henna & Crafts 1:00pm-3:00pm ages 11-17 at The Griffiths Park. Register now at www.edson.ca/yia

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

Feb 13 to 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.

April 2: Family Wellness Day. In Peers Baking crafts and exercising. Build your own sub for lunch register at yhcounty.ca/registration or call 780-723-4800

April 3: Family Wellness Day. In Evansburg Baking crafts and exercising. Build your own sub for lunch register at yhcounty.ca/registration or call 780-723-4800

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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Mrs. Bilawey's Grade 2 students from Mary Bergeron Elementary School got to enjoy a popcorn and pajamas party recently. MBE offers many extracurricular and fun activities to enhance social and leaning experiences. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

Approval of bridge replacement will resolve farmers and school buses having to detour

by Dana McArthur

During the March 11, Yellowhead County Council meeting, council discussed the replacement of a bridge just north of Yates (file 71009).

The tender was for the removal of the existing 24.4 m steel pony truss bridge, and construction of a new three-span SL-510 precast girder standard bridge with a modified substructure.

Three bids were received including: Formula Alberta Ltd. for \$3,093,515.00; Thompson Bros.(Constr.) LP for \$3,836,439.32; and Surespan Construction Ltd. for 4,315,880.82.

"Administration reviewed the tender submissions and concluded that Formula Alberta Ltd.'s tender meets the requirements of the tender documents. Formula has successfully completed similar projects in various jurisdictions in Alberta," stated Planning & Development Manager Cory Armfelt.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux said, "I just want to take this moment to say thank you to all of the residents that gave me a call expressing how important this bridge was to their daily commute. It brings me great pleasure to see this bridge reconstructed in 2025 if it passes today."

Councillor Shawn Berry asked if financing for the project came from the disaster services from the province. Mayor Wade Williams clarified

that the bridge was at its end of life and Administration added that \$2.5M of the restoration would be coming from provincial conditional grants.

Mayor Williams added, "I also received a lot of calls over the bridge. Farmers that have land on either side; for them to get around is quite a number of kilometres. It also messes with the bussing schedules for the young ones. It adds well over a half hour to a lot of their rides. This bridge does need to be replaced.

Council awarded Tender 2025-71009, Bridge Culvert Replacement and Other Work at Bridge File 71009 to Formula Alberta Ltd. in the amount of \$775,150.00.

During the same meeting, council discussed a Bridge Culvert replacement on Twp Rd 534 just south of Yates. Submitted bids included: Formula Alberta Ltd for \$775,150.00; and In-Line Contracting Ltd. for Option 1 - \$1,136,640.00 Option 2 - \$826,340.00.

It is expected 534 will be closed for three weeks from late July to early August this year, with advanced notice on more specific timelines to come.

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