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by Niki Luymes

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What didn't change this year enjoy the music at the annual all who came. The event under. Volunteers and together by the churches from

crowd danced the night away.

Niton Dance Jamboree. The featured performances by local musicians could enjoy the

event was held on July 29, musicians. People of all ages night for free. This year saw a starting at 3pm at the Niton performed on stage and the slightly smaller crowd, topping out at around 65 people. The Entry was \$10 per adult with following morning did have a ages were welcomed out to was the incredible fun had by free admission for kids 12 and community church service put

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Aaliyah, Rim, Chelsy, Brooke, and Lydia taking special care of some plants that were donated to the Lions Campground from Helen Taulien. Helen is a nurse at the Edson Hospital and is always very generous when it comes to donating perennials from her yard. photo Deanna Mitchener



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Niton Jamboree revitalized for 20th Anniversary

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service.

almost didn't happen The event was because the volunteers incredibly successful, from previous years were burned-out and had decided to cancel this year's Jamboree.

Upon hearing this news, local volunteer Jill Dickson decided to pull together with help from the community to run this year's event. "I thought that's kind of a shame," said Dickson. "So I got talking to a couple of people and it just accelerated from there." The group managed to gather enough musicians and planned out the event in a couple of weeks.

This new group of volunteers did result in a few changes to the event. It was renamed the Niton Dance Jamboree and only ran for one day, plus the community Church service. This was instead of the usual weekend-long event. However, their hard

Niton and Edson. Over work allowed the event 130 people came out for to run, thus marking this as the 20th year for This year's Jamboree the Niton Jamboree.

planning. "Everybody " It's great how the community came

especially considering together like that, just to the rushed nature of the have some fun." Volunteers are already loved it," said Dickson planning for next year's



Local musicians gathered once again for the renamed Niton Dance Jamboree. Thanks to new local volunteers the Jamboree was able to celebrate its 20 Anniversary. photo submitted



A talented array of local musicians had the crowd dancing the night away at the Niton Dance Jamboree held July 29. photo submitted





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Thursday, August 31, 2023 **Anselmo Hall**

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All TRL Members are invited and encouraged to attend.

This year's 20th Annual Niton Junction Jamboree also didn't take place as the regular volunteers experienced volunteer burn-out. New volunteers stepped up to rescue the event which was renamed the Niton Dance Jamboree. photo submitted





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125 Bikez 4 Kidz given away

by Deanna Mitchener

On July 22, Kingz RC held their 5th annual Bikez 4 Kidz event. This event is geared towards giving brand new bikes to kids of all ages that are in need of a bike.

Kingz RC is a local Motorcycle Riding Club based in Edson. They have been very active in supporting local charities such as the food bank, Christmas hampers, Kinettes, low income families, sporting events for kids, and of course their annual Bikez 4 Kidz.

The group of motorcycles started off in Hinton then headed over to Robb for some new bicycles to be given away. They arrived in Edson at the Galloway Station Museum for a large presentation of free bikes for kids in the Edson, Shinning Bank, Peers, Carrot Creek and Niton communities. 125 bikes in total were donated this year.

Piper Elzinga (8) was one of many excited kids waiting patiently for the group to arrive in Edson. Pipers mom said, "We were all pretty happy to hear that she won a bike through someone putting her name forward. I think this is an awesome opportunity for them to be doing this throughout the communities. Piper is thrilled she will have a new bike to ride."

Avery Galloway, who will be turning eight at the end of August, was also at the event with her family. Avery had no idea she was getting a bike as her mom had been keeping it a secret. When asked what she thought of this group giving out new bikes, Avery's mom said, "I love it. I think it's great to spread the cheer and joy to kids that can't afford bikes or the less fortunate that are not able to get a bike to ride in the summer time. It's a surprise for Avery so it's even better, she is going to be so excited."

After spending some time in Edson the group headed out to make a private stop to help brighten someone's day. Then it was off to Pine Grove Hall for games, supper, door prizes and an evening filled with some live music and free camping.

Bil Teskey said, "The turnout at the hall was great. The food was delicious and the live band was very entertaining." With over 70 registered riders in



Some very excited kids standing by their new bikes outside the Galloway Station Museum on July 22nd for the 5th Annual Bikez 4 Kidz event. 125 new bicycles were handed out throughout the day. photos Deanna Mitchener



More than 70 motorcycles came together from different groups in support of Bikez 4 Kidz on July 22.

the poker run and more than that at the Pinegrove Hall, it was a huge success.

Teskey said, "We start planning for the next year about two months after we finish the previous event. The last month leading up to the event is the busiest. Gathering names for the draw, picking up bicycles and prizes along with donations, going over all the bicycles to make sure they are assembled properly and are safe for the children, drawing the winners names, and setting up all the equipment at the hall, but it's worth it when you see so many smiles on the children's faces."

"The best part of the event is all the happy kids

of course, and the amazing amount of support from everyone in our communities," Teskey added.

"One month prior to the event we only had six bicycles donated. Westridge HAMC heard of this and kicked things off by donating bicycles and encouraging other clubs to do the same. This led to us having to make multiple trips to the Edmonton area to collect bicycles. This got the ball rolling with bikes coming in by the dozens each day. The motorcycle world and the families we are all apart of have been so supportive and we really appreciate everything they do for our communities," said Teskey.



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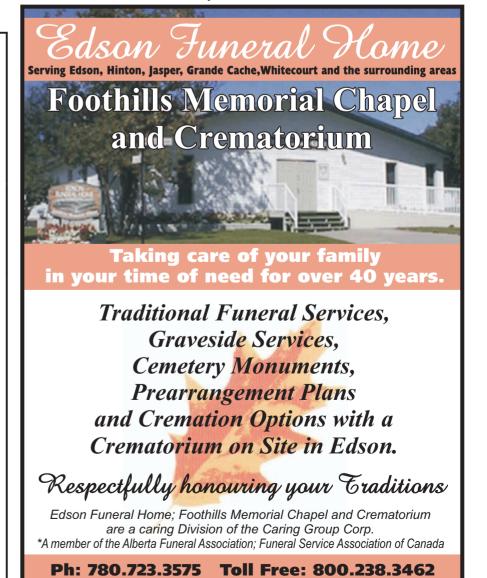
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49	19, 21 & 22	W5
50	19, 20, 22, 25	W5
51	20-24	W5
52	22, 24-26	W5
53	23 & 24	W5
55	18 & 24	W5
56	17-19, & 23	W5
57	17-19, 22-24	W5
58	23	W5

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New mural at Continuing Care Unit in Edson

by Deanna Mitchener

The Continuing Care Unit in Edson has a specialized unit for those with dementia. Within the unit is a lovely outdoor patio with different sensory items for individuals to explore. They can use these simple touch-based activities to occupy their hands and minds in a safe and soothing area.

For those living with the illness, many experience anxiety, agitation or even anger. Sensory therapy is a helpful way to calm and soothe without using medication. It's an effective way to reduce anxiety, calm nerves, and provide comfort, so having such a patio where they can be outdoors with some fresh air and sensory items really helps to ease their day.

During the second fire evacuation Brie Adkins painted a beautiful mural on the outdoor patio as well some designs on the floor.

Funding for the mural came from donations specifically allocated to enhancing Continuing Care, through the Community Care Foundation.



Bob Browne, Marsha Jensen, Patty Mohns, and Ruth Martin-Williams showing the recently painted mural done on the patio at the dementia ward at the Continuing Care Unit in Edson. The mural was painted by Brie Adkins. photo Deanna Mitchener

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All treatment locations are listed in the following townships:

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68	10	5
67	9	5
66	8,9,10,11,12	5
65	8,9,10,11	5
64	8,9,10,16,19	5
63	9,15,16,17,23,24	5
62	9,10,13,23,24,	5
61	10,11,22,24	5
60	9,10,11,20,22	5
59	19,20,21	5
58	19	5
57	17,18,19	5
56	17,18,19	5
55	18	5
51	12,13,14,20,21	5
50	13,14	5

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

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Edson Public Information & Notices 2023

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



PHOTO ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS FOR AUGUST 2023



For more information on photo enforcement, including a list of frequently asked questions and stats, visit www.edson.ca/photo-enforcement.

August 1st. 46 STREET AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL

August 2nd. HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
August 3rd. 4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET

August 4th. 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

August 5th. 2 AVENUE NEAR 48 STREET August 6th. 4 AVENUE NEAR 43 STREET

August 7th. 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

August 8th. 12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
August 9th. HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
August 10th. 4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET

August 11th. 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

August 12th. 2 AVENUE NEAR 58 STREET

August 13th. 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

August 14th. 49 STREET NEAR 12 AVENUE
August 15th. 2 AVENUE NEAR 48 STREET
August 16th. 4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
August 17th. 4 AVENUE NEAR 43 STREET

August 18th. 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

August 19th. 13 AVENUE NEAR POPLAR PLACE

August 20th. 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

August 21st. 49 STREET NEAR 12 AVENUE
August 22nd. HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
August 23rd. 4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
August 24th. 2 AVENUE AT 58 STREET
August 25th. HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET

August 26th. 46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL

August 27th. 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

August 28th. 56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
August 29th. 48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL

August 30th. 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

August 31st. HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET

- Additional locations may be photo enforced on the above dates.
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Closing Date/Time – Friday August 18, 2023, at 16:00:59 (Alberta Time)

Project Lead: Ryan O'Sullivan Transportation and Fleet Services Manager Email: ryano@edson.ca

Email Submissions attention to: Ryan O'Sullivan Transportation and Fleet Services Manager Email: ryano@edson.ca

3240-1st Ave P.O. Box 6300 Edson, Alberta T7E 1T7



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



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More events to come this season

When it comes to festivals and family entertainment Edson and Yellowhead



by Dana McArthur publisher/Editor

games, picnic races, tug o war, artisan market, food vendors, inflatables,

Band, carnival

bannock, Indigenous craft, and Bench Show! The event is free to attend and, if you're an artist, knitter, quilter, wood worker, photographer, potter, glass blower, pie baker, digital artist, and submit your handiwork, you could receive a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbon.

On September 14 the Downtown Music & Art Walk and FCSS Pig Roast are combining this year for one fabulous feast for the senses! Join in from 4-8pm on Main Street in Edson for art displays, live music, mural walk, bounce castles, balloon twisting, roving performers, artisan and vendor market, art demonstrations, free pulled pork and coleslaw, and more! If you're an artist who would like to play music or demonstrate your craft or sell your wares, please contact Diana at 780-723-8107 or Dianal@edson.ca.

These are just a few highlights for later this season which is filled with

County still have more to offer this season. Peers Gold Dust Daze is taking place at the McLeod Valley Recreational Grounds from August 4 to the 7th. Slo-Pitch events began on

Friday with the pancake breakfast following at 8am on Saturday at the Peers Multiplex. The parade begins at 10am with events following on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday including kids daze, the raft race, and more.

Then join in the fun at the Pembina Daze Festival on Aug 12 in Evansburg. Breakfast is from 9-11 am and the parade starts at 12 noon. there are loads of activities planned.

A free Gospel Jam with many musicians is also set for August 12 from 3pm to 8pm at the Niton Community Hall.

On September 2 from 1pm to 5pm, Wop May Day comes to the RCMP Centennial Park. Wop May Day and Alberta Day are being celebrated together with the High Country String

activities and events in the area, so enjoy them while you can. **All Canada news** will be removed from Facebook, Instagram within weeks: Meta

Federal and local governments boycott Meta

Meta announced it is officially ending news availability in Canada. Meta has decided to block Canadian news content instead of following the requirements of Bill C-18. The law will force tech giants like Meta to pay Canadian news outlets for journalism they profit from, but do not pay for.

Meta said Tuesday, August 1 that within a few weeks it will remove news for all Canadian users of its Facebook and Instagram platforms. —"we are announcing today that we have begun the process of ending news availability permanently in Canada," said Rachel Curran, head of public policy for Meta Canada.

Paul Deegan, president of News Media Canada, said this "intemperate" action will harm user experience and devalue the Facebook platform. "Without access to real fact-based news created by real journalists, Facebook will become far less attractive to users and advertisers. We expect more and more advertisers and their agencies will begin pulling advertising from the platform in response to this

unilateral, undemocratic, and unreasonable move."

The Canadian Government's stance is that Meta's "bullying" tactics will not work with the government, which it says is ensuring those companies do not weaken Canada's democracy by threatening its domestic media industry.

Meta's actions have led to the Canada's Federal Government, and Provincial Governments in B.C. and Quebec to boycotting Meta. Many companies have followed suit.

Does anyone in Canada believe having Meta and U.S. billionaire Mark Zuckerburg in charge of what news Canadians will or will not read, is a good idea?

Since 2008, close to 500 media outlets in 335 communities across Canada have closed, with more than 20,000 journalists losing their job.

For local rural journalism to survive in Canada, this needs to serve as a wake-up call to many local advertisers and event organizers. Local advertising matters, shop local matters, and supporting local events matters.



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Edson RCMP Occurrences For the week of July 24 to July 30, 2023

Traffic complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 12. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 4; Alarms/False Alarms 3; Animal Calls 5; Assault 4; Assistance Calls 10; Cause Disturbance 3; Drugs 1; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; False/Abandoned 911 Calls 7; Firearms Act 1; Fraud 3; Information File 1; Liquor Act 2; Lost/Found Property 3; Mental Health Act 2; Mischief/Damage 9; Suspicious Person or Vehicle 5; Theft 11; Traffic Collisions 8; Trespassing 5; and Traffic Violations 11.



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Letter to the Editior:

"Not a reflection of community leaders"...but: says writer

During the Summer Festival Days as I walk in front of the Town Office with my head down, I ask myself—why?

Here I am standing at the epicentre of the most resource rich area of the province and looking down at weeds growing out of the numerous cracks in the sidewalk —why?

I do not know of anywhere in Alberta where Peter Lougheed's fear, the fear that resource revenue would not be shared equally by all Albertans, has become a reality more so than right here in Edson.

If you were to draw a circle with a 100 km radius around Edson, you would circle an area where a great number of Edson residents work and have worked 24/7 for the last

60 years.

Why can they not come home to a community that reflects the value of the resources that they produce? A community with smooth streets, gleaming white lines, sidewalks that do not have weeds, and things that lift a community to the next level.

My frustration reached a new level last spring when the spray park, a park for kids, was closed because of water issues. At the same time, parking lots downtown were filled with fracking trucks.

This is not a reflection of community leaders, as much as it's a reflection of bad policies made where Peter Lougheed worked.

Eric Karlzen, Edson

Be sensitive about scents

If you have never had an allergic reaction to anything you



Views & News by Deanna Mitchener

However, I was just following those policies back then, and

not really giving it further thought.

That is until I saw firsthand how my perfume caused a reaction to the employee, causing them to cough and have a hard time breathing. I felt horrible. And there I was, just thinking moments before how nice it was to wear perfume whenever I want now.

After this incident, I will be more aware of where I will wear perfume and whether or not I'll be around others. Please give this some thought as well.

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Asking friends, family members, and co-workers to avoid wearing fragrances when around us is possible, but that's much harder to do when you are serving the public.

So, please be aware of how we might be causing undue suffering to someone when wearing scented products in public. It's just a little food for thought.

wear perfumes.

are one of the lucky ones. Those that do have allergies must

suffer through them, and we tend to go about our daily business unaware of what the person next to us is experiencing.

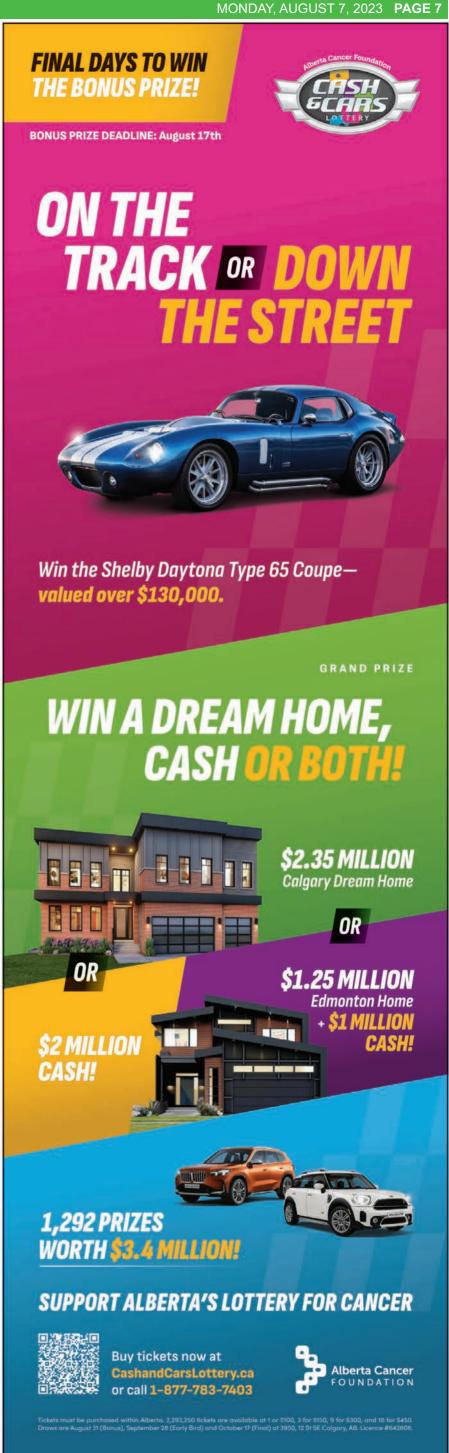
You may have noticed the related signs posted in some public places or in a healthcare setting such as a hospital that left you wondering -what's the big deal?

Well the issue is that someone with asthma or chemical sensitivities may find strong scents particularly problematic. These can cause respiratory issues, nose and eye irritation, and more. Symptoms of fragrance sensitivity can include headaches, difficulty breathing, wheezing, a tight feeling in their chest, runny or stuffy nose, sneezing or even a skin reactions.

People who have seasonal allergies or allergies to indoor allergens like moulds or animal allergens may be more likely to experience fragrance sensitivities.

I recently went into a local establishment wearing perfume not realizing the implications it would

I used to work at our local hospital and it was policy not to





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Evansburg Area





ermit No. Location Proposal 023-086 Plan 0226168 Manufactured Home July 18/23 Blk 1, Lot 1 SW-32-53-17-W5 D23-091 SW-35-53-16-W5 Accessory Building (Storage Shed) July 18/23 Wolf Creek Area D23-085 NW-3-54-9-W5 Manufactured Home with Addition (Porch) July 18/23 023-088 NE-1-55-12-W5 Accessory Building-Discretionary Beta Lake Area D23-090 NW-15-55-12-W5 Accessory Building with Two Lean To's Sunset Lake Area D23-093 SE-12-55-14-W5 Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Shiningbank Lake Area D23-094 SE-29-55-14-W5 Shiningbank Lake Area D23-072 Plan 8821844 Short Term Accommodations July 28/23 NW-20-49-26-W5 Folding Mountain D23-095 Plan 0728603 Manufactured Home July 28/23 Blk 1, Lot 3 SE-28-53-8-W5



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ellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is consider

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

Sweet success of Baker's Dozen Day Camp

by Niki Luymes

The Red Brick Arts Centre had a sweet start to the month of August with the Baker's Dozen Day Camp. This Camp ran from 9:30am to 3:30pm on August 1 and focused on cooking and baking activities.

Kids started the day by creating fruit salsa, cinnamon chips, and Oreo brownies. By the end of the day they had made quesadillas for lunch and apple pie cinnamon rolls with fresh apples from the Red Brick's trees to take home.

This year focused on simple recipes that the kids could make on their own at home. Each of the group finished the day with lots of treats and a recipe book containing the different treats they made that day.

The event proved so popular during previous years that it only made sense to bring it back for 2023. "It's nice to see so many kids in the building," said Morgan Konchakowski, Program Coordinator for the Red Brick Art Centre. "So many people are coming into our facility and are able to learn about the history while also having some fun."

"It went so fast. I feel like it was just yesterday that we had our first camp, and now we are six in," said Konchakowski. Each of the camps was completely full with waiting lists. The camps cost \$45 to \$50 each depending on the activities and did requires pre-registration. The camps have been extremely well received with many families providing positive feedback.

The Final Day Camp will be on August 16. Like the others, this camp is already full. However, If families want to come out to the Red Brick for some entertainment, their Free Summer Carnival is happening on August 9. From 1pm to 4pm, kids of all ages are welcome to come out and play carnival games, enjoy snacks, face painting, and balloon animals.

There is a lot in store for this year's Carnival, so families are encouraged to come out and make the most of the event.





Kids at the Red Brick Art Centre's Baker's Dozen Day Camp working hard to mix up their fruit salsa. photo Niki



The best part of the Red Brick Art Centre's Baker's Dozen Day Camp on August 1 was eating the goodies. Here the kids are enjoying fresh cinnamon chips in fruit salsa. photo Niki Luymes



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Church hosts Free Garage Sale and BBQ



People made their way to Edson Bethel Pentecostal Church for the Free Garage Sale and Barbecue on July 29. All items were free, including the food, making it a great way to come spend the morning. photo Niki Luymes

by Niki Luymes

It was a beautiful day for people to come out and enjoy the Free Garage Sale and Barbecue at Bethel Pentecostal Church on July 29. The Event ran from 10am to 2pm and was set up in the church's parking lot.

There were more than seven tables full of free items to choose. There was no cost to come to the event and you could leave with as much stuff as you wanted. From tools, books, toys and kitchen items to clothing and furniture, there was a good chance of finding something you needed or wanted. All of this was coupled with burgers, hotdogs, and chips which were also free.

"We asked people in the church to bring in some items so that we could host a free garage sale for the community and have a barbecue and just bless the community in that way," said Heather Greiner, Community Outreach Pastor with Bethel Pentecostal Church.

The Garage sale served as a way for the Church to connect to the community. While the sale was never crowded or rushed, a significant amount of people did make their way through. Throughout the day people of all ages took a few moments to peruse the selection and enjoy the free lunch.

This was something the church had been wanting to do for a while. However, plans were derailed by the recent wildfire evacuations. "We just want to do something to hopefully be supportive of the community because they've been awesome," said Greiner.



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46	13	W5

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OBITUARIES

~ Obituary ~

Derenda Catherine Carnegie

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Derenda Catherine Carnegie, age 79, loving mother, wife and friend.

Derenda left us on July 11, 2023 after a short and courageous battle with cancer. She will be remembered for her infectious laugh and her wonderful sense of humour. She always surrounded herself with friends and family which is where she felt most comfortable and

loved. Derenda will be so deeply missed by those around her, especially close relatives.

A Memorial tree was lovingly planted in Derendas name at her he

A Memorial tree was lovingly planted in Derendas name at her home which she shared with her husband John in Entwistle, Alberta. The family will be having a small private memorial and ask that in lieu of flowers donations be made to your local animal shelter.

"Derenda you are always in our thoughts and hearts, every single day. Words can not express how much we love and miss you."

~ Obituary ~ Adele Appelt

July 16, 1930 - August 1, 2023

Our mother Adele, also known as "Oma" passed away on August 1, 2023, in Edson. She was of German descent, born in Jozefow, Poland, on July 16, 1930, to Emilie and Adolf Bieler. She had 3 sisters, two of whom died at a very young age. Her surviving sister Ingrid lives in Germany.

Prior to the second world war, Adele's parents farmed in Poland for many years and were established in the community. During the second

world war she and her family were required to vacate their home in Poland and flee to Nennhausen, East Germany (as it then was). At that time our mother was a teenager. Conditions in communist East Germany were difficult. She and her family established a new home and small subsistence farm on their homestead. Their farm was close to Berlin, which was wartorn and in shambles after the war. Fortunate to have a small farm with some livestock, our mother would bicycle to Berlin to sell eggs on a street corner: a few pennies each, helping support the family. As a teenage girl in the midst of the wreckage and broken streets that was Berlin, she undoubtedly acquired some of the pluck and resilience which defined her for a lifetime.

Adele met her partner for life, Gerhard, when he gallantly fixed her broken bicycle. The more time they spent together the more Adele's father (and presumably Adele) recognized Gerhard's qualities. At age 18 Gerhard was hired to work on the family farm. Therein began a friendship and a union that lasted all of 70 years until Gerhard's passing in January 2021.

When they were 20 years of age, Mom and Dad fled East Germany, again leaving their home, this time for a refugee camp in West Berlin. There they were protected as political refugees until the opportunity arose for the young couple to move again: this time leaving country, family and language for a new life in Canada. On arrival in Canada they had enough money to buy a few western goods including a coveted bottle of Coca Cola, and then were penniless. To get on their feet they were separated for some years with Mom working as a chamber maid and Dad as a farm hand in the new world they called home.

Adele and Gerhard had two sons, Garry and David, and Mom's role became homemaker. They lived in Edson making dear friends, many of whom were immigrants like themselves. Life was simple, centred on good food, good friends, hard work, a big garden, raising a family, and creating memories in a house they built with their own hands. They lived the rest of their lives in Edson, content, productive, surrounded by friends and family, and happy to enjoy the freedoms of Canada.

Adele is survived by her two sons Garry (Joanne) and David (Brenda), grandsons Corey, Andrew (Jodi), Ben (Alyssa) and Eric (Devyn), great grandchildren Olive, Araya, Paisley, Remi, Oakley, Joe, Ella, Drake and another great grandchild expected in September!

Our mother was adventurous, sociable, tenacious, and a woman of faith. She provided for her family and others with a servant's heart, selfless, full of love and compassion for others. She lived well.

We will miss our Mom, our Oma.

The Appelt family wishes to thank Dr. Roder and all the professional and compassionate staff who cared for our mother while in the Edson Hospital. Those wishing to make a gift in Adele's honour please consider the Edson Food Bank in lieu of flowers.

A Funeral Service was held on August 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Bethel Pentecostal Family Worship Centre in Edson, interment at the Glenwood Cemetery followed.

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Repairs to McLeod Valley Grounds just in time for Gold Dust Daze

by Niki Luymes

A popular camping and event site, the McLeod Valley Grounds Recreation Area saw the floods that happened on the weekend of June 19 during the heavy rainfall. Water from the Nearby river overflowed dramatically covering the venue in over five feet of water.

home to the annual Peers Gold Dust Daze held August long weekend. Any damages sustained would have an effect on the celebrations if it was left unfixed.

Most of the damage

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was caused by erosion around the pavilion area, the group campground, outhouses, cook shack, kitchen, sand in the playground area, both ball extensive damage during diamond infields, and damage to the ball diamond outfield fencing. There was also significant erosion and washouts of the access points to the grounds.

Yellowhead County has already approved an This flooding was unbudgeted expenditure especially worrisome of \$80,000 to complete due to the grounds being repairs. Workers will begin the major repairs to the grounds in the fall. In the meantime, the Peers Community Group and Ag Society, who plan the Gold Dust Daze, began repairs of their own.

> The County helped with the repairs. On July 30 the group put out a call for anyone willing to come help clean up the area and prepare it for the Gold Dust Daze weekend. The group gathered at 11am and set to work. "We managed to get the repair work done, so we can have the event," said Pam Alford, Executive of the Peers Ag Society and volunteer on the Gold Dust Daze Planning committee. "It's been fixed up, not 100%, but we've got it so we can run the weekend."

Volunteers completed many projects including repairing one of the ball diamond dugouts, replacing water damaged appliances, and repainting pavilions. "In the pavilion itself we have some marks that we're going to keep forever. It shows where the water level was and how high it was," said Alford.

"We're excited to have this weekend," added Alford. "With the summer the way it's been with floods, fire, hail and everything else, it'll probably be nice to have a weekend for everybody."



Colleen Trydal was getting some good deals at the Edson Thrift Store recently. Volunteers assisting were Lorna Imber and Bev Kazoleas. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament still has space and sponsorship opportunities

by Deanna Mitchener

August 25 is the rescheduled Mayor's Golf Tournament. It was cancelled earlier this season due to the wildfire evacuations.

This is the second annual charity tournament. This year's funds will go to the Edson Animal Rescue (EARS). This charity will also be on site during the tournament.

Sheila Moore said, "We still have a few spots left." So if you are wanting to get in on the action you can contact sheila@morcommpr.com. Also if you would like to make a donation, more prizes and donations are always welcome.

"The dinner and top sponsor categories are

still open, but hole sponsors are sold out," said Moore.

Registration opens at 8am. Shotgun Start is at 9am. Registration includes 18 holes at Edson Golf Club, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start, a shared power cart, continental breakfast, prize opportunities, a steak dinner, and the opportunity to participate in raffles, hole contests, and a silent auction.

So come on out for a great day of golf, some fun and laughs, good food, all while helping our local animal rescue charity. You may just walk away with an awesome prize. See you on the greens.



How about a big Happy Birthday to our Town of Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara who turned 40 on August 2. When you see him out and about next week remember to wish him a Happy Birthday! photo Deanna Mitchener



A wonderful group of volunteers helping out at Kate's Kitchen at the United Church in Edson. Homemade chicken barley soup, homemade bread, potato salad, ham, fresh vegetables, desserts, and beverages were offered to all that came for lunch recently. All are welcome and there is no charge for the lunch. photo Deanna Mitchener



Lynnore Heaton (6) at the Kinsmen Park in Edson recently just 'hanging' around. photo Deanna Mitchener



Kayla Baldwin, Henry Su (3) and Edward Su (11 months) were spending some time at the Edson Spray Park recently. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Proposed Statement:

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The ERP has three primary public safety measures outlined below.

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- •Drive safely on the route provided, proceed directly to the reception centre and check in with the Repsol representative
- •Wait for further instruction

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Repsol has prepared a public information package outlining their operations in the area and detailing the public safety measures. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the package, please contact David Bedwell, Safety Coordinator at 780-723-9826. For more information about Repsol and its facilities, please visit our website at www.repsol.ca.

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August 25: Mayor's Golf Tournament NEW DATE.

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Every Tuesday: Winter Walking Group @ 5:15 pm. 60 min guided walk through the Town of Edson exploring the beautiful trails. Drop In no registration. Dogs & kids welcome. See facebook @edsoncomserv for updates and muster locations.

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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



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Farm & Field News and Views

Toxic bacteria can grow in dugouts as temperatures rise

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

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

Elgert says the first and most important step is to identify the type of growth. "Blue-green algae can look like blue-green scum, pea soup or grass clippings suspended in the water. You should start watching for it when the temperatures rise above 25°C."

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

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

Elgert says there are also preventative measures that can be taken to try to avoid the problem. "Temperature is an important factor in the growth of blue-green algae, so a deeper dugout with steeper slopes while avoiding slope deterioration would help make the dugout water cooler."

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

reduce nutrients."

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

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

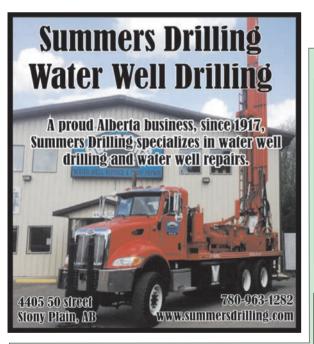
Elgert also notes that the wind can push the blue-green algae into highly concentrated pockets where the risk of harm is higher. "Since blue-green algae can rise or fall in the water column, inspection of the dugout should include peering into the deeper part of the water. Always be safe around the dugout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

EVENT REMINDERS

August 25: Mayor's Golf Tournament NEW DATE.

August 25: Playground Adventure 12pm-2pm. Marlboro Park. Bring your children to play at the park and join in all sorts of family fun. Light snack and a cold treat provided. Visit www.yhcounty.ca/registration for more details.

August 29: Community Registration Day, Edson RCL 51 www.edson.ca/CDprograms
August 30: Youth Interagency Outdoor Movie, RCMP Centennial park.
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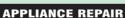


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