

# **County moves ahead with fireguard plans**

Town council debates **Economic** Development Strategy and Action Plan...

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by Dana McArthur

county.

During the Yellowhead fires burned across Yellowhead times," stated Albert Bahri, of available resources. The County meeting on May 14, County in 2023 and over- General Manager of Protective Province of Alberta announced council discussed the feasibil- whelmed fire fighting forces. Services with the County. ity of fireguards at major Over 20 primary residences Yellowhead County Adminis- 2024. Yellowhead County with population centers around the were destroyed and tens of tration has begun to explore

thousands of residents evacu- protection in the form of fire "Multiple catastrophic forest ated. In some cases, multiple guards to help make the best use

a Fire Guard program in early

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## GRADS

Meet the HRH Grad Class of 2024!

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**GRADS:** Take pride in your achievements...



The Pioneer Seniors Cabin held a Mothers Day Tea on May 10 with a great turnout. Guests enjoyed ribbon sandwiches, pinwheels, and chicken apple sandwiches. They also had root beer floats and strawberry delight for dessert. Thanks went to the special volunteers who did an amazing job with the preparations and service. photo Deanna Mitchener



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# **County moves ahead with fireguard plans**

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the assistance of a consultant applied for the fire guard funding.

The County has received notice that their Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Community Fireguard Program funding request has received conditional approval. FRIAA now requires formalized support from Yellowhead County for the project to move forward.

The grant funding amount is conditionally approved for \$2,449,000. Yellowhead County will have to fund a 10 percent contingency and in-kind work from Protective Services.

There are many rural subdivisions and hamlets in the county. Administration and council would like to explore the feasibility of fireguards at major population centers around the county. Areas of concern are Evansburg, Brule, Cadomin, Jasper gate (Overlander), Peers, Niton, Robb, Marlboro, Wildwood.

A planning phase would be undertaken to prioritize each community including consultation with nearby residents, lease holders, and government agencies such as Forestry and Parks, Parks, Lands, Wildfire, and County municipal planners. The fireguards would be built on Yellowhead County owned or Crown Land, and would not include private properties.

Bahri added, "This will bring with it operational costs going forward. We as a municipality will need to maintain these, possibly through grazing leases. We don't know all the options yet, but we will need to make sure that these are kept to their original capacity so that they work."

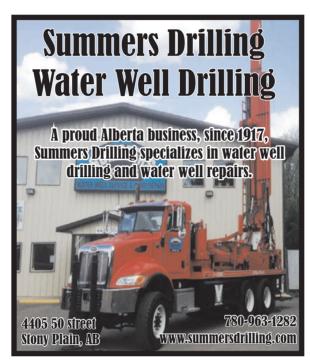
Following several questions from councillors, Yellowhead County Council voted to formally support the FRIAA Community Fireguard Program CFP-24-18 - Yellowhead County Fireguard Program 2024 in the amount of \$2,449,000.00

#### 2024 Final Budget

During the meeting, council adopted the 2024

Final Budget. The Interim Budget was accepted on Non-Residential Assessment has experienced a December 19, 2023 and that budget went into effect on January 1, 2024. Since the adoption of the Interim Budget the remaining pieces of information that are required for completion of the 2024 Final Budget have been received. These included the property assessment, the requisitions for school taxes, Senior's Foundation and the designated Industrial property assessment and included final amounts for tenders and price quotes.

The overall assessment increased from \$10.9 billion to \$11.4 billion versus the 2023 budget: this equates to \$2.9 million in additional revenue from taxation. As a result of the overall assessment increase the municipal mill rate for the 2024 is 0%. Residential Assessment will change approximately 1.30% as a result of inflation and growth, while



5.92% change.

Council for Yellowhead County voted to adopt the 2024 Final Budget in the amount of \$238,735,199 as presented. This option will provide final approval and will allow the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw to be presented. The final budget can be viewed on the County website at yhcounty.ca.



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# Go Bags donated to Edson Continuing Care



Manager of Continuing Care, Allison Roth, with Bill Fowler and his wife Yvette, who recently donated Go Bags for each of the residents.

#### by Deanna Mitchener

Manager Allison Roth with the Edson Continuing Care was pleased to accept a very generous donation of 'Go Bags' from Bill Fowler and his wife Yvette.

The \$1,500 donation was used to purchase the bags for the residents of Continuing Care, Edson through the Community Care Foundation Edson and District. They can be used in the event of a potential evacuation during fire season.

Bill said, "Last year my wife, a resident of the Continuing Care facility here in Edson, was evacuated to Jasper during the 2023 fire season. Yvette received such great care in Jasper and Edson during the evacuation. Her care is ongoing while residing in Continuing Care

Edson, so we wanted to give back to the amazing staff that helped make Yvette's transition much less stressful than it could have been."

Continuing Care Edson, with the generous help of Bill and Yvette, were able to purchase 80 bags --- one for each resident. Each Go Bag will have enough supplies to get them through the first few days should there be another emergency evacuation of any sort. This will ease the minds of the staff and families knowing their residents and loved ones will have the things they need, packed and ready to go, at a moments notice.

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# **Town council debates Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan**

by Niki Luymes

During Edson Town Council's Committee of the Whole meeting on May 14, council debated the Economic Development Strategy and action plan EDS). Over the past two years the Town contracted Deloitte Consulting in the creation of its first ever Economic Development Plan. Once approved by Council, the plan will provide a framework for the economic development of the area.

The EDS was created after multiple meetings with stakeholders including Council, local businesses, industry, community, and regional partners. The final strategy presented three different sections focusing on different areas for future growth including: 1-Supporting Local Businesses; 2-Creating a Regional Hub for Health and Recreation; and 3-Focusing on Laying the Groundwork for Investment Readiness.

On April 2, the proposed EDS was presented to Council for consideration. While Council generally supported the EDS, there was much discussion around section 2. This section included many items all focused on developing a strategy to "become a rural wellness hub for the region that supports complimentary wellness and recreation businesses". Some Councillors felt that this section was unnecessary, and hard to apply to Edson.

"Administration has taken this feedback into consideration and are providing Council with the following three recommendations to amend the section," explained Morgan Roberts, Economic Development Officer for the Town of Edson.

"Option 1: Leave the wording as previously presented in the original document; 'Develop a strategy to become a rural wellness hub for the region that supports complementary wellness and recreation businesses'. Administration agrees that the original wording of this section was not clear and failed to adequately build on what was heard

through the engagements and building upon the significant investments which have been made in the new hospital and which are being made in the current YCE project.

"Option 2: Re-word section 2.1.1. to better reflect and capture the opportunities that the Edson Health Care Centre (and surrounding lands) can provide and capture the excitement generated by the new YCE project by amending the wording to 'Leverage the YCE development and new healthcare centre to spur community economic development in Edson'.

"Option 3: Remove section 2.1.1., 'Develop a strategy to become a rural wellness hub for the region that supports complementary wellness and recreation businesses', from the document. This remains a viable option for the consideration of Council which would further focus the goals and objectives of the adopted Strategy."

Administration's recommendation was that the Economic Development Strategy be adopted with the inclusion of proposed Option 2.

Regarding Section 2, Councillor Peter Taylor said, "The recommendation you proposed is certainly better than what was there. But I'm still challenged by the things within it." Taylor went on to explain that he understands the idea of creating the health hub, but is not convinced that is something that could work for Edson. "I'm not sold that this is something that this council can do. We're an oil and gas town. And if we want to see economic development, then we need large economic development through that. And we need complimentary businesses to be attracted to that."

Councillor Krystal Cacka said, "I have struggled with that as well. But I'm also able to reflect on other communities that have introduced other new industries to their community. And this was one of methods that they did it. So I am trying to be open minded towards that." She also explained that if we want Edson to be attractive, then town beautification would be important. She asked

Roberts if beautification was laid out in any part of the EDS.

"I would say that while it may not be addressed at the top level here, quite a few of the topics do speak to that," replied Roberts, "Economic development is an interesting topic, because it's never done alone."

Mayor Kevin Zahara also voiced some of the challenges he had. "We are, already a regional hub for health and wellness. We have a ton of private businesses that provide different levels of service, and some just expanded recently. I think it's good if the municipality focuses on what we have already. So I'm challenged with welcoming more to compete, because we have a limited population base."

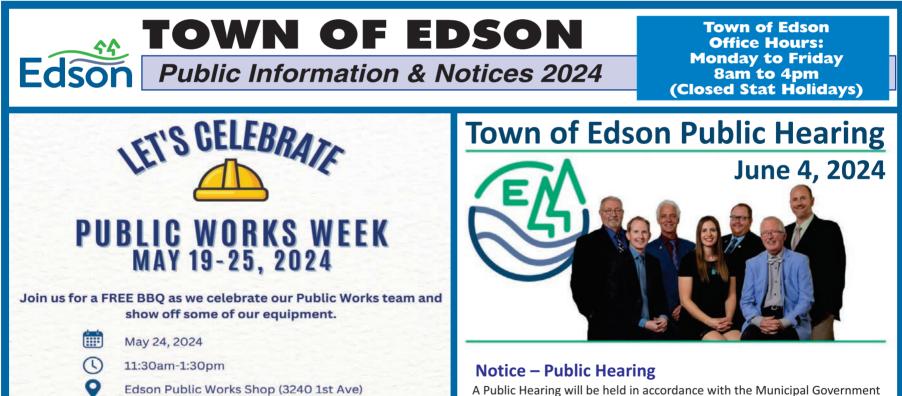
Mayor Zahara added, "In order to support existing businesses, in order to grow our population base, we need to be focused on industry. That's our strength. Let's try not to become the next Canmore; that's not who we are. When talking about becoming a hub for wellness and recreation, I really think that belongs with supporting our current local health and wellness amenities and helping promote that."

"I agree with what Mayor Zahara," added Councillor Chaka, "Investing in something we already are; there is value in that."

Councillor Greg Pasychny said, "Let's be honest, health is a socialized product in this country and this is not a private facility. We can't control anything to do with it, and we have zero influence or power on it. Let's be who we are. Let's be focus on industry and the supports to get people and families here to support those industries."

In conclusion, Council directed Administration to go with option 3 and removing section 2 from the EDS. However, they decided to redistribute the positive aspects of section 2 into the other sections.

Administration will bring the EDS back to council for final approval after reworking those aspects.





Our upcycled rain barrels will also be for sale at the event while supplies last. The Barrels are \$40 and specially made by our Public Works Crew! (Limit 2 per household)



A Public Hearing will be held in accordance with the Municipal Government Act on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Edson Town Council Chambers for the purpose of the following matter:

- Public Hearing Draft Land Use Bylaw #2296
- The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to cover the changes that were made to draft documents as a result of feedback received during the April 8th,2024, Public Hearing

A copy of the Draft Land Use Bylaw #2296 and supporting information can be found on the Town of Edson Website. If you wish to register to speak or submit a written statement, please email Amanda Vierboom, Legislative and Corporate Initiatives Coordinator, at legislativeservices@edson.ca. or call

780-728-5233. Written statements submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 28, 2024, will be included in the agenda package. Written statements received after this date will be presented at the meeting.

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# NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2070 as amended, can be found at <a href="https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications">https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications</a>. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or <a href="planning@edson.ca">planning@edson.ca</a>. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or <a href="planning@edson.ca">planning@edson.ca</a>. 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 21<sup>st</sup> day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website. On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 2070. On Discretionary Uses, all aspects of the proposed development may be challenged upon appeal. Written notice of appeal, accompanied by the appeal fee as established by Town Council, must be filed through the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7. Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.





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From the **Publisher's Desk** Dana McArthur lember Canadian Association of Journalists

continue learning. Just remember that your successes will

make mistakes

— and always

graduation day brings with it a roller coaster of emotions, and even more so, considering the realities this generation of students have faced.

As graduates, it will be part of your class's collective memory how the pandemic closed classrooms, and put a damper on many activities. But there are few grad classes that can claim to understand the lessons of resilience and change better than you.

As graduates celebrating this achievement, take heart that your perseverance paid off. It's now a time to reflect on successes, but more importantly, focus on you goals for the future.

As graduates, you are undoubtedly excited and nervous as you look forward to the beginning of a new chapter in your lives. Rest assured, there are even brighter and greater experiences ahead in life.

Take time to travel, fall in love,

come not only from your lessons in perseverance, but also from your kindness to others along the way. "Kids want to appear tough and independent. Adults want to appear kind and perfect. The wise are just kind," stated Maxime Lagacé.

Parents and teachers have done their best to shape your minds and fill your hearts. With pride they have followed your progress as you advanced from one grade to the next -each achievement, each milestone representing a step further in your journey to adulthood.

For parents, it's now time to take a step back and watch you shine. This is a time where the spotlight is definitely on you the graduates, as well it should be, you have accomplished much!

As you don suits and gowns, it will be tangible proof of a job well done. -Congratulations to the classes of 2024!

# Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of: May 6 to May 12, 2024

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The families, staff, and board of **Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School** would like to send a heartfelt thanks to the following individuals and businesses of Edson for their support and generous donations to our <u>2024 Live & Silent Auction Fundraiser</u> on April 20th. Together we raised over \$24,000 to support the school! If we have missed your name below, please accept our apologies.

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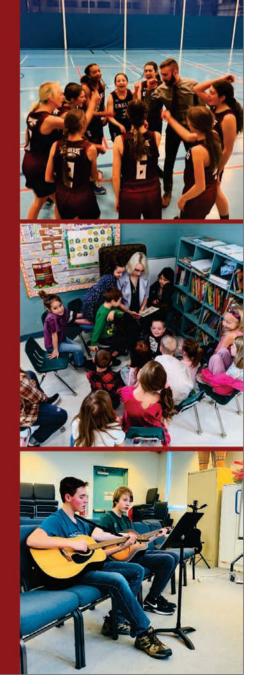
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# **Awareness and Allyship training in region**

by Deanna Mitchener

Amy Olson with Options HIV West Yellowhead is offering a new training program, Awareness and Allyship Positive Space Training, for any organization and business within all four regions, serving Edson, Hinton, Jasper, and Whitecourt.

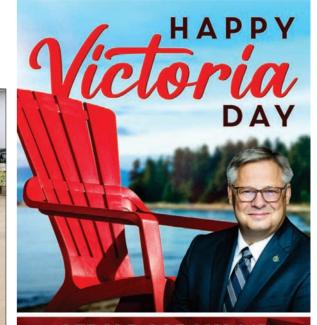
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Local venders finishing the last minute adjustments to their tables before the 11:00 a.m. bell to open the doors. The market is held every Friday at the Edson Royal Canadian Legion. photo Deanna Mitchener

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# <u>~ Obituary ~</u> Urban Paul Steffes Jr.

Urban Paul Steffes Jr. was born in Traverse City, Michigan in 1936 to Urban Paul Steffes Sr. and Helen Mileski. The eldest of five children, Paul exhibited an entrepreneurial spirit from a young age, with his first venture being "Paul and Chuck's Bait Shop" selling worms. After high school, he ventured towards the great Alaskan frontier, but only made it as far as Montana when his funds ran dry.

It was there he found work in the forestry

industry, where seasoned foresters encouraged him to pursue further education. Paul headed back to Ann Arbour, and earned a forestry degree from the University of Michigan before returning to work for the US Forest Service in Montana. It was on a frosty winter day in Missoula that he met Ann, the love of his life, as she waited for a bus. They married in autumn of 1962.

In 1966, their son Nick was born in Missoula, Montana. Shortly afterward, Paul relocated his family to Grande Prairie to serve in the Alberta Forest Service before settling in Edson, where Paul and Ann lived for the next 55 years. It was here their second son, Patrick, was born in 1969.

Leaving his government position behind, Paul started "Wolf Creek Oil Consultant Services", specializing in right-of-way timber assessment and forest management. However, his true passion lay in the art of the deal, buying and selling anything of value. He sold cross-country ski equipment from his home for many years and was a familiar face at auctions within a 200-mile radius. Paul's collection wasn't just varied; it was a treasure trove of the unexpected, revealing hundreds of items you never knew you needed until you explored his back room.

An avid sustenance hunter and fisherman, Paul cherished the quiet solitude of nature. He and Ann frequently camped in remote locations, typically 25 miles down a logging road, devoid of human presence but rich with secret fishing holes. While Ann enjoyed reading (with a firearm

# <u>~ Obituary ~</u> Leonard 'Len' Burt Kirkeby/

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Leonard "Len" Burt Kirkeby of Edson, Alberta, on May 10th, 2024, at the age of 70, at the Edson Health Care Centre, after a 7-year battel with Huntingtons.

Len was born in Drumheller, Alberta, on April 7th 1954. He was the second oldest of 10 kids. He spent his early years growing up in Drumheller until his family made the big move to Grande Cache, Alberta. Eventually he moved back to Drumheller as that is where he always



considered his home to be. At the age of 19 he enlisted in the Armed Forces and became a member of the military police for just over a year. When he returned to Drumheller he worked as a guard at the Drumheller Federal Penitentiary. During this time, he met the love of his life Alice (Pugh), whom, after a short courtship, he married on June 28th, 1975, in Drumheller. They spent 49 blissful years together. From this union they had three children, Dean, Brandy and Amy. Len eventually left the Penitentiary to begin his career as a Power Engineer operating for Gulf. In 1982 Len and his family transferred to Edson, Alberta, where Len built his family a new home that they lived in for 10 years until they moved onto their acreage. Len started working at the Hanlan Robb gas plant when they moved to Edson, where he eventually became a chief Operator and he worked there until he retired in 2013 at the age of 59.

When Len retired, he bought himself a new fishing boat. As an avid outdoorsman, holidays for Len usually meant camping, fishing and hunting with family and friends. Len enjoyed one last moose hunt with his son Dean and granddaughter Bailey in November of 2023. He was very excited about the trip and stated that he was going to hunt until he was 80! He was up every morning eager to go and they were successful in taking what they dubbed their "family" moose. Anyone who knew Len knew he was all about family.

conveniently located nearby in case of emergency), Dad would disappear into the woods with a fishing pole.

Paul's infectious smile and knack for storytelling were his strengths. Frugal yet generous, he was always ready to lend a hand, offering his skills instead of handouts. Paul was predeceased by his beloved wife Ann, his brothers Bill and Chuck, and his first child Sabina. He is survived by his sons, Pat (Joanne) and Nick, and three grandchildren.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the University of Alberta hospital surgery team, ICU, and unit 3E2 staff for their compassionate care during Paul's surgery and recovery. Immense thanks also to Dr. Joanne Robinson and the Edson Hospital staff for their empathy and attentive care in Paul's final days.

A service will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4803 6th Avenue, Edson, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Edson Community Care Foundation towards a new CT scanner for the Edson hospital, or offering a helping hand to a stranger or neighbour in Paul's memory.

"Blessed are the collectors, for they shall inherit the clutter. And Paul? He became a king among them." - Proverbs 18:11

Len was predeceased by his daughter Amy and granddaughter Rae in 2022, parents Jim and Joyce Kirkeby, brothers Dwayne, Brent and sister Dana. Len leaves to mourn his beloved wife Alice, son Dean (Clare) and their daughters Bryn, Bailey and Brooke; daughter Brandy Kozak (Lance) and their children Paige, Owen and Courtney Dubie (Austin) with great grandsons Emerson and Bryer; his son-in-law Denis Lapointe (Amy) with their son Ryan. He also leaves to mourn brothers Dale, Perry and Burke and sisters Lynn, Kim and Karen, many in-laws as well as many nieces and nephews.

Len will return to the valley of his birth and will be laid to rest in the Drumheller Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Huntington Society of Canada, 20 Erb St. W, Suite 801, Waterloo, ON N2L 1T2, info@huntingtonsociety.ca

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# Fun for the whole family at **Annual Medicine Lodge Rodeo**



A tight turn at the barrel during the 4Medicine Lodge Rodeo. photo by Shots N Turn

#### by Deanna Mitchener

The 43rd annual Medicine Lodge Rodeo was another huge success this year. The event brought in more campers than ever before and the stands were packed. The Mother's Day Weekend had plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy.

For the little cow pokes, Kelsey Anderson built an activity train in the playground to help entertain the little ones for hours. The locomotive was complete with a wooden smoke stack and ringing bell in the engine car. The train has been named the Medicine Lodge Express Passenger train. It was a huge hit with lots of kids.

Susan Longmore said, "The Kids Dance was loved by many of the children, who also enjoyed singing karaoke with Ron Pederson on Friday night. It definitely was a good idea to have the two separate dances. The Saturday night adults-only dance had many dancing partners on the floor all night with some karaoke singing as well."

"Two bikes were given to the rodeo by Owen Grimes, and Alton and Tammy Cooper. Squirrley Early had a sheep ribbon scramble for the kids on Saturday and Sunday and a bike was won each day. There was cash given to runner ups. There were 30 mutton busters over the weekend, each received a trophy and \$10," said Longmore.

"Northern Metalic Sales Edson donated a Husqvana weed-wacker, which was given to the mother with the hairiest legs once each year," said Longmore. again this year, always a fun event," added Longmore. "Gelmici Jewellers gave us many gifts to hand out too. Mel's Detailing Shop Ltd from Edson gave a gift certificate for a detailing of a car or truck. Ryan and Kathy Mohr had donated a beautiful basket for Mother's Day. There were lots of prices to be won.'

Hungry crowds attended the pancake breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday. "I had Melissa's Bouncy Castle Fun come again this year for the whole weekend with some different castles each day. Also, I had 'Marshall' from Paw Patrol walking around greeting everyone for a few hours on both Saturday and Sunday, for the little ones," said Longmore.

"Ernie Smith once again provided entertainment during intermissions. Ron Mayerthorpe AB and Dawson Pratt with a Pederson the Mullet Man was the time of 6:1 seconds entertainment for both Friday and Saturday night dances.'

"Mountainside Sales & Rentals had a few new horse trailers on site. Chrysler Dodge Jeep from Edson had some trucks on display too. Thanks to Centurion Canada Rentals & Services we had port-a-potties setup, and we had Starlink hook up at the rodeo grounds. Hats off to all our sponsors, AB with a time of 15:269 seconds

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#### **RESULTS:**

WRA Event Winners: Bareback - Denver Leitch, of Grimshaw AB with a score of 76. Denver will receive a Lifetime Membership to the Canadian Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Saddle Bronc - Barclay Miller of Bentley AB with a score of 71

Bull Riding - Mason Hamilton of Beaverlodge AB with a score of 72.5

Steer Wrestling - Brock Everett of 150 Mile House BC with a time of 15:3 seconds Tie Down Roping - Wyatt Branden of

Barrhead AB with a time of 9:6 seconds Ladies Barrels - Ashlyn Johnston of Ardrossan AB with a time of 14:955 seconds

Team Roping – Koby Ziemmer of

Novice Horse Riding - Quaide Skjonsbert of Blufton AB tied with Lonnie Dunn of Big River SK with a score of 70

Jr Bulls – Kane Scott of Condor AB with a score of 71.5

Jr Steer Riding - Rex Curtis of Donalda AB with a score of 61

Jr Barrels – Lena Kronschnabl of Thorsby

Jr Breakaway - Alex Roth of Sangudo AB with a time of 6:7 seconds

All Girls Event Winners:

Sr Pole Bending - Kaylee Cardinal of Keg River AB with a time of 23:0 seconds

Jr Pole Bending - Maggie Cartwright of Camrose County AB with a time of 21:8 seconds

Sr. Barrel Racing - Kaylee Cardinal of Keg River AB with a time of 15.51 seconds

Jr. Barrel Racing - Lexi Van Beek of Barrhead AB with a time of 15:96 seconds Sr Potato Race - Monica Kippers of Barrhead AB

Jr Potato Race - Temperance Verch of Hinton Alberta

Steer Undecorating -Brittany Mosicki of Warburg AB with a time of 19:1 seconds

Rescue Race - Brittany Mosicki Team Wheel Barrow Race - Erin O'Neil and

Alex Piercy Cow Riding - Keely Bowman of Edson

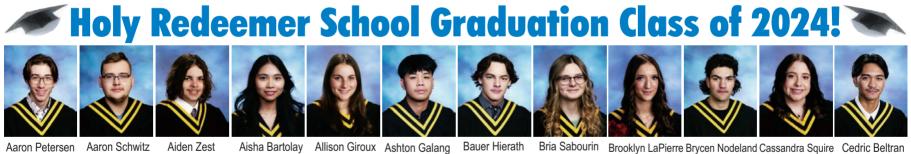
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Local Event Winners:

Calcutta Cow Riding - Kaci McCoy of Medicine Lodge AB

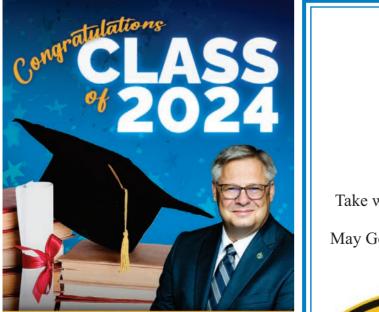
All 30 of our Mutton Bustin' contestants received a trophy and \$10.00. For a leather jacket and ladies Medicine Lodge

Rodeo jacket the winning bid was by Rodfather Inc \$26,000.00. With \$26,000 to be given to the Stollery Children's Hospital.



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