

# **Red Brick** 9th Annua

Camping out during Jasper wildfire evacuation...

by Niki Luymes

August 21, for the 9th Annual other activities. Red Brick Kids Carnival.

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From 1pm to 4pm, kids of all "It's an end of summer wrap up for the games, 1 for a craft, and

program coordinator with the activities and snacks were Red Brick. Each youth inside. The event was entirely free. received a bundle of tickets, 10

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There were seven different classic carnival games for kids to enjoy during the 9th Annual Red Brick Kids Carnival on August 21. photo Niki Luymes



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Win or lose, each youth received a prize each time they played a game at the Red Brick's 9th annual Kids Carnival on August 21. photo Niki Luymes

# **9th Annual Red Brick Kids Carnival**

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carnival style games set up for the kids to enjoy. This included lots of classics like ring toss, dart throwing, duck fishing, and basketball dunking. Kids received a small prize if they won a game, or a consolation candy if they lost. "So everyone wins. Everyone gets something at the end of the game. No one is going home empty handed," said Lee. The Red Brick was prepared to handle any weather by placing all the games under one tent set up in the yard.

Also outside was the Edson Recycle Depot trailer. They helped kids make their own bird house or bat box and gave away bags of popcorn. The Edson Fire Department also came out to take part in the fun. They brought one of their engines for tours and lots of handouts and swag for the kids.

Inside the Red Brick was a delightful selection of treats and activities. Kids could redeem their craft ticket for a small wooden object, such as a frame, sign, or statue. They could then bring it to the table

and decorate it however they wished.

There were also lots of other activities throughout the building. Downstairs had free balloon animals courtesy of Rachel the Balloon Lady. In the gift shop kids could enter a classic 'guess the amount of candy in the jar' game. Upstairs was free face painting, as well as short tours of the museum.

Kids got a chance to put in their guess in a classic

game of 'guess the amount' at the Red Brick's

9th Annual Kids Carnival.

photo Niki Luymes

This year the Red Brick prepared enough ticket packs for 400 people. That number was quickly met. If you included parents and younger kids, close to 600 people made their way through the carnival throughout the day.

"I think the main goal was for people to have fun and to just do something at the end of summer that maybe they haven't done in a while," said Lee. "People were here at 12:30pm ready for the games." The event is completely volunteer run and community supported. (See thank-you ad page 10)



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# **Camping out during Jasper wildfire evacuation**

by Deanna Mitchener

A lot of people enjoy camping during the summer, but it's not quite the same enjoyment when you are told to evacuate, with little notice.

During the Jasper wildfire evacuation the whole community needed to leave. Most headed towards B.C., and some made their way to Hinton and Edson, and other locations. Some had family or friends to stay with, while others didn't have a clue where they would go.

That is what happened to Steven and May Colbath when they were told they needed to evacuate from Jasper. The couple found welcome at the Lion's Campground in Edson.

Steven recalls, "We didn't get much notice at all to evacuate. I was at home and heard the fire was started by a lightning storm. It was about 1.5 hours later they issued an evacuation notice, it was really quick. Even though the fires weren't that close to town, it was the threat of the way the winds were blowing. It was very dry conditions; we all knew the condition of the forest. It was everyone's worst fear because of all that dryness. It was true that it was a really fast moving fire."

May added, "From all the Pine Beatles getting to so many trees in the area, it was so dry, they would just burst [into flames] with a huge explosion, and then it spread."

"We left Jasper July 22," said Steven. The [Lion's] campground attendants have been excellent with trying to help us. The first two nights we camped in a small tent. Rosie our cat hated the tent with a passion. We had a storm and she isn't used to being outside, so everything was a new experience for her. Our tent got a little flooded, and the campground caretaker's dad offered us his holiday trailer to stay in. We are very fortunate to have caring people reaching out to see how they can help."

"I was working at the General Store when we got the notice," May said. "My phone didn't receive the alert and my co-worker's didn't either. I didn't know what was happening. We noticed the town in such mayhem with people running through stop signs, others running out of gas stations. We were wondering what the heck was going on? Then we looked up at the sun, and it looked like a disc of blood red."

"When I got home at 8:00 p.m. my husband was backing-up our computer. I asked him what was going on? He said we got an alert, then about 20 minutes later my phone sent an alert finally. It was just an alert to get ready, nothing about an evacuation yet. In total we got five hours to get out of Jasper. Traffic wasn't moving, we were in gridlock. Traffic was just moving inch by inch and there were times we had to turn the car off as we weren't moving at all. We became the eighth car going out to the highway and everyone was being ordered to head to Valmont. Then all of a sudden Parks Canada people came up to our car and said to us "would you be interested in going east?" So we spent the first night in a parking lot in Hinton, arriving there around 3:30 a.m. we didn't get much sleep at all, trying to figure out what we should do," May said. "There was a Renaissance Fair



Steven and May Colbath along with their cat Rosie were evacuated from Jasper and took up residency at the Lion's Park Campground. photo Deanna Mitchener

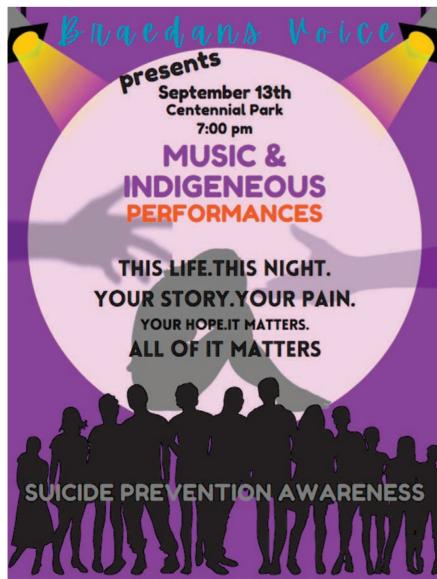
happening in Edson, and I had already called to make reservations at the Lion's Campground. We decided to call the campground and see if we could extend our stay for at least a week. Well, we never made it to the Renaissance Fair, as we weren't in a good head-space to be out doing anything other than worrying about things back home in Jasper," said May.

"A special thank you to Tyler and Jackie McIntyre, the caretakers at Lion's Campground, and the Lion's Club members as well. A lovely couple that made quilts to hand out to those affected by the evacuation and gave us one. A warm thank you to Warren McIntyre for lending us a holiday trailer to stay in for the remainder of our stay," May concluded.

The Jasper Recovery Task Force continues to support the development of interim housing options for displaced residents, essential workers, and other workers to help rebuild Jasper.

Those in need of immediate emergency financial assistance can contact the Income Support Emergency Contact Centre at 1-866-644-5135. The contact centre operates 24/7.





Tickets must be purchased within Alberta. 270,700 tickets are available at 1 or \$100, 3 for \$150, 9 for \$300, and 18 for \$450 Draws are September 24 (Early Bird) and October 15 (Final) at 3950, 12 St NE Calgary, AB. Licence #687957.







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# **Galloway hosts community Parking Lot Garage Sale**



A wide variety of items could be found at the Galloway Museum's Parking Lot Garage Sale on August 25. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

It was a large turnout at the RCMP Centennial Park parking lot in Edson, to take part in the Galloway Museum and Archive's first ever community Parking Lot Garage Sale. From noon to 5pm, people came peruse a large variety of items on the tables.

The garage sale started as a way for the Galloway to sell some of its unneeded items. "We had some things that we wanted to part with, and we decided that it would be nice to host a community garage sale that we could open up to the public. So, we opened it up to the community to come out and sell their treasures," said Cassie Kushniruk with the museum. Members of the community could rent a table for \$10 to sell their own items. There were approximately 20 different tables set up.

The Edson Food Bank also used this event as an opportunity to fundraise. At their table you could pay \$10 and fill a small bag of stuff, or \$20 for large bag. They were also accepting donations.

To complement the garage sale there were also some local food trucks and tables to enjoy a lunch, snacks, or some ice cream.

"A lot of people in Edson haven't been to the museum or they pass it every day and have never wondered what's inside. We had a lot of interest, which is great," said Kushniruk.



Natalie and Judy were working together to sell their treasures at the Galloway Museum Parking Lot Garage Sale on August 25. photo Niki Luymes

# Boob Tour Comedy Night supports local people fighting cancer

by Deanna Mitchener

The Boob Tour is an evening of comedy to raise money and awareness

storytelling and punch-lines, James makes observations on everyday situations that we can all relate to, while politely pointing out some of the cultural contradictions. eklyanchor.com

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## Carrot Creek 4-H Beef

Projects: Beef - Market Steer, Heifer, Cow/Calf & Cleavers (6-8 yrs. old)

Date: October 8, 2024, 7 p.m. Place: Green Grove Church, Niton, Ab Contact: Andrea Burns - 780-728-8006 Christina Bowman - 780-712-3554

Edson 4-H Multi Projects: Horse, Beef - Market Steer, Heifer, Cow/Calf Date: Sept 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Place: Edson Baptist Church, Edson, Ab Contact: Joyce Kelly - 780-693-2634 Knight Riders 4-H Multi Projects: Horse, Beef- Market Steer, Heifer, Cow/Calf, Outdoors, Cleavers (6-8 yrs old) Possibly Sheep, Poultry. Date: Sept 6, 6-8 pm Place: Peers Multiplex, Peers, Alberta Contact: Dee Dickson - 780-693-3911 Peers 4-H Multi Projects: Beef - Market Steer, Heifer, Cow/Calf, Cleavers (6-8 yrs. old) Date: Sept 25, 7:00 p.m. Place: Peers Multiplex, Peers, Ab Contact: Holly Fossheim - 780-712-5842 Bree Fossheim - 780-712-0723 For all other inquires please contact Darlene Becker 780-723-2683.

for those in and around our community with cancer.

On September 12, committee members with the Run of Hope will be hosting this event at the Edson Royal Canadian Legion. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. with the show starting at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each available at Diana's Pets & Trophies. You can also book a table of eight by calling Megan at 780-712-3265.

The last time the Boob Tour Comedy Night was in Edson, was back in 2019. All money raised from the event stays local and helps people fighting cancer.

James Uloth along with other comedians will surely have you laughing the night away. James has become the premier comedian for all events. Using a combination of Cancer is a scary word none of us like to hear, but it has touched the lives of many. Most of us either know someone with cancer or are fighting it ourselves. They say laughter is the best medicine, so let's all get some great medicine and join the Run of Hope for a fun night out and leave our worries behind.

Megan Brandle, one of the organizers, said, "The Legion will be running the bar and there will be snacks on the tables. There will also be a raffle table and 50/50, and a couple of items for silent auction. We encourage you to please bring cash. The evening usually wraps up around 10:30 or 11:00 p.m.



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# 8th Annual Medicine Lodge Fall Round Up

#### by Deanna Mitchener

The 8th Annual Medicine Lodge Fall Round Up is a sanctioned CPRA pro-rodeo event, bringing professional rodeo close to home. It will be held on September 7, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Medicine Lodge rodeo grounds.

Events to look forward to will be the saddle bronc, novice saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, ladies barrels, and team roping. This year they have added Jr. steer riding.

There will be mutton bustin' for the little cowpokes 6 & under to enter the day of the rodeo, with limited entries being taken (10). The mutton busters will receiver a trophy plus \$10. Also, the popular mini-chuckwagon races will be running after the pro-rodeo events, followed by entertainment by Ron Pederson, the Mullet Man, in the entertainment and concession area.

General Admission is \$10.00, Seniors \$5.00, 12 and under are free. Overnight Camping is available.

President, Kelsey Anderson, said, "John Duffy of Duffy Rodeo Stock had asked if we would consider holding a CPRA event to help him get a CPRA card for stock. With the rodeo schedules and with our September date being just before cutoff for CPRA held events prior to the Finals, we felt it was a perfect time. However, this is no longer applicable since the CFR Finals moved to Edmonton with a date of October 2-5. This makes our rodeo event after the CPRA cut-off date. So, Medicine Lodge Fall Round Up will count towards the 2025 season."

"Besides the family-loving rodeo, it also makes it possible to use our facilities for more than one rodeo event per year. We are able to bring a pure pro-rodeo exhibition to our backyard. Affordable pro-rodeo entertainment where everyone can come to see contestants that they might only have heard about or seen on TV," said Anderson.

"I would like to thank our fans for showing their support and coming out every year," said Anderson. "A big shout out to all our volunteers and sponsors who work so hard to help us. We appreciate everyone's support and hope they continue to support and enjoy our annual rodeos that lead up to the pro-rodeos."

# 'Start the Party' Kids Camp

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### by Deanna Mitchener

Summer is a great time for kids to attend a day camp. The week of August 19 to 23rd the Pentecostal Church held a camp called 'Start the Party' for ages four up to completion of grade five.

Pastor Heather said, "Each morning our camp started the day out with a large group session where I teach a short lesson, sing songs together, and watch a short video clip. Then we break into age groups. There is a small group time with activities and learning about our lesson of the day. We also have snack time, game time, and craft time. Then we close as a group all together at the end of the day."

When Pastor Heather was asked what inspires her about this camp, she said, "I love Kids Camp.



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kids come into our Camps are a great way church and walk out with for kids to discover new confidence and joy. It's a friendships, build highlight for us every confidence, work in year. On September 20, social skills, gain more our church along with independence, learn new three others are sponsorthings, and make lasting ing a youth event out at memories. Yellowhead Koinonia

To conclude the week the church held a family barbecue so siblings, parents, and grandparents could join in the fun.



The preschool room with Theresa Kvatum and Mackenzie Kvatum during Kids Camp at the Pentecostal Church on August 20. photo Deanna Mitchener

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# **Local youth fundraises for Stollery Children's Hospital**

#### by Deanna Mitchener

Who doesn't enjoy a refreshing cup of fresh lemonade on a nice day?

On August 22, during Kate's Kitchen free community meal, organizers also held a garage sale and Gabby's Big Heart fundraiser featuring lemonade and iced tea with donations going to the Stollery Children's Hospital.

This event marked their third barbecue of the summer, with free hot dogs, hamburgers, smokies, watermelon, chips, dessert squares, and beverages. Its always held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The next Kate's Kitchen will be on September 26. Kate's Kitchen is free, but they do welcome donations and support from the community for meal preparation and cleanup.

The garage sale was held in support of ongoing programs and community based missions. The lemonade stand was in support of Gabby's big heart fundraiser. 10 year old Gabby is a member of their congregation and they are supporting her mission this month.

Gabby said, "Today we are selling lemonade and iced tea to donate to the Stollery Children's Hospital. I've donated every year and over the years we have raised a total of \$100,050 through Gabby's Big Heart fundraising. We have an annual golf

tournament every September. This year it will be held on September 7. We have been doing the golf tournament for 10 years now."

When Gabby was asked why the Stollery Children's Hospital is important to her, she replied, "I was a Stollery Superstar Kid myself. I've had two heart surgeries for congenital heart defect. The first surgery I was only a few months old, then again when I was two years old. I'm 10 now and I haven't had any issues since then, other than I get tired a lot faster. But that's nothing to be afraid of, it just happens."

Kate's Kitchen is held at Saint Catherine's Anglican Church located at 617 50th Street. The joint Anglican/Lutheran parish in Edson runs a monthly community meal, known as Kate's Kitchen.

The community that gathers gets much more than a full tummy, they get to be part of a group of people who welcomes them and want them to be there. The meal is open to anyone who would like to come. Some attend due to financial need, some in search of friendship, but everyone enjoys the food and the fellowship.

Writer's note: That is a huge milestone for local fundraising for the Stollery Children's Hospital. Young Gabby, her family, and friends have been doing amazing work. Way to pay it forward!



Maya Deville (9) and Gabby Basaraba (10) spent their day fundraising for the Stollery Children's Hospital by selling lemonade. They have raised \$100,050 through Gabby's Big Heart Fundraising efforts. photo Deanna Mitchener



Ready, Set, Go! One of the first events of the day for the Youth Interagency Olympics was a classic race. The event took place at the Parkland/Pinegrove fields recently. photo Niki Luvmes



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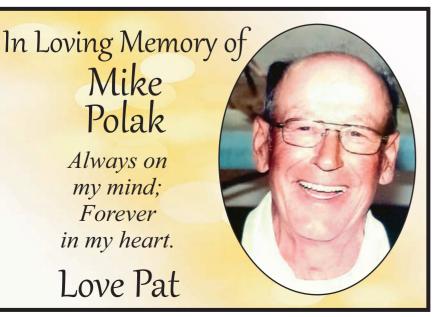
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# School and playground zones...

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The 30 km/h zone around schools and playgrounds is not a suggested limit -it's the law. These zones are in effect from 7:30am to 9pm every day, yearround.

Keep in mind that schools don't shutdown when the last bell rings. Kids regularly use school playgrounds outside school hours and often attend after-school programs in the evenings.

When hundreds of students and vehicles converge on school zones, traffic can be hazardous. This congestion can get even worse in bad weather when more parents are driving kids to school. You are not permitted to pass or attempt to pass another vehicle travelling in the same direction within a school zone, when the zone is in effect.

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We all need to get somewhere, but planning for a few extra minutes to slow down in school and playground zones, is a small price to pay to keep kids safe.

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# **Edson & District Public Library receives generous donation from Pembina Pipeline**

The Edson & District Public Library is thrilled to announce that it has received a \$10,000 grant from Pembina Pipeline Corporation in support of their Furniture Fundraising Drive.

"It is great to have the opportunity to support communities in our operating area" said Marty Anderson, Area Supervisor Alberta Mainline with Pembina Pipeline Corporation when he presented the donation to the library on July 24, 2024.

"This wonderful donation from Pembina Pipeline Corporation will be used to purchase lower and more accessible shelving for our book collection" said Robin Corser, Library Board Chair. The library is currently fundraising to replace the existing bookshelves with lower ones to provide an improved library experience for our patrons and better sight lines throughout the library for our staff.

"This \$10,000 donation moves us even closer to our \$250,000 goal to purchase shelving, equipment and furniture for the renovated library. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of Pembina Pipeline Corporation and so many others in our community we have now reached a fundraising total of \$155,000 to date," said Robin.

If anyone wants more information or would like to join Pembina Pipeline Corporation on the Library's Wall of Recognition, please contact Connie Hargreaves, Library Director at (780) 723-6691, chargreaves@edsonlibrary.ca.



Pembina Pipeline Corporation donated \$10,000 to the Edson & District Public Library renovation project. story and photo submitted

# **GYPSD** announces Interim Superintendent of Schools

Following a review of available candidates and in consultation with the College of Alberta School Superintendents' members, the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Dennis Parsons to the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools and CEO for the Division.

Commenting on the appointment, Board Chair Dale Karpluk said, "We are pleased to welcome Dr. Parsons to our leadership team. He brings a wealth of experience, ability, and a deep commitment to our mission of preparing students for a lifetime of success. With his Alberta based superintendent experience and thoughtful leadership, we are confident that he will support the Board during these challenging times and aid us as we search for a permanent superintendent in the coming months.

We are confident that his proven record of executive leadership with Fort McMurray Public Schools, Calgary Board of Education, and the University of Calgary will bring to our Division the steadying presence of one who has had a career marked by service with integrity, vision, a focus on community engagement, and communication."

Dr. Parsons is an innovative educational leader and enthusiastic about ensuring that all students have access to high quality learning opportunities. With over 40 years of experience in education, he has a proven record of leading successful initiatives that drive academic achievement and create opportunities for all students to thrive. He has served Alberta School Boards in senior leadership roles as well as on special contract. His work has involved school district leadership, leading teams across school operations, policy, school board governance, student support services, information technology services, and digital literacy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Education, a Master degree, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Calgary.

As the interim leader of GYPSD, Dr. Parsons is excited to work collaboratively with the Board of Trustees, staff, families, and community members to support their well-being and advance student achievement and success as expressed in the Division's Education Plan.

Grande Yellowhead stretches from Jasper National Park, east to Evansburg, and north to the Hamlet of Grande Cache. The jurisdiction includes seventeen schools with approximately 4,500 students, and 600 staff members.

"I am honoured to have been selected with the confidence of the Board of Trustees as the Division's Interim Superintendent," expressed Dr Parsons. "I look forward to collaborating with our entire school division to build on current successes, and continue to develop a culture of excellence grounded in our core values. I could not be more excited to begin this new chapter in such a wonderful and vibrant school district. Together, we will ensure that all students have access to an education that uplifts, and that gives them the knowledge, tools, and competencies to succeed in life. I am also looking ahead to collaborating closely with the community of Jasper at this time of need."

Dr. Parsons will step into the role on October 1, 2024, as Superintendent Dr. Carolyn Lewis leaves to pursue future opportunities. In the short term, he will serve as a special consultant to the Board of Trustees and get to know the Division. While serving in this role, Dr. Parsons and his wife, Joanne, will assume residence in Edson.



Dr. Dennis Parsons is appointed the GYPSD's Interim Superintendent of Schools and CEO for the Division.

The Board of Trustees extends its sincere gratitude to our Education Consultant, Mr. Brian Callaghan from the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta for his support during the recruitment process, having provided unique insights and valuable input. Mr. Callaghan served as an Alberta School Superintendent for 25 years and assisted schools boards for the past 12 years as a consultant. In the new school year, he will aid the Board in the permanent executive search process.





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

October 11: Yellowhead County FCSS invites you their 50th Anniversary Celebration. 1:00 PM to 4:00PM Evansburg Legion Hall. Snacks provided. Come and celebrate 50 years of FCSS in Yellowhead County with FCSS staff and board members, old and new.

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September 14: Community Sharing Table. Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Location: Galloway Station Museum 223-55th Street, Edson. In celebration of Alberta Culture Days, we invite you to share your culture with the community by preparing a family-favourite recipe that relates to your culture. If you are interested in contributing to this event, please reach out to us at 780-723-5696 or

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