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Breakfast Wrap





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Alberta Day and Wop May Celebrations

Indigenous Residential School Survivor Flag raised...

by Deanna Mitchener

Alberta Day and Wop May

from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

with an array of activities for the about Wop May Day. "Wilfrid Red Baron. That's a pretty big

whole family to enjoy, running 'Wop' May was a very famous fight to be a part of." bush pilot. He started out in the Town of Edson Community (RCAF) Royal Canadian Air [after] a police officer was shot in Day were celebrated on August Development Coordinator Diana Forces in the first World War. He Edmonton. He was hired by the 31 at the RCMP Centennial Park Inscho provided some history was a part of the fight with the Edmonton Police Service to fly a

"Wilfrid was hired in 1919

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Even the adults had fun in the Horse Hop race during the Alberta Day and Wop May Day celebrations on August 31 at the RCMP Centennial Park in







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Alberta Ice Lager 355 ml x 15 Cans



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355 ml x 12 Cans

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355 ml x 24 Cans

Prices in Effect September 9-15, 2024

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While quantities last. We reserve the right to limit quantities. Prices exclude GST & Deposit. Items may not be exactly as shown. Items may vary by store. All wine and spirit prices shown are for 750mL bottles, unless otherwise noted. Prices valid at Edson, AB locations only.

Alberta Day and Wop May Celebrations

continued from front

detective out to Edson, because the suspect had taken off by rail down the Coal Branch," detailed Inscho. "The closest they could get to the Coal Branch was Edson at that time." May landed on First Avenue. Detective Campbell, did apprehend the criminal, unfortunately, a policeman was shot and died from his wounds.

"It is very sad, but still a very exciting story and history to share about Edson, and we are very proud of that," said Inscho. These events occurred in 1919, so the first Wop May Day was held for the Centennial in 2019 and has been hosted annually ever since.

Doug Woodhouse, current president of the Edson and District Historical Society, spoke about the significance of the events. "Today is in commemoration of the historic events of Wop May landing in Edson, for the first ever police chase in the Commonwealth happening back in 1919," he explained. "Wop May was a WWI Ace. He was a bush pilot and assisted with many emergency vaccines being delivered to Fort Vermillion, and was involved with the tracking down of the Mad Trapper. He is a big part of aviation history in Alberta and Canada."

"This is the 100th Anniversary of the Royal



Some very tasty cotton candy being enjoyed by these kids during the Alberta Day and Wop May Day celebrations on August 31. The Girl Guides were handing out popcorn, cotton candy, and water free or by donation to raise money for their trip next year. photo Deanna Mitchener

Niton REA

Niton Rural Electrification Association Ltd.

AGM

September 16 @ 7pm Niton Hall - Election of Directors -

All Members Welcome

Canadian Air Force, marking it as the Centennial for them," explained Woodhouse.

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara said, "It is so good to be here celebrating Wop May Day and Alberta Day. We live in the best province in all of Canada. I would like to thank all the organizers and the Edson and District Historical Society for assisting with the events here today, and the Galloway Station Museum, as well as our Community Development Team, plus all the organizations that are here today. There are lots of activities for the entire family."

West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long was also in attendance at the celebrations. "I'm so excited to be here today. I think we need to call Edson the Festival Community, because every time I turn around, Edson is hosting a fantastic festival," he said. "I just really appreciate this family friendly environment that Edson creates. Happy Alberta Day and Happy Wop May Day to everyone. Let's start celebrating, folks!"

Inscho also made sure to acknowledge the many people involved with making the day a success. "This event couldn't be put on without the help of a lot of other people, so thank you so much to the

Edson and District Historical Society, the staff and the volunteers of the Galloway Station Museum. They are the ones putting on all the great carnival games, they've organized the tokens and are just a wonderful host and partner and I love working with them," she said. "We also have the Girl Guides here today giving out popcorn, cotton candy, and water by donation, and selling their cookies.

There was bannock on a stick available, balloon twisting, face painting, field games, and live music throughout the day with Beth Portman. At the end of the day there was a pie eating contest for different age groups. Field games were also part of the fun with sack races, three legged races, pony hop races, spoon and balloon races for all ages.

The afternoon was well attended and the weather was gorgeous. Kids were kept busy playing carnival games, where they could win tokens and later trade the tokens in for prizes. Food trucks were available for attendees to enjoy, and spirits were high throughout the event. It was a great way to enjoy the last long weekend of summer.

Unreserved Real Estate Auction for the Estate of James Hengen October 4th - 7th, 2024 - Peers, AB

Selling 4 Deeded Quarters Being the NE 20-55-14 W5M Being 154.47 Acres M/L, NW 21-55-14 W5M Being 157.99 Acres M/L, SW 21-55-14 W5M Being 159.97 Acres M/L SE 20-55-14 W5M being 159.97 Acres M/L

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Open Houses: Saturday Sept 7th & Sunday Sept 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Real Estate Transactions are being Handled by Morrison Realty - Kim Hughes (403) 704-3141 & Allen Olson (403) 783-0556

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Flag raised for Residential School Survivors



A flag was raised in Edson on Aug 30, in recognition of Indigenous residential school survivors. Pictured are members of the Indigenous community and Edson Town Council photo Deanna Mitchener

by Deanna Mitchener

The community came together on August 30 at the Edson Civic Centre in recognition of Indigenous residential school survivors.

Welcoming remarks were given by Diana Inscho, Community Development Coordinator and Town of Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

A blessing was given by Elder Joanne and Elder Jackie. Anyone wishing to participate in a smudging ceremony was then welcomed to join.

There was a flag raising ceremony for Indigenous residential school survivors. The flag is to remain in place until the end of September, as the community reflects on the generational impact of the residential schools on the Indigenous peoples.

Smudging is commonly used for purification purposes. Indigenous peoples believe that the smoke from the burning herbs can purify the physical space, objects, and individuals by dispelling negative energies, thoughts, and emotions. It is believed to cleanse the body, mind, and spirit, promoting balance and harmony.

In the spirit of truth and reconciliation, Inscho acknowledged the traditional and ancestral lands on which Edson was built.

Mayor Kevin Zahara welcomed

everyone, "As part of truth and reconciliation, it is an honour to be able to raise this flag. Unfortunately, due to this horrible history we have, we need to learn from it, recognize it, understand it, grow from it, and work together towards truth and reconciliation."

"The flag has important significance for the Indigenous community. It is also very significant to us. We only fly the flags of the Town of Edson, Government of Canada, and the Province. No other flags fly on these poles except this one, in recognition of truth and reconciliation," said Zahara.

"Why do we acknowledge truth and reconciliation? It serves as a somber reminder of the painful history and lasting impact of residential schools in Canada as well as the systemic discrimination faced by Indigenous Peoples. On this day, we remember the thousands of Indigenous children who were forcibly taken from their families, many of whom never returned home. As you pass by the Edson Civic Centre take a moment to acknowledge the flag and reflect on the history that once was, and help us all build a better understanding of each other."

"I appreciate the relationship we have been building within the Indigenous community. The conversations are going to continue. Thank you all for coming today," Zahara said.

TOWN OF EDSON

Edson Public Information & Notices 2024

Town of Edson
Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8am to 4pm
Closed Stat Holidays)



310-4AUC 1-833-511-4AUC www.auc.ab.ca 1400, 600 Third Avenue S.W Calgary, Alberta

Notice of application to be filed for approval to renew the gas franchise agreement between the Town of Edson and Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd.

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd. to renew its franchise agreement with the Town of Edson, following the submission deadline indicated below.

The franchise agreement will subject to further renewal, continue to allow Yellowhead Gas Coop Ltd. the right to deliver natural gas to the residents of the Town of Edson for approximately 20 years from the effective date of the franchise agreement.

The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain the same at 5.26 per cent. The average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer is forecast to remain at \$3.56. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 140 gigajoules per year.

You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd. or the Town of Edson on or before September 30, 2024, at:

Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd., 210-26 Street, Box 7230 Edson, AB T7E 1V5 info@yellowheadgas.com

Town of Edson, 605-50th Street P.O. Box 6300 Edson, Alberta T7E 1T7 780 723-4401 | finance@edson.ca

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd or the Town of Edson at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at info@auc.ab.ca.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

Issued on September 9, 2024.

Alberta Utilities Commission

Edson and District Chamber of Commerce **2024 Business Awards**

Nominate your favorite business by emailing: edsonchamber@gmail.com

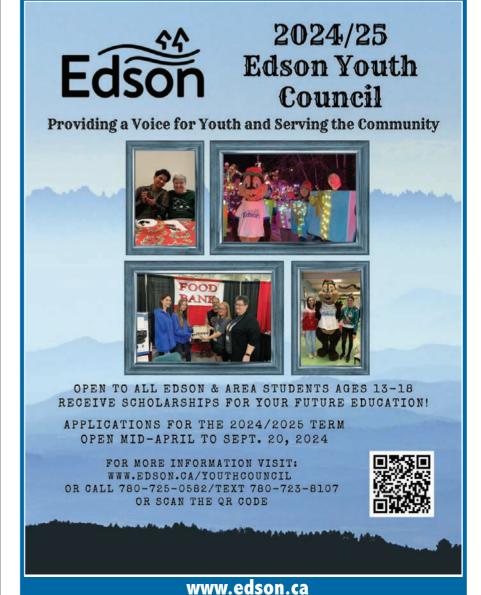
- CATEGORIES
- Small business
- Medium business
- · Large business
- Home Based business
- G.R.I.T (growth, resilience, initiative, tenacity)
 - Young Entrepreneur
 - Inclusion & Diversity
 - New Business of the Year

Nominations are open until September 25, 2024.

Winners will be announced at a Wine & Cheese, October 10, 2024, 6:00pm at the Galloway Museum.

Check our website for more info: https://edsonchamber.com



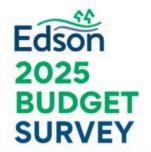




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Join our public engagement sessions ask questions, learn more about the budget process, and even fill out the survey in person.

- September 12th, from 6-8 PM at the Edson and District Leisure Centre
- September 19th, from 4-8 PM at the Edson Art Walk in downtown Edson.



or visit www.edson.ca/engage









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- -Balloon Twisting
- -Air Dry Clay Craft
- -Roving Performers

More details at www.edson.ca/culturedays

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE sponsored by Edson FCSS

Catch a ride downtown with the Moving Edson Bus! Pick-ups from Parkland Lodge (4:30), Heritage Court (5:00) & Pioneer Cabin (5:30 & 6:00).

After the initial pick-ups, the bus will remain downtown and shuttle residents home as requested.

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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 https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or planning@edson.ca.

Any person who is deemed to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority by 4:00 p.m., on the 21st day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website. On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 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.



Alberta Air Tour stops in Edson

by Deanna Mitchener

The Alberta Air Tour made a stop in Edson on August 31, which coincided with local Alberta Day and Wop May celebrations. The tour featured 32 airplanes this year.

The community was invited to the Edson Airport for an opportunity to meet the pilots, ask question, and check out the aircrafts. Scheduled stops also included High Prairie and Peace River.

Over 900 people came out to visit the Edson Airport and view the planes.

Economic Development Officer with the Town of Edson, Morgan Roberts, said, "Today, with the Town of Edson and Yellowhead County, we are hosting the Alberta Air Tour group. This is part of their annual tour. We are very fortunate that they have chosen Edson and we are very excited. Folks can come in and talk with the pilots and find out about some of the exciting careers that go along with aviation. It's an opportunity for some great conversations that we hope will inspire everyone here today."

Captain Kelly Jensen, with the Royal Canadian Air Cadets Tiger Moth Squadron #874, said, "Our job this morning was to help set up table and chairs. The Town of Edson has allowed the cadets to receive the donations from the breakfast that is being served. Another big part of our role here today is to be among the aircrafts to advise people not to touch the aircrafts as they are private property. We are getting some visibility for our unit for recruiting, and to give the

Gelmici Jewellers
to host Food
Bank fundraising
barbecue

by Deanna Mitchener

Last year, during their 75th Anniversary, Gelmici Jewellers hosted a fundraising barbecue to help out the local Food Bank. They had such a great response that they have decided to host another for this year's anniversary.

The barbecue will take place on September 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. out front of Gelmici Jewellers located at 123-50 Street. The store's Anniversary Sale will run from September 17-28.

The barbecue will feature hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and beverages. "Donations of cash or food for the Edson Food Bank would gratefully be accepted," said Gelmici Jeweller's owner Stacey Saunders, who also spoke to why supporting the Food Bank is so important.

"With the increasing demand for food assistance and rising prices, we need to help more than ever. Food not only represents our lifestyle, but also provides mental, physical, social, and economic stability. It is the right of every human to be fed," said Saunders.

"The need for the Food Bank has increased, while support and services have either been the same or actually decreased with the tough economy and they have had to decrease the size of hampers in our community as a result," Saunders noted

In addition to gathering donations, Saunders is hoping to increase awareness to help reduce any stigma for those who may find themselves in need of Food Bank services. "The Food Bank supports everyone," she said, noting that the Food Bank will help everyone including furry family members. "This is the biggest reason why Gelmici Jewellers happily partners with the Edson Food Bank Society. We believe no one should go hungry."

Last year, Gelmici Jewellers' barbecue raised almost \$900.00 "and a whole lot of food". Let's see if the community can raise that amount this year. Come out and show your support and enjoy a great meal.

cadets more time around aircrafts. Next Wednesday we start our training for ages 12 through 18. If youth are interested in registration please contact the squadron cell phone at 780-712-5735 for more information."

Mary Curtain is a pilot from Edmonton. She was one of the many pilots allowing people to climb into her aircraft to get a better understanding of aviation. "During this tour we have a group of aviation pilots flying around Alberta to share aviation with the communities, emphasizing the importance of aviation in Alberta."

When asked at what age she became interested in aviation, Curtain said, "My dad was a helicopter pilot. I was fortunate to grow up in Canada everywhere from Vancouver to Newfoundland around a Bell Long Ranger. I decided I wanted to become a pilot and joined Air Cadets at age 14. I worked really hard in school and earned a scholarship for my private pilot's license at 16. So, I strongly encourage people to explore the Air Cadets as a way to earn their private pilot's license."

"My plane is a Grumman Traveler, they usually make fighter planes, but they also make this plane, a four seat single engine. I got my glider license at 16, my private license at 17. It's a great hobby and stimulates your brain. I strongly encourage people to head out to their local airport, meet some pilots, and try to snag a flight," said Curtain.

Roberts concluded, "The event was a huge success, and we want to especially thank the Edson Air Cadets.



Edmonton pilot Mary Curtain a pilot welcomed kids to climb into her aircraft on August 31, during the Alberta Air Tours Show & Shine. photo Deanna Mitchener

Their group was instrumental in making the event happen and keeping everyone safe during the event. Our community is full of potential and is committed to sharing stories and experiences that highlight how amazing it can be to live, work, and play in Edson."



LIVE AUCTIONS Sept 21 @ 10AM Agnes Pelke

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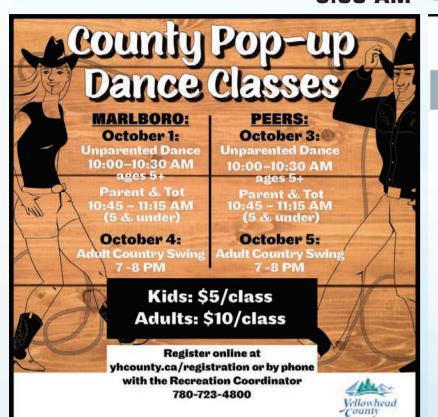
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Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066 Phone: 780-723-4800 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



YELLOWHEAD COUNTY **COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANTS**



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 \$2000 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

Grant Deadlines: September 30, applications available at the Edson or Wildwood office For more information contact Derek Starnes at 780-723-4800

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-116	Plan 118HW Blk 14, Lot 10 NE-27-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Manufactured Home- Variance to Side Yard Setback	Aug 20/24	Sept 10/24
D24-117	Plan 9123714 Lot 1 NE-353-9-W5 Wildwood	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage	Aug 21/24	Permitted Use
D24-113	Plan 5050MC BLK A SW-34-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage	Aug 21/24	Permitted Use
D24-118	Plan 8323000 Lot 1 NE 26-53-14-W5 Niton Junction Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage and Covered Veranda	Aug 27/24	Permitted Use
D24-119	Plan 118HW Blk 14, Lot 13 & 14 NE-27-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Accessory Building (Shed)	Sep 3/24	Permitted Use

oved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw

e Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of evelopment Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribuna ependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Develop ppeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$500.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publi of the Notice of Decision

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

EMERGENCY DISPATCHER Temporary FULL-TIME (12 to 18 months) **Edson AB COMPETITION NO. 24-021**

Under the direction of the Dispatch Supervisor the 911 Dispatcher is responsible for 911 call-taking, fire dispatch, Peace Officer Call taking and dispatch and afterhours communications services for Yellowhead County staff, partner municipalities and contracted clients.

The salary range for the temporary full-time emergency dispatcher position is \$61,656 to \$76,454.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply please submit resumes and cover letters online at https://yhcounty.ca/jobs/

The competition will remain open until filled.

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Human Resources Yellowhead County Email: jobs@yhcounty.ca

The personal information obtained as a result of this advertisement will be utilized for these employment opportunities only, and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Manager of Planning and Development Services EDSON, AB **COMPETITION NO. 24-035**

Reporting to the General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Services, the Manager of Planning and Development Services is responsible for the overall supervision and control of County municipal land use planning and subdivision processes, County development control processes and the management of County-owned lands and land programs. This managerial position may also take primary project management duties over relevant projects and difficult or contentious applications and enforcement files.

The salary range is currently \$122,203 to \$151,532 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply, please submit resumes online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until FILLED

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



FCSS programs, or come out and learn about current offerings. Everyone is welcome to attend!

To RSVP call 780-325-3782 or email yhc_fcss@yhcounty.ca



New Broadband Opportunities Coming to County Residents! **Marlboro & Evansburg Speed Tests Needed!** Yellowhead County needs household internet upload

and download data to determine areas lacking access to reliable internet connectivity.

- Households in Marlboro and Evansburg are asked to run speed tests on their home internet
- Run several upload and download speed tests and take a screenshots to capture the result.
- Please email screenshots of the speed tests to: ycfdadmin@yhcounty.ca
- It's recommended to use a reputable third-party online speed test. A search online will show several options. It's recommended to use several speed tests other than a speed test from an internet service provider.

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



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A reminder about school bus safety on Yellowhead County roads.

Be aware of graders, school buses, industry trucks, and regular

Keep a safe distance from the road when waiting for the school bus.

Be aware of weather conditions such as snow, fog that limit visibilty.

Wear bright colours or clothing with reflective material.



Please register by visiting www.yhcounty.ca/registration

OCTOBER 2, 16, 30 NOVEMBER 13, 27

PEERS MULTIPLEX SEPTEMBER 25 OCTOBER 9, 23 NOVEMBER 6, 20 Registration is required. DECEMBER 4





PLEASE BE AWARE OF CREWS AND EQUIPMENT

Mowing, Gravelling, Shoulder-Pulls, Line Painting & Crack Sealing work for local roads is taking place in Yellowhead County.

This work will continue into early fall. With shorter days and school buses back on the road, we remind you to drive safely as road maintenance continues.

Please slow down around flagging crews. Allow work crews the space needed to complete their work.

Reduce speed in work zones.





Yellowhead County Pest Inspectors will be scouting for Clubroot in canola fields and other Brassicaceae fields in the county.

If you have any questions please contact the Yellowhead County Agriculture office at 1-800-814-3935.

Prevention Tips?

www.yhcounty.ca www.clubroot.ca

Demolition Derby and Mud Bog

by Niki Luymes

The September long weekend marked the return of the annual Hillbilly Demolition Derby and Mud Bog. The event ran from 1pm to 5pm both days and took place at the mud pit and arena along Township Road

The event has been taking place in Yellowhead County for over 10 years. This is the fifth year at this

During the mud bog events cars and trucks of various sizes and styles compete in a race through a fresh stretch of mud. "We had a little bit of a lower car and truck count this year," said Kevin Wilson, event organizer. "But we kind of trucked-on and kept going and put on a show for everybody."

On the west side of the arena was the tough truck track. There, 4X4's of all sizes compete for the best time around tight turns and dirt jumps, in an event that was fun for both the driver and the audience.

During the demolition derby, cars of different sizes compete in heats with each survivor moving on to compete in the next one. The final car running receives the winning prize. This year there were less cars entered than usual so there were only 2 heats, the A class heats on Saturday, and the B class heats on Sunday. This reshuffle did mean that drivers had a chance to compete and win in both categories.

During breaks, when volunteers would reset the bog or arena, spectators could wander around and enjoy other amenities. There was an entire village of bouncy castles set up for the kids to enjoy between events. A variety of local food trucks provided treats, meals, and refreshing drinks throughout.

There were 50/50 raffles each day along with door prizes, and other giveaways. There were also smaller scale games in the drivers' pits. The event supports

Schoolboy's Alumni Band to play at Legion

by Deanna Mitchener.

Mark those calendars for September 26, to head over to the Edson Royal Canadian Legion to hear a remarkable performance from the Edmonton Schoolboy's Alumni Band.

They will be performing two different shows, one in the afternoon for school students, and one at 7:00 p.m. for the public. Everyone is encouraged to come out for an evening of entertainment. Last year's performance had over 350 kids for the afternoon show, and they are expecting more this year.

Admission is free as the cost has been covered by Alberta Culture, the Town of Edson, and the Legion.

Local musician Ian McGill travels from Edson to Edmonton to practice with the band. "I am the only one that travels to the city from Edson to play with the band. I have been driving back and forth weekly for the past five years, from September to the end of June. Plus I travel to concerts three times a year in the city and at Fort Saskatchewan's Big Band Bash."

The alumni band has a long history. They gave their first performance on June 11, 1914. They performed several concerts in local parks and theatres, and playing for the military leaving Edmonton to fight in WWI. They made their first tour to Detroit and then to Buffalo accompanying the Shriners to their 1916 convention.

"When many of the experienced members left the band in 1926, the group was reorganized under the name of the Edmonton Newsboy's Band to allow all city newsboys to be included.

"In 1996, a reunion was held celebrating the 60th anniversary of the band's founding. The reunion attracted over four hundred former members. In anticipation of the reunion, the idea was put forward that interested alumni members get together to rehearse and if the music was recognizable, perform at the reunion. It was and they did.

Following the reunion and concert, thirty-five of the Edmonton and area alumni band members decided to continue under the name of The Edmonton Schoolboys' Alumni Band. Since that time, members continue with regular practices and have played numerous concerts in and outside of Edmonton.

The band has a wide variety of music for all ages to enjoy. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated to continue having bands like this join our community.



The stands were filled at this year's Hillbilly Demolition Derby and Mud Bog on August 31 and Sept 1. photo Niki Luymes

local not-for-profits. The Edson Sno-Seekers and Local 4H groups helped out with parking and organizing as a fundraiser.

"We had a really good year. Of course the weather was great and fan turnout was really good. Saturday

was a packed house. Sunday started off slow, but filled right up," said Wilson. "It's the people and the volunteers that make events like this go."



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\$1.6M approved for Vision Park restoration

by Niki Luymes

At the Edson Town Council meeting on September 3. Rvan O'Sullivan. Transportation & Parks Manager, complete phases 2 and 3 of Vision Park's restoration and rehabilitation.

Specifically, the request was for council to approve a transfer of \$1,608,625 from the vision park reserve to complete the Vision Park ball diamonds.

The Vision Park Rehabilitation project has been in progress since initially approved by Council on Sept 7, 2021. This initial approval came with a budget of \$2,024,710. Administration moved forward with a tender to complete Phase 1. This included rebuilding six and a half ball diamonds, landscaping to enhance drainage, and the addition of park upgrades including diamond lighting, batting cages, new bleachers, as well as the replacement of a play structure which was removed for pipeline development.

However, all the tender bids came in significantly higher than expected. Due to this sudden increase in project costs these renovations were not completed as

In 2022, a revised Phase 1 plan was presented to Council which included: landscaping to improve drainage in the lower areas of Vision Park, construction of two 300-foot diamonds suitable for Slo-Pitch, the rebuilding of three diamonds in the northeast area of the park to improve drainage, and the development of the new parking lot. Provisional items such as lighting, new bleachers, picnic tables, etc, were removed from the plan to accommodate budgetary limitations. The work outlined in this revised phase of construction was then completed in fall of 2023.

The 2024 capital budget included \$315,000 to complete the fencing, dugouts, and newly built ball diamonds. The plan is to begin this work in fall 2024, to allow for the grass seed to mature. This timeframe also gave Administration an opportunity to gather feedback from user groups through representatives of the Edson Minor Ball and Mixed Slow Pitch associations.

"Minor Ball indicated they were promised two U18 diamonds. These much was the total amount that we've

came in over budget," explained O'Sullivan. "Slo-Pitch was hoping to have at least four 270 foot diamonds to host provincial or league tournaments."

While initial planning for phases 2 and presented a request for funding to 3 included complete restoration of the Vision park area, this has now been deemed beyond the budget. Administration is recommending Phases 2 and 3 only include the following items: total rebuild of diamonds 18 & 2, fencing and dugouts of diamonds 1-4 and 25 and the replacement of the playground structure. Outstanding improvements are planned to be brought to council for the coming years which, eventually, will complete the project as initially planned in 2022.

The work for these revised phases is estimated to cost \$1,600,000. If council approves the motion, this would be paid from the 6-72-76101 Vision Park Reserve, which currently has \$1,608,625 remaining plus \$315,000 which is already committed in the 2024 capital budget. The Vision Park reserve is leftover money from a large donation received towards the project.

Councillor Greg Pasychny asked, "Before we start anymore construction and move anymore diamonds, are we going to have all the backstops done on the current diamonds and will they be open before we do the other ones?" O'Sullivan replied, "It'll all be part of this

Councillor Ed Moore asked about the park drainage. "I know in the past it's been somewhat lacking. How's that coming along?"

O'Sullivan replied that there was drainage work done during phase 1 of construction. Any puddling that remains will be handled in house and will not need to be included in the phase 2 and 3 tenders.

Councillor Peter Taylor asked, "What do the user groups feel about the plan that has been brought forward here tonight? Are they satisfied with this?"

O'Sullivan stated that they have talked about the new plan with the user groups. "I know there are some concerns about the location of the U18 [diamond] being off and to the left, and the parking not being close enough, but that's the only place in Vision Park that that field will

Councillor Krystal Cacka asked, "How

were removed when the initial tender already spent for phase 1? We had some what we have in reserves." funds donated to this project and I'm just wondering if they were already spent in the phase 1 portion?"

O'Sullivan responded, "Phase 1 was \$1.9 million. The money that was donated was put towards phase 1 and is

It was carried that Council approve a transfer of \$1,608,625 from the 6-72-76101 Vision Park Reserve to GL 4-72-95047 in the Capital Budget to complete the Vision Park ball diamonds for all user



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Guest OpEd/Comment

"Trudeau's crazy home taxes and deepening debt are hurting everyday people"

by Kris Sims

Bad government policies force people to make tough decisions.

"We decided to live in our garage." That's what a couple told the Canadian Taxpayers Federation during the recent Debt Clock tour in Alberta.

The drywaller and his wife stopped by to watch the federal debt going up in real time on the jumbo screen the CTF has bolted to the side of a cube truck, dubbed the Debt Clock.

Jon, the tradesman who had pulled up in an older pickup truck, watched the debt numbers racing up past \$1.2 trillion, and he winced.

"My parents worked hard and they were able to reach the next step," he said at the gathering in Red Deer. "But my wife and I are working harder and we aren't getting ahead, we can't even see the next step."

The federal debt numbers are mind-numbing.

Right now, it's more than \$1.2 trillion.

By later this year, the Trudeau government will have doubled the debt after less than a decade in power.

Think of the prime ministers – Harper, Mulroney, Pierre Trudeau, Diefenbaker, William Lyon Mackenzie King, all the way down the history railway back to Sir John A. MacDonald – who came before Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

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And it's not getting better.

This year, the Trudeau government delivered a budget with a \$40 billion deficit, with no plan to ever balance

When it comes to the debt. inflation caused by printing money, or the financial strain from

increased taxes, the numbers are scary.

But it's downright grim to see how ordinary working people are getting battered by the Trudeau government's bad management.

Our couple in Red Deer, Jon and Rebecca, buy older houses. They work together for about a year to gut the homes down to the studs, reshaping the main floor so there are three bedrooms upstairs and a new bathroom.

"It makes them so much better for families, much more functional for parents," Rebecca said.

The couple buys all the gyprock, lumber, light switches and paint along the way, with costs piling up.

"The clients are very pinched right now, so we are trying to save on costs while keeping the quality," Jon

Inflation is ballooning their supply costs, while the carbon tax is hiking their transportation costs.

But it's Trudeau's crazy home taxes that are biting them the hardest.

"We were living in the houses, roughing it in a construction zone, but the government called us 'house flippers,' even though we owned the place and lived in it while working on it," Rebecca added.

"Then we started living in a tiny place offsite, hauling the tools back and forth, but now we are worried about the capital gains tax hike, so we decided to live in our garage and keep working on the house," she

"After these crazy home taxes, we hope we still have enough to make a living, but now we are hearing scary things about a home equity tax, so I don't know what we are going to do and I am bracing myself to talk to the accountant," Jon concluded.

The Trudeau government's reckless spending, spiralling debt and constant tax hikes are hurting everyday Canadians.

To fix this, the government must stop wasting money, balance the budget, and cut taxes to stop punishing hardworking people like Jon and Rebecca.

It shouldn't take a jumbo screen on wheels showing the debt in real time to understand this.

Kris Sims is the Alberta Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

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Community Events

September 10: OPEN HOUSE for the Evansburg Community Hall. 5-8pm. Meeting at the Evansburg Arena (Multi-Purpose Room). If you have any questions, please contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 September 13: Braedon's voice National Suicide Awareness week Centennial Park 7:00pm-11:00pm. Indigeneous Performances. September 14: Suicide Awareness Walk 7:00pm-10:00pm Centennial park

with Liver performances. 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 info@gallowaystationmuseum.com.

September 18 October 2,16,30 November 13&27: Family Time. Join on Wednesdays for some indoor fun, Programs run from 10:30AM-12:30PM Marlboro Community hall. Registration is required visit www.yhcounty.ca/registration

September 19: Downtown Music and Art Walk &FCSS Community Pig Roast. Main street 4pm-8pm free everyone is welcome. Catch a ride downtown with the Move Edson-ESTS bus! The route will include Parkland Lodge, the Pioneer Cabin and Heritage Court starting at 4:30pm. Special pickups can be arranged by calling (780) 723-1122 before 4pm on September 17.

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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 1: County Pop-up Dance Classes. Marlboro 10:00am-10:30am unparented dance ages 5+ 10:45am-11:15 am. Parent & tot (5&under)

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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.

First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 1 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of



AltaLink to protect communities from wildfire risk with Public Safety Power Shutoff

With wildfires becoming more frequent and intense throughout Alberta, protecting communities while providing safe, reliable power is AltaLink's top priority.

In 2023, Alberta experienced a record-breaking wildfire season, with more than 2.2 million hectares burned, the most in the province's history, compared to the five-year average of 200,000 hectares.

As Alberta's largest electricity transmission provider, AltaLink is focused on mitigating risk in the communities where it operates.

"Reducing the likelihood that our transmission system contributes to the ignition of a fire is a critical part of our job in delivering power safely to Albertans," said Evan Mitchell, AltaLink's vice president of system operations and asset investment planning.

Proactively working to prevent wildfires

In 2019, AltaLink became the first utility in Alberta to establish a wildfire mitigation plan. Its approach is a science-based wildfire model created by external wildfire experts.

As part of its wildfire mitigation plan, AltaLink has implemented a series of safety measures and system enhancements to increase its situational awareness and mitigate wildfire risk on its system.

This includes real-time analysis of weather conditions, increased inspections in high-risk fire areas, asset upgrades to strengthen its system and enhanced vegetation clearing practices to reduce potential contacts with transmission lines that could result in a wildfire.

Ensuring public safety with a Public Safety **Power Shutoff**

One of the components of AltaLink's wildfire mitigation plan is the Public Safety Power Shutoff.

As a last resort, during extreme and dangerous weather conditions that can result in a catastrophic wildfire, AltaLink may proactively turn off the power until conditions are safe to turn it back on.

AltaLink considers a Public Safety Power Shutoff a last resort preventative measure to ensure public

"Shutting the power off is not a decision we take lightly," explained Mitchell. "Albertans rely on us to deliver the electricity they use every day, and we take that responsibility seriously. Activating a Public Safety Power Shutoff is about protecting the community and keeping people safe. Safety is always our top priority.'

Each situation is unique. A wide range of factors are assessed before executing a Public Safety Power Shutoff, including wind speeds, humidity levels, the presence of dry vegetation or other potential fuels in the area, fire in the vicinity and real-time observation on the ground.

AltaLink is working with local emergency services and community leaders to expand and enhance existing emergency response plans to ensure coordination and effective communication.

Get prepared and stay informed

Since wildfire conditions can change rapidly, there is no set timeline for a Public Safety Power Shutoff.

"A Public Safety Power Shutoff will end when the risk is eliminated. This can depend on a variety of factors, making it difficult to predict how long it will last," said Mitchell. "We encourage everyone to update their emergency plans and supplies so that they are prepared in the event of an emergency."

AltaLink recommends planning to have supplies and materials to last at least 72 hours.

While conditions can change rapidly, AltaLink commits to providing advanced noticed and regular



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updates before, during and after a potential Public Safety Power Shutoff event. This includes outbound calls, social media updates, media advisories, website banners and alerts.

AltaLink also works closely with FortisAlberta, the electricity distribution provider in the area, to communicate with customers during events like power outages. To receive critical information, it's a good idea to confirm that your local electricity retailer has your latest contact information.

For more information about what AltaLink is doing and how you can prepare, visit altalink.ca/wildfiresafety.

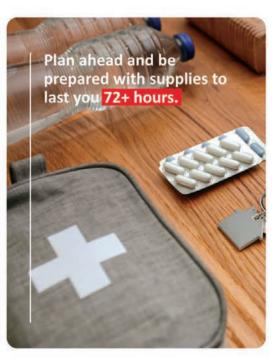


With wildfires becoming more frequent and intense, AltaLink's highest priority is protecting your community while providing safe, reliable power.

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