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10 Year Milestone for Switzer's Drugs

Conspiracy to commit murder charges in

by Shaylyn Thornton

Coutts protest... years of serving Edson and area. The business was started on

business from his father, John.

January 28, 1912 by Harvey A. and worked alongside his dad and pharmacist. Switzer, a local pharmacist. The two uncles who, like Harold and One of Edson's longest running store is now owned and operated Harvey, were also pharmacists. A businesses, Switzer's Drugs, has by Harvey's grandson, Harold, slow transition over the years led recently hit a huge milestone: 110 who took over the family to Harold owning the business However, that was not always the outright by 1998, and John retired case. The store used to be located Harold joined the store in 1988 in 2005 after 52 years of being a

As most would know, Switzer's Drugs is located at 224 50 Street (Main Street) in Edson.

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Steve Haggett, HSE Manager for PCL Construction at the Cascade Project, along with co-workers Brent Whalen and Tim Hills, presented a cheque to Wendy Williams, Branch President of Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51. The company has a program for recyclables. Each month they donate to a local program. The local Legion was the recipient of the November donation of \$2635. In addition. PCL Construction had a Poppy sticker program and workers at the local project donated \$740 that was also donated to Branch 51. "In the past, the company has donated over \$12,000 in other communities," Haggett said. "We will be here for another two years so many other local groups in the community will benefit." photo Dawn Olsvik



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Protestors gather outside Town of Edson office

by Adrienne Tait

A group of approximately 20 protestors gathered outside the Municipal building on Tuesday evening February 5, in support of Annie Desjarlais' presentation to Council opposing the REP program, lockdown measures, and expressed vaccine hesitancy. Desjarlais represented a group of concerned citizens who wanted to ensure Council was aware of the negative impact mandates have had on community sports, mental health, and the division they have created in the community.

Desjarlais acknowledged that the mandates were under provincial jurisdiction and not a municipal decision but hoped Council would choose not to implement the REP program if brought back. A petition was also given to Council and Administration. Administration has 45 days to verify its validity. The protestors remained outside and blasted music which could be heard throughout the remainder of the council meeting.

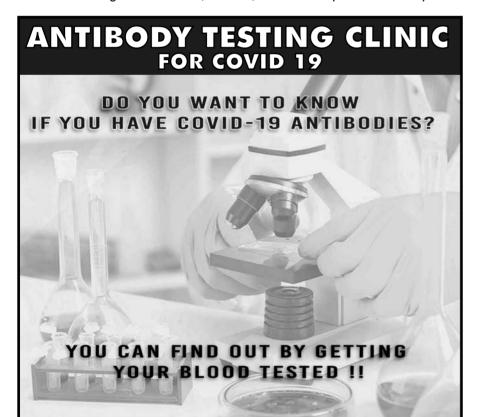
In other council meeting items, the Council Code of Conduct bylaw has been amended and those changes passed as of Tuesday evening. The recommended changes to the bylaw came following a review by administration and a legal opinion sought and include removing the CAO as an investigator of conduct concerns. Other changes address mandatory training following an election, communication procedures with regards to addressing the media and the public, social media best practices, and conduct complaint procedures.

The fourth quarter financial report showed the Town is projected to have a surplus of approximately \$600,000 once the final audit is complete.

The surplus is due in large part to the months various senior leaderships positions were vacant throughout the year as well as reduced staffing levels at Town run facilities during the pandemic. The travel and expenses costs were also down



In recent weeks Edson residents saw an increase in the anti-mandate protests including a march down main street along with the trucks, tractors, and vehicles pictured here. photo Adrienne Tait



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approximately \$130,000 as seminars, meetings, and events were either cancelled or held virtually during the pandemic.

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Community Futures West Yellowhead provides a wide range of small business services

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the February 15 Yellowhead County Council meeting, Council heard a presentation from Community Futures West Yellowhead (CFWY).

General Manager for CFWY, Nancy Robbins, spoke with Council about what CFWY has been up to lately.

The non-profit organization, which is federally funded by the Government of Canada, serves Jasper, Hinton, Grande Cache, and Yellowhead County, provides a wide range of small business services and tools for people wanting to start, expand, transition, buy, or sell a business.

CFWY is operated by a Board of Directors, made up of two directors from each of the municipalities that they serve including the County.

"Our main focus is business coaching, business training, business financing, and community economic development," said Robbins. "Business coaching is probably the most common thing that we do."

Robbins explained that CFWY has a number of programs to help people start up, maintain, or expand their businesses. There are also some specialized programs, such as the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities program where they "help people who have identified barriers meet the needs of their life to go into selfemployment or go into small business."

Project Gazelle is another exciting and specialized program, that focuses on female entrepreneurs and offers special programming for women.

CFWY is already looking forward to Lemonade Day 2022, which is on June 18 this year. The program features teaching entrepreneurialminded kids how to run their own business in the form of a lemonade stand.

The kids learn everything from naming their new company to buying supplies to setting prices to figuring out what they'll do with their profits, and Lemonade Day 2021 was a great success for those who took part. Part of the fun is that the kids learn to "save some money, make some

money, and spend some money," with many kids choosing to donate at least part of their profits to charities and organizations that are important to them.

"If you would like to help us drink lots of lemonade, you are more than welcome to sponsor us or to come as a judge, or to even just visit the kids and drink lemonade," Robbins said to the Council members. "They get to compete in a competition for Best Entrepreneur, Best Tasting Lemonade, and also Best Stand and win cash prizes."

A new program that CFWY has just introduced in the last month is the Digital Services Squad, a partnership project with Business Link. The program offers a business coach that can meet virtually with small businesses to help them meet their digital needs, including learning more about social media and having a website.

CFWY has also been offering a Mental Health Series that is live on their Facebook page every Monday night. "We're finding a lot of business owners are dialing in to listen to that and just to listen to some tips and cope with the two-year anniversary [of the pandemic] coming up," said Robbins.

CFWY also continues to offer a strong loan program, with loans ranging from \$500 to \$150,000. Currently, they have approximately "\$7 million out in loans right now."

They also were a "big funder" when it came to regional relief and recovery in the pandemic. The program, offered in partnership with the Government of Canada, aimed to give people relief and recovery funding. "We did \$3.5 million worth of loans. We did 142 loans total, I believe, for 68 businesses in the West Yellowhead region for the relief program," Robbins said, noting that the program continues until 2025 and they will continue to work with those clients to recover from the pandemic.

Robbins noted that small businesses in the region have identified three main issues that they are struggling with at this time: labour attraction and retention, digital

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access, and supply chain. CFWY is working to find ways to help with these areas, including plans to work with local employment centers to find ways to attract and retain employees.

In terms of Community Economic Development, CFWY supports various community initiatives such as #ChooseWestYellowhead, Alberta Open Farm Days, Tourism Industry Business Retention and Expansion Project, and more.

Councillor Shawn Berry thanked

Robbins for her presentation and added that he was already "really looking forward" to Lemonade Day. "I drank a lot of lemonade the last time around," he said to which Robbins responded, "Yes, you have to really like lemonade if you want to participate."

Mayor Wade Williams also thanked Robbins for her "very informative" presentation. Council voted to accept the presentation for information.

Edson RCMP arrest and charge two males for possession of stolen property

(RCMP) – On Feb. 3, 2022, Edson RCMP responded to a report of a two males attempting to gain entry to a building in the area of 11 Avenue and 56 Street. The suspects were attempting to use keys that had been previously stolen. Police located the two suspects, who matched the description provided by witnesses, in the area. Both suspects were arrested.

The first male (27) of Edson is charged with: Possession of Stolen Property (x2); Failing to Comply with Conditions of Undertaking.

He was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on Mar. 15, 2022.

The second male (24) of

Edson, as a result of ongoing investigation, was also implicated in two additional incidents of break and enter that were reported on Feb. 12 and 13, 2022, in the Edson area. He has been charged with the following offences related to all three incidents: Possession of Stolen Property (x5); Failing to Comply with Probation Order (x4); Failing to Comply with Conditions of Undertaking; Break and Enter; Mischief; Possession of Break-In Instruments. The second male was held for

a judicial hearing and is scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on Mar. 1, 2022.

As this matter is before the court no further information can be released.





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Even journalism under attack...

Freedom of the press is integral to a healthy democracy. Online and

physical harassment against individuals is a growing and significant issue worldwide. This concerning issue did not begin with the pandemic, but it certainly has accelerated what was already happening.

It's difficult to divorce this trend from the growing far-right movements around the world which are even creeping into mainstream Canadian politics. This has helped to fuel online conspiracy theories and protests that have spilled out into the world in horrific ways —that the vast majority of Canadians simply do not support.

What many of these recent protesters fail to recognize is the national consensus prefers a temporary loss of liberty over a loss of life from Covid-19. Canadians are simply less willing to accept the shocking number of deaths from the virus that occurred in countries like the U.S. (which has three times the related deaths, adjusted for population).

Canada is a democracy and everyone has the right to be heard. But a relatively small group of protesters attempting to forcibly impose their will upon the majority, is not the kind of "freedom" anyone should seek.

While the news media does not like to bring attention to itself, it's important to understand that this harassment is also part of a growing level of violence against journalists.

The Canadian Association of journalists (CAJ) is deeply concerned about the alarming rise in harassment and threats against journalists covering the occupation protests and similar demonstrations across the country.

The online abuse suffered by



journalists today goes well beyond the expression of

views, and in many cases it threatens their safety and well-being.

"We welcome thoughtful criticism and discussion of journalists' work but threatening, harassing, physically intimidating, or throwing objects at journalists reporting on these protests has no place in a free country like Canada and is completely unacceptable," said CAJ president Brent Jolly.

Recently, the House of Commons adopted a motion, under unanimous consent, put forward by Bloc Québécois MP Martin Champoux that stated: "That the house reaffirm the primordial and essential role of journalists in a democracy and deplore the attempts to intimidate them in recent days as part of their coverage of the events in Ottawa."

Despite this show of support, attacks have escalated, including racist, antisemitic, misogynistic threats and hateful messages. Journalists in the field have frequently been unable to record an interview or news item without being interrupted, threatened, or assaulted.

The job of journalists is to responsibly tell stories and cover issues that matter to the public and hold officials and those in power accountable.

"Journalists are not stenographers of those in power or those holding protest signs," Jolly said. "To think otherwise is a fundamental misinterpretation of the role of journalism in a democratic society."

-The Canadian Association of Journalists is a professional organization with more than 1.200 members across Canada. The CAJ's primary roles are public-interest advocacy work and professional development for its members.



Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Feb. 7 to 13, 2022

Theft Complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 22. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 3; Alarms/False Alarms 1; Arson 1; Assault 4; Assistance Calls 8; Cause Disturbance 4; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; False/Abandoned 911 Calls 4; Fire Prevention Act 2; Fraud 4; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 3; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 3; Information File 1; Lost/Found Property 7; Mental Health Act 6; Mischief 9; Missing Person/Request to Locate 1; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 2; Sudden Death 1; Suspicious Persons/Vehicles 4; Traffic Collisions 12; Traffic Complaints 5; Traffic Violations 8; Trespassing 7; Uttering Threats Against Property 3; and Wellbeing Checks 3.

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before a fire took out the building in the early 1950s.

But Switzer's Drugs overcame that challenge and continue to overcome challenges, especially in the last couple of years. Operating a pharmacy during COVID has been no easy task, as Switzer's Pharmacy Manager and Pharmacist Dan Reich explained.

Challenges have included staffing, ensuring the highest standard of cleaning which leads to longer wait times, and transitioning to more of an appointment-based system for dealing with clients.

Dan noted that there have also been some communication challenges due to masking making it more difficult for some clients to hear. "It's surprising to realize how many people, even young people, are lip readers," he said.

Still, Switzer's Drugs continues to work hard to serve the community however they can. One of the things that Switzer's is doing to commemorate their 110th anniversary is giving away \$110 gift certificates to

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Every day in February, customers can come down to the store and enter – no purchase necessary. And for those who can't make it in store, such as residents of Parkland Lodge, Dan said people are free to call in and he will enter you in the contest himself, which is a true highlight of the local, hometown service you get at Switzer's.

Dan came up with the idea of offering the gift certificates as a way to support both the community and the small businesses who have suffered through COVID. He had hoped to bring a "pharmacy museum" to the store for the anniversary to highlight all of the cool things a pharmacy does as an essential business, but with the spread of Omicron, they are waiting and hoping to get that put together later this year.

Since joining Switzer's in October 2020, Dan noted

Switzer's Celebrating

"just a few doors down" from the current location locally owned and operated businesses, such as how appreciative he is of the Switzer family and of how "warm and welcoming" the community has been. Although he grew up in Banff, Dan's first pharmacy job was in Edson, so he said joining the Switzer's team was like "coming back home."

> Switzer's has 11 staff members, including Harold and Dan, and some staff members have been there for over 25 years. They are a true local team that value supporting the community.

> Although, if you've ever been involved in local sports like minor hockey or golf, you already know how much Switzer's cares. They have been long-time sponsors of many local sporting teams and events, and later this year they will be the head sponsor for the Junior Open at the Edson Golf Course.

> Supporting businesses that support other businesses and the community at the same time is so important. Head down to Switzer's for that great local service, and enter yourself in the draw for \$110 to a local business in honour of their 110th Anniversary!

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MP Soroka questions the Minister on firearms

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Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the following during Question Period:

"Mr. Speaker, John, a constituent in my riding, has been a firearm owner for over 50years. He served in the military and never had an issue related to the firearms he has owned. Many criminals in Canada purchase illegal handguns and commit crimes anywhere from armed robbery to murder and the government does nothing to stop them.

When will the Liberal government start punishing criminals instead of law-abiding citizens and remove the order in council so that John can sell his firearms?"

Reply:

Hon. Mark Holland (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):

"Mr. Speaker, we have consistently introduced responsible legislation on firearms to make sure that the laws in place protect



Canadians and that lawful firearms ownership is also protected, but that, like all forms of rights and freedoms in our society, comes with reasonable restrictions. Just as in any other element of life, that is what we do with firearms because our priority is the safety of Canadians and making sure that we do not let ideology get in the way of making decisions for public safety."

MP Soroka questions the Minister on food increases

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the following during Question Period.

"Mr. Speaker, according to Canada's 2022 food price report, the overall food price increase is from 5% to 7%. It is the highest predicted increase in food prices in the last 20 years. This is becoming a concern for many constituents in my riding. The price of food in Alberta is expected to be higher than the national average in 2022.

When will the Liberal government finally admit that its policies have directly affected the two-decade high inflation rate?"

Reply:

Hon. Chrystia Freeland (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, as I have already pointed out, and as Canadians understand very well, inflation is a global phenomenon driven by global challenges, like congested supply chains and the fact that there have been very significant crop challenges around the world.

There are concrete things we can do to make life more affordable for Canadians, like building affordable housing and early learning and childcare. That is why I am so astonished that the Conservative Party opposed our early learning and childcare plan, which the Province of Alberta has now done a deal with us on.

Canada lightens border measures as part of transitioning pandemic response

Public Health Agency of Canada

Recent data indicates that the latest wave of COVID-19 driven by the Omicron variant has passed its peak in Canada. As provinces and territories adjust their public health measures, and as we transition away from the crisis phase, it is now time to move towards a more sustainable approach to long-term management of COVID-19.

This transition is possible because of a number of factors, including Canada's high vaccination rates, the increasing availability and use of rapid tests to detect infection, decreasing hospitalization rates and growing domestic availability of therapeutics and treatments.

Feb. 15, the Government of Canada announced a series of adjustments to the current border measures, representing the beginning of a phased easing of travel restrictions. The ability of the country to transition to a new phase at the border is a result of the actions of tens of millions of Canadians across the country who followed public health measures, including getting themselves and their families vaccinated.

As of February 28, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. EST: We will be easing the on-arrival testing for fully-vaccinated travellers. This means that exempt from quarantine, without any prescribed conditions limiting their activities. This means, for example, they no longer need to wait 14 days before attending school, camp or daycare.

Unvaccinated travellers will continue to be required to test on arrival, on Day 8 and quarantine for 14 days. Unvaccinated foreign nationals will not be permitted to enter Canada unless they meet one of the few exemptions.

Travellers will now have the option of using a COVID-19 rapid antigen test result (taken the day prior to their scheduled flight or arrival at the land border or marine port of entry) or a molecular test result (taken no more than 72 hours before their scheduled flight or arrival at the land border or marine port of entry) to meet pre-entry requirements. Taking a rapid antigen test at home is not sufficient to meet the pre-entry requirement – it must be authorized by the country in which it was purchased and must be administered by a laboratory, healthcare entity or telehealth service.

The Government of Canada will adjust its Travel Health Notice from a Level 3 to a Level 2. This means that the Government will no longer recommend that Canadians avoid travel for non-essential purposes. vaccinated Canadians to once again reunite with family and friends and reap the economic benefit that travel provides. We will continue to evaluate our measures and will not hesitate to make necessary adjustments to keep Canadians and our transportation system safe." —The Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport

Quick Facts

-Travellers should check if they are eligible to enter Canada and meet all entry requirements before heading to the border. In addition, some provinces and territories may have their own entry restrictions in place. Check and follow both the federal and any provincial or territorial restrictions and requirements before travelling to Canada.

-All travellers, regardless of how long they were away from Canada, continue to be required to submit their mandatory information via ArriveCAN (free mobile app or website), including proof of vaccination in English or French and a quarantine plan prior to arriving in Canada.

-To prove a previous COVID-19 infection, the Government of Canada will continue to only accept molecular test results, taken at least 10 calendar days and no more than 180 calendar days before entering Canada. -In considering whether to travel, travellers should consider the availability of medical services in a foreign country, and plan for the potential high costs associated with medical treatment and extending their trip, should they test positive for COVID-19 while abroad. Travellers should also understand that there is a continued risk that border and travel measures in other countries, as well as in Canada, may change while they are abroad and should regularly review the entry requirements and exemptions for their travel situation. -Canadians can continue do their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated and boosted, using masks where appropriate, self-isolating if they have symptoms and selftesting if they can.

travellers arriving to Canada from any country, who qualify as fully vaccinated, will be randomly selected for arrival testing. Travellers selected will also no longer be required to quarantine while awaiting their test result. Children under 12 years old, travelling with fully vaccinated adults, will continue to be

Event Reminder

February 25 & March 25: Edson Youth Interagency & Surepoint Group and Edson District Leisure Centre. Are putting together a free fun youth swim ages 9-12 swimming from 6-7:30pm ages 13-17 swimming from 8:30-10pm Travellers should understand the risks that are still associated with international travel given the high incidence of Omicron, and take necessary precautions.

On February 28, 2022 at 16:00 EST, Transport Canada's Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) that restricts where international passenger flights can arrive in Canada will expire. This means that international flights carrying passengers will be permitted to land at all remaining Canadian airports that are designated by the Canada Border Services Agency to receive international passenger flights.

"The measures we are announcing today are possible in part because Canadians have stepped up, rolled up their sleeves and gotten vaccinated. These measures will allow

COVID-19 self-care at home

(AHS) If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you can assume you have COVID-19. If you are sick, isolate right away. If your symptoms get worse call Health Link at 811. If you need medical help right away, call 911.

Most people recover from COVID-19 without special treatment and can manage mild symptoms at home.

Things that may help you feel better:

- Get extra rest

- Drink plenty of fluids

Try over-the-counter medications (such as Tylenol) to help with body aches, headache or to lower your fever, if it's safe for you. Check with your doctor or a pharmacist if you're not sure.

If you're caring for someone with COVID-19 at home:

If you are caring for a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or who has COVID-19 symptoms and has not been tested, follow this advice to protect yourself and others in the home, as well as those in your community. Most importantly, limit contact with that person. - Only one healthy person should provide care.

- Do not share personal and household items with the sick person, such as toothbrushes, towels, bed linen, utensils or electronic devices.

- If at all possible, try to ensure that the sick person has their own bedroom and bathroom.

- If the sick person must leave their room, they should wear a mask.

If not possible to have a separate bathroom, the sick person should put the toilet lid down before flushing. Clean and disinfect the bathroom as needed after each use by the sick person.

Do not allow the sick person to prepare meals for others. Ensure the sick person uses a separate preparation area or at least prepares meals at a different time, washing all surfaces after.

Protect Yourself

Maintain physical distance from the sick individual, as much as possible.

If you need to be within two metres of the sick person, wear a mask.

Clean your hands often for at least 20 seconds, especially after contact with the ill person and after removing your mask.

Dry your hands with disposable paper towels. If not available, use a reusable towel and replace it when it becomes wet.

You can also remove dirt from your hands with a wet wipe and then use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Maximize ventilation and airflow in the living spaces. Even opening a window for a few minutes every hour can help improve ventilation.

Event Reminder

February 26: Predator Control Workshop 9am-5pm at Peers Multiplex contact Yellowhead County Agricultural service department at 780-325-3782







D22-011	Plan 0820472, Blk 2, Lot 7 SW 32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Home Business Medium – Discretionary Use, Two Existing Accessory Buildings (Office Buildings – Variance for Number of Buildings Addition to Existing Accessory Building (Sho	8
D22-006	Plan 1722533, Blk 3, Lot 11 NW 20-49-26-W5 Folding Mountain Area	Accessory Building (Entrance Gate) – Variance to Front Yard Setback	Feb 10/22
D22-010	NE 23-52-24-W5 Hinton Area	Natural Resource Extraction & Processing (Hydro Power Generation) - Discretionary	Feb 10/22
D22-014	Plan 9824002, Blk 2, Lot 7A NE 36-53-13-W5 Niton Junction	Accessory Building (Garage/RV Storage) - Variance for Height	Feb 10/22
D21-015	Plan 1922639, Blk 3, Lot 4 NW 11-51-26-W5 Hinton Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Two Covered Patio's & Attached Garage	Feb 15/22
D22-016	Plan 1822119, Blk 1, Lot 9 NW 06-51-25-W5 Hinton Area	Short Term Accommodation (Existing Log Cabin)	Feb 16/22
D22-018	SW 06-53-19-W5 Marlboro Area	Home Business Small – Commercial Kitchen	Feb 16/22
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Yellowhead County is accepting quotations from interested suppliers who can provide Road Rehabilitation Services (shoulder pull) for approximately 80 km of gravel road in 2022. Quotations shall be submitted based on the terms of reference.

2022 Contract Road Rehabilitation (Shoulder Pull)

For Yellowhead County 2022-0001 Yellowhead County is seeking proposals for the completion of its 2022 Mountain Pine Beetle tree removal program. This contract is dependent on grant funding and will only be

Mountain Beetle Management

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Potential contractors can obtain a detailed information package commencing February 14, 2022 from the Alberta Purchasing Connection (http://www.purchasingconnection.ca) or the office of Yellowhead County, 2716 – 1 Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

Quotation submissions must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 28, 2022. The quotations must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked and addressed as follows:

Yellowhead County 2716 – 1st Avenue Edson, Alberta T7E 1N9 2022 Contract Road Rehabilitation (Shoulder Pull)

Proposal submissions will also be accepted electronically at: gparry@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca

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

- 1. Accept a quotation without negotiation.
- 2. Reject a quotation without negotiation.
- 3. Reject a quotation from a bidder that has had a previous contract terminated by the County.
- 4. Negotiate changes in the financial or operational content of the successful quotation.

Contractors are also advised that the rates, company name, and final rating will be made public when being presented to Council.

For further information regarding this request, please contact Gary Parry, Project Supervisor, at (780) 723-4800.

awarded if Yellowhead County is successful in gaining a Mountain Pine Beetle Municipal Grant.

Documentation and final reporting must be in accordance with the Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) standards and submitted to Jennifer Benson, Agricultural Services Supervisor on deadline for completion of the contract.

The contractor shall be responsible for hiring and management of staff, and for managing all labour, equipment, and all other associated services necessary to complete this project in full compliance with AEP regulations and the MPB Detection and Management in Alberta procedures.

Submission Deadline and Method: Proposals must be submitted by February 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. MST by email or hand delivery to:

Yellowhead County Attn: Jennifer Benson, Agricultural Services Supervisor 2716-1st Ave. Edson, AB T7E 1N9

It is the sole responsibility of Proponents to ensure they submit before the deadline. Yellowhead County will reject all late submissions. Notified of the outcome is expected to be made on March 4, 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter.

For further information, please contact Jennifer Benson, Supervisor of Agricultural Services of Yellowhead County at (780) 325-3782.

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THE WEEKLY ANCHOR

by PETER MARINACCI













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> HILL SIGHT COMBINATION PREJUDICE NEEDLE INHIBITION PACE ARGUMENT STYLE HOUR

Alberta Wide Mental Health Help Line 1-877-303-2642. The Toll Free Line is 24 hours, 7 days a week. The confidential service provides support, information and referrals to Albertans experiencing mental health concerns.

Wildwood and District **Ag Society Update**

by Carol Riehl

Hope you are enjoying this spring-like weather. I bet some of you have got your seeds planted already. Oh yes... I hear you... "Mine are already up". Isn't it so exciting to know that you can enter all those things in the Bench Show this year. Yahoo!

The society has chosen the theme for this years fair... "We're Back and It's a Celebration." That's a challenge to decide how to decorate your float. The picture that might be used on the front cover of the fair book needs to be black & white and vertical. Submit your creation to Wilma.

The society is hosting a Garage Sale at the Wildwood Recreation Complex on May 7, 2022. It may extend to include a tailgate Odd & Unusual sale as well as Tack. We'll keep you posted.

We will also co-host, with the Yellowhead County, a Farm Safety Day on May 25, 2022. Everyone is welcome to take part. Watch for further postings.

Wildwood Bronc Busting will be hosting their event at the grounds on June 18, 2022. Mark your calendar.

Enjoy this wonderful weather and watch your step... on the ice of course!

Reporting stolen licence plates helps police

Alberta motorists must now report lost or stolen licence plates to police before requesting a replacement plate from registry agents. Early reporting of lost or stolen plates allows police to be on alert for licence plates that may be used for illegal purposes.

A lost or stolen licence plate is not just frustrating for the owner, it can create larger problems if it is used in criminal activity. One of those risks is to the safety of law enforcement officers who benefit from having the most accurate, up-to-date information when conducting roadside stops.

"Requiring a police report for a lost or stolen licence plate is a common-sense change to make. In doing so, we are ensuring police have accurate information that can better help them when interacting with motorists and is crucial for an investigation." —Nate Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta

The change was successfully piloted at 12 registry agent offices across Alberta in 2021.

"It is common practice for criminals to disguise their stolen vehicles by attaching an unreported stolen plate associated to a vehicle of a similar make and model. This tactic allows auto thieves to engage in high-risk criminal activities undetected. This includes dangerous driving, hit-and-run collisions, robberies and break and enters. Mandatory reporting of lost and stolen licence plates will go a long way to making life more difficult for thieves and help keep Albertans safe." -Mark Neufeld, Calgary police chief, and



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president, Association of Alberta Chiefs of Police

When motorists go to a registry office to request a replacement for their lost or stolen plate, they will be required to present a police file number. Albertans can file a report at their local police station or over the phone, and many police services provide the ability to file a report online. If the police have not been notified before a request for a replacement plate is made. Albertans can call directly from the registry office at the time of service.

"A lost or stolen licence plate impacts the safety of Albertans and our communities. At AMA, we've always advocated for safe communities, so we're proud to support this change and help our members quickly get back to normal and live their lives with confidence." -Joel Ruff, chief operating officer, Alberta Motor Association

The change does not apply to personalized licence plates, which are issued in pairs.



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Certified seed costs

Certified wheat and barley seed costs in Alberta have increased over the past 12 months with more increases likely to occur in 2022.

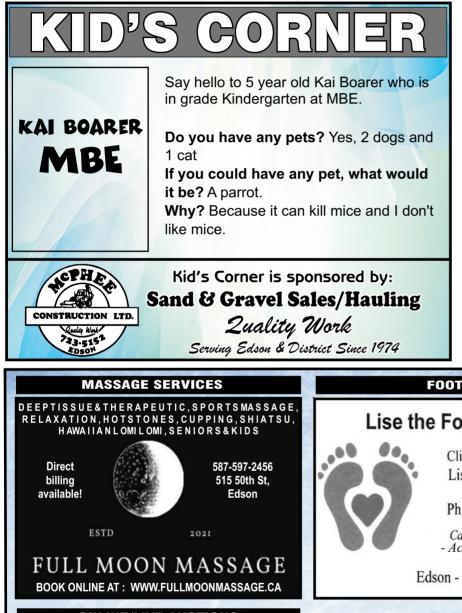
input cost each spring for Alberta farmers,' says Ryan Furtas, market analyst with portion of their acreage Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Develop- jumped 8% month over ment. 'Farmers are not month and is 26% required to purchase

wheat and barley acres, but many farmers do choose to plant a using certified seed.' Barley seed recently

higher than its 5-year

'Seed is a significant certified seed for their average. The wheat price increase has been slower. Currently, wheat seed is just 9% higher than the 5- year average, with a 3% month over month increase.

'Wheat prices have not increased as



dramatically as barley in the past 6 months. The warm dry growing season led to good higher seed volumes produced, but also had higher instances of disease and relatively lower germination rates.'

2022 are at a 5-year high but, compared to the increase of commercial prices, seed prices have not moved much higher. Currently, the average wheat seed price is \$62 per 100 kg, which is \$5 per 100 kg or 9% higher than the 5year average of \$57 per 100 kg.

Barley certified seed cost has made a jump to \$54 per 100 kg, a 26% increase over the 5-year average of \$43 per 100 kg.

'High cash prices and certified seed prices low yields throughout 2017-2021, Canadian \$ the Prairie provinces are the main driving quality seed in 2021. factors of the cereal The previous years of seed cost increase,' 2019 and 2020 had explains Furtas. 'Despite the low inventories, 2021 cereal seed is good quality, with samples of each showing relatively strong germination and Wheat seed prices for very low instances of disease such as fusarium.'

> Figure 1. Alberta wheat and barley

per 100 kg

'There are several good reasons to use certified seed,' says Furtas. 'The primary reason is to gain access to new varieties with improved genetics. The cost of certified seed can be offset with improved yields, harvest advantages and lower instances of disease.'

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> -Seed, Wheat, Certified No. 1, bulk 100 kg (bulk) Source: Alberta Farm Input Survey for Alberta

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FCSS Agreement approved for Yellowhead County and Parkland County

by Shaylyn Thornton

Yellowhead County Council meeting, Council heard from Yellowhead's Director of Community Services Deborah Juch regarding a proposed FCSS funding agreement with Parkland County, during their Jan. 25 meeting.

The previous agreement expired at the end of 2021 and the new proposed agreement is for the term January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 with the opportunity for a one-year extension, if amenable to both parties. The new agreement is unchanged in both its scope and funding formula.

Juch explained that Parkland County uses a "somewhat complex" funding formula to determine its agreements with its many municipal partners in the delivery of FCSS services.

They first determine what percent of its total population is served by each municipality. Yellowhead County and Drayton Valley's FCSS programs are deemed to be serving 20% of Parkland's population located in Divisions 5 and 6, which are adjacent to Yellowhead County's eastern border.

Of Parkland County's total FCSS funding for this population (\$82,020), Yellowhead County receives 61% or \$57,352 which Juch noted is "a slight increase over prior years."

Parkland residents that are served by Yellowhead County FCSS are able to access any services provided, including Home Support and programming delivered in the Evansburg Jr./Sr. high school and the Entwistle school.

In turn, Yellowhead County FCSS Supervisor Wendy Robinson reports to Parkland County annually with service details and statistics of Parkland patronage. Parkland County also receives a copy of Yellowhead's provincial FCSS report to Parkland so that they can incorporate the information in their funding report.

Juch added that while the new agreement is for the 2022 calendar year with an opportunity for a one-year extension, "Parkland County is planning to review its provision of FCSS services, its service model, in 2022 which may result in some requested changes coming later in the year."

Administration recommended approval of the agreement as presented, and Council voted to approve the agreement.

The meeting also discussed the appointment of the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Chair for the one-year term ending November 25, 2022. Councillor Dawn Mitchell excused herself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

Yellowhead County's ASB must have a Chairperson to operate all meetings, and in accordance with s. 2 of the Board Establishment Bylaw 15.20, Council appoints the member to the position by resolution.

Any member of the Board may serve as a Chairperson including either of the two Council representatives. Prior to November 25, 2021, the last ASB Chair was Robert Mitchell.

Typically the ASB would decide on a chairperson at their inaugural meeting, but many members were unable to attend the December 2021 meeting. Instead, they discussed the nominations at the regularly scheduled ASB meeting on January 20, 2022.

The Board decided to name both a Chair and Co-Chair for the term, with the goal of "consistency" if the Chair could not be present. The Board nominated Robert Mitchell as Chairperson and Shelley Hay as co-Chairperson.

Council voted unanimously to approve appointments of Robert Mitchell and Shelley Hay as Chair and Co-Chair for the ASB for the term of November 25, 2021 through November 24, 2022.

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Be sure to register for junior kindergarten or kindergarten before April 30, 2022, for a chance to win a Chromebook for your family. All registrations confirmed prior to April 30th will be entered into a draw for a Chromebook. Winners will be announced by May 30, 2022, and Chromebooks will be delivered to the winners after September 30.





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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Financial Analyst LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE COMPETITION NO. 22-018

Reporting to the Director of Corporate Services, the Financial Analyst provides assistance in all aspects of financial analysis, record keeping, and reporting. This position works closely with the Director of Corporate Services in all financial matters and assists with all financial and clerical duties as assigned.

The salary range is currently \$66,182 - \$83,790 per year.

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 **Friday March 18, 2022**.

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

Payroll Department Yellowhead County Email: jobs@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Facility Fleet Maintenance LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE COMPETITION NO. 22-016

Reporting to the Manager of Transportation Services, Facilities and Fleet Maintenance is responsible for the maintenance and care of County owned buildings, grounds and other facilities, and vehicle fleet in Yellowhead County

The salary range is currently \$66,182 - \$83,790 per year.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Accounts Payable Clerk LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE COMPETITION NO. 22-017

Reporting to the Accounting Supervisor, the Accounts Payable Clerk is responsible for performing accounting duties and maintaining information related to Accounts Payable for Yellowhead County. This position will assist the Director of Corporate Services and the Accounting Supervisor with all financial and clerical duties as assigned.

The salary range is currently \$56,930 - \$72,065 per year.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Solid Waste Manager LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE COMPETITION NO. 22-019

Reporting to the Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services, the Solid Waste Manager is responsible for the managing of all components of service delivery of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority (WYRWMA) which includes the Regional Landfill site in Hinton. The Solid Waste Manager will also oversee the County's solid waste program which includes the County's transfer stations, solid waste collection and recycling.

The salary range is currently \$103,438 - \$130,924 per year.

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Alberta RCMP make arrests at Coutts Border Blockade



A cache of firearms with a large quantity of ammunition seized from a small organized group within the larger Coutts protest.

After 18 days of disrupting a Canada-U.S. border crossing near Coutts, Alberta, anti-COVID mandate protesters have abandoned their blockade on Feb. 15.

"The border is fully open, traffic is moving smoothly, and all protesters have moved from the area," said Alberta RCMP Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki to the media.

The RCMP will maintain a presence in the area to ensure the crossing remains clear.

The departure of vehicles came a day after the RCMP arrested 13 people and seized a cache of firearms and ammunition. Charges of conspiracy to commit murder were laid, in addition to 14 charges of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, one charge of uttering threats, and 14 charges of mischief over \$5,000.

The Alberta RCMP became aware of a small organized group within the larger Coutts protest. Information was received that this group had access to a cache of firearms with a large quantity of ammunition. The group was said to have a willingness to use force against the police if any attempts were made to disrupt the blockade. This resulted in an immediate and complex investigation to determine the extent of the threat and criminal organization.

As a result of this investigation, the Alberta RCMP executed a search warrant during the early hours of Feb. 14, on three trailers associated to this criminal organization. This resulted in the arrest and detainment of 11 individuals.

As result of these search warrants, the following was seized:

-13 long guns; handguns; multiple sets of body armour; a machete; a large quantity of ammunition; and high capacity magazines.

An example of the militant mindset of a small segment of the protest, earlier in the evening of Feb. 14, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a large farm tractor and a semi truck, both involved in the blockade, attempted to ram a police vehicle. The police officer was able to reposition and avoid the collision. RCMP officers followed the suspects to a location where the protesters were gathered. The driver of the tractor was identified and we are actively working to locate him so he can be taken into custody. The Alberta RCMP have seized the farm tractor and semi truck involved in this incident.

The Alberta RCMP wants to emphasize that their primary goal

throughout this event has been and will continue to be the safety of the public, as well as their officers.

The Alberta RCMP will resume efforts to end the illegal blockade which has prevented access to the Coutts border. They encourage all participants who are involved in this illegal action to leave immediately or relocate to the designated site for the legal protest.

Additional individuals arrested in connection to the Coutts border blockade:

February 14, RCMP had an arrest on

the highway where two weapons were seized and an individual was arrested and remains in custody. He was stopped by police while en-route back to the protest site.

At approximately 12:45 p.m., a northbound semi truck approached an RCMP check-stop north of Milk River, Alta. when the driver accelerated and drove towards police members. The driver swerved at the last moment and hit some traffic cones which were on the roadway. The driver was arrested close to the scene for criminal code offences.



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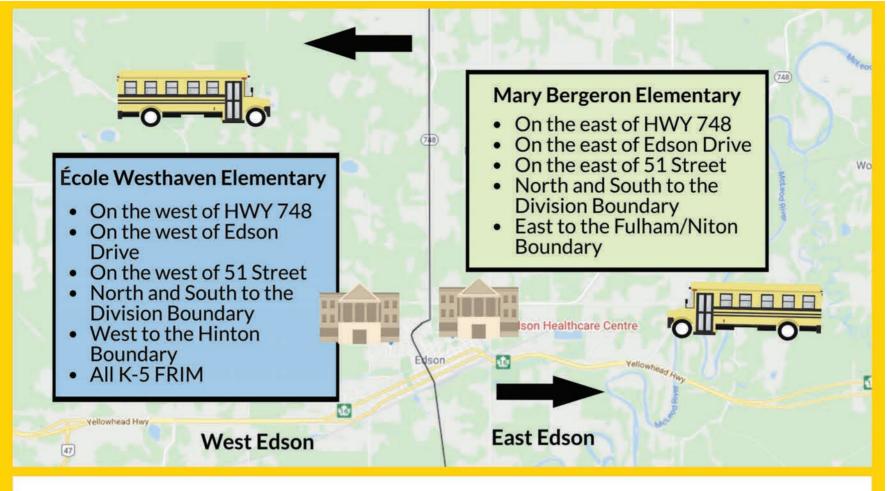


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Designated Edson Elementary for Eligible Transportation Services -Boundary Update for 2022/2023



- Beginning September 2022, the designated school for the transportation of all FRIM K-5 students, and K-5 students residing in the west half of Edson and the rural areas west of Edson is École Westhaven Elementary School.
- Mary Bergeron Elementary is the designated school for the transportation of all K-5 students living in the east side of Edson and the rural areas east of Edson.

At the Public Board Meeting on January 26, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved an update to the Edson Elementary Transportation boundary. Please note that the boundary was updated:

- based on parent feedback to resolve an unequal attendance boundary not completed with the closure of Evergreen Elementary in 2017
- to allow for a more fair population distribution between the elementary schools which may address future programs and classroom space concerns
- · to ensure that a student's designated school is the one closest to their primary residence
- to align with the provincial funding received for eligible transportation based on the Student Transportation Regulation requirements for designated schools, and
- please note, that parents do not have to change schools.

To meet provincial transportation requirements, the boundary update affects a small number of families. Impacted families have been informed of the update by Transportation Services and invited to discuss busing options and any potential fees, including support processes, to access unfunded services.

Parents can check their designated school for funded busing services for September 2022 by visiting the Division website

at www.gypsd.ca.

For all questions about busing, please email transportation@gypsd.ca.





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Expanded booster doses for young Albertans

Youth ages of 12 to 17 with underlying health conditions and all First Nations, Métis and Inuit youth in age group eligible for a booster

(AB) February 14, 2022: Young Albertans with immunocompromising conditions and underlying health conditions can book COVID-19 vaccine booster doses on February 15.

Youth between the ages of 12 and 17 with underlying health conditions and all First Nations, Métis and Inuit youth in this age group will be eligible to book a booster (third) dose. In addition, youth aged 12 to 17 with immunocompromising conditions will be eligible to book a booster (fourth) dose. All children aged five to 11 who have specific immunocompromising conditions will also be eligible to book a third dose as part of their primary series.

These changes follow recommendations from both the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and the Alberta Advisory Committee on Immunization (AACI).

"I know this will be welcome news to young Albertans who live with

immunocompromising and other underlying health conditions, and to their parents and families. I encourage all parents and guardians to get their children immunized, whether or not they fall into these high-risk categories." -Jason Copping, Minister of Health

"We want to provide these young Albertans with additional protection against the virus. It is important that all Albertans get immunized with all of the doses they are eligible for to help protect themselves and those around them." -Dr. Deena Hinshaw, chief medical officer of health

Qualifying conditions

Eligible underlying health conditions for youth aged 12 to 17 include:

- A missing spleen or a spleen that is no longer working

- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Chronic heart disease and vascular disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Chronic respiratory diseases

- Diabetes requiring insulin or other antidiabetic medication to control

- Pregnancy
- Severe mental illness or substance use disorder
- Severe obesity

- Severe or profound learning disabilities or severe developmental delay

In addition, First Nations, Métis and Inuit youth aged 12 to 17 year old are eligible for a third dose.

When to book: Bookings open February 15. Individuals must wait at least five months after the second dose.

Eligible immunocompromising conditions for all individuals five years of age and older:

-Recipients of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T-cell therapy

- Moderate to severe primary

immunodeficiency (for example, DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)

- Advanced untreated HIV infection or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or perinatally acquired HIV infection

- Immunosuppressive therapies (for example, anti-B cell therapies, high-dose systemic corticosteroids, alkylating agents,

antimetabolites, or tumor-necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors and other biologic agents)

- Transplant recipients, including solid organ and hematopoietic stem cell transplants

- Chronic kidney disease receiving regular dialysis

- Receiving active cancer treatment (chemotherapy, immunotherapy or targeted therapies), excluding those receiving only hormonal therapy, radiation therapy or surgery

When to book: Bookings open February 15. Third dose for children aged five to 11 with

immunocompromising conditions recommended to wait at least eight weeks after second dose.

Fourth dose for adolescents 12-17 with immunocompromising conditions - must wait at least five months after the third dose.

Appointments for additional doses

Parents and guardians can book appointments for additional doses for eligible children and adolescents online with AHS and participating pharmacies by using the Alberta vaccine booking system or by calling 811.



w hat's happening, when and where in the community Community Events

Good Neighbor: Snow

Shoveling Program. Nominate a Volunteer forms available at Yellowhead County office in Wildwood or Edson office or call 780-325-3782 or Email Karen at kschatz@yhcounty.ca **November 23 - June 28:** Bereavement Support Group. Online Virtual Sessions. Call Yellowhead County office for exact dates each month. 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 or

Virtual Sessions. Call Yellowhead County office for exact dates each month. 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 or email Karen at <u>kschatz@yhcounty.ca</u> **February 1- March 3:** Tai Chi Day time 1:30- 2:30 Evening 5:00pm-6:00pm Register in person at the Leisure centre (formerly known as Repsol Place) **February 1- March 3:** ZUMBA Daytime 9:00am-10:00am

Skate to support the Edson Food Bank Society 12-4pm at Glenwood Outdoor Skating Rink (463-72 street) Please bring a food bank donation. Hot chocolate, Prizes and a special guest. Fun for the whole family. **February 25 & March 25:** Edson Youth Interagency & Surepoint Group and Edson District Leisure Centre are putting together a free fun youth swim ages 9-12 swimming from 6Multiplex contact Yellowhead County Agricultural service department at 780-325-3782 **March 3:** Grow your own Oyster Mushroom Workshop. Online class 7-9pm call 780-325-3782 to register. Register deadline February 21

First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 2 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge. See the Senior's Day Facebook Event for more details.

email Karen at <u>kschatz@yhcounty.ca</u> **November 23 - June 28:** Caregiver Support Group. Online Virtual Session. Online Evenings 7:00-8:00pm Register in person at the Leisure centre (formerly known as Repsol Place) **February 21:** Tourmaline Oil Corp is hosting a family Day 7:30pm ages 13-17 swimming from 8:30-10pm **February 26:** Predator Control Workshop 9am-5pm at Peers





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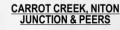
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THE WEEKLY ANCHOR



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is showing how great of a companion he will make for someone. Want to know more? Find some great photos

and more information about Vader on the EARS Adoptions Facebook page.

~ Obituary ~ **Jane Leugner**

We regretfully announce the passing of our mother, sister and beloved friend Jane Leugner on January 29, 2022.

Diagnosed with Breast Cancer in March of 2018, she took up the

challenge to treat this disease and enjoy the great days with her family and friends to the fullest. In November of 2019 the cancer metastasized to her bones and liver and in October 2021 she decided to discontinue treatment and let the disease run its course.

No funeral services will be held at this time. Her wishes were to be cremated and ashes spread in the Alberta Rocky Mountains, which will take place at a later date.

"Into the forest I will go to heal my heart and find my soul."

~ Obituary ~ Jean Olava Marie Straub

Jean Olava Marie Straub (nee Teigen) was born October 25, 1934, at Yates, near Edson, AB and passed on Sunday, February 6, 2022, in Calgary, AB at the age of 87 years.

She is survived by her sisters, Inga Nijssen, Marjorie Spreen, Karen (Ron) Radke, and Elisa Martin; and by brothers, John (Janet) Teigen, and Alvin (Marilyn) Teigen.



The Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum is currently working on a One Room School Project with the help of Yellowhead County Heritage Advisory Board and the Historical Programs and Facilities Grant. We are creating a photo display in our museum to display the information we gather and we are hoping to create a driving tour pamphlet of the school sites for all to enjoy. If you have any information on any of the schools listed below, especially photos, we would love to see them and include them in our research. Visit our website www.redbrickartscentre.com/projects-3 to fill out a questionnaire.

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Contributions to this exhibit are accepted through photos, artifacts, personal memories, historical information, and historical documents.

If you would like to contribute to the One-Room School Exhibit please contact the Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum staff at 780-723-3582, echored@telus.net or in person!

OBITUARIES

~ Obituary ~ **Doreen Madeline Tanghe** (nee Desanghere)

March 27,1934 to February 9, 2022

It is with sadness and love that we announce the peaceful passing of our mother at age 87 on February 9th with her family by her side in Edson, Alberta. Mom is remembered by her children, Bill (Peggy) and John (Shirley), Sue (Kerry), Maria, and Noreen (Jeff), 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. She was committed to her family

and especially enjoyed baking "grandma bread" for them and spending time with them at the family farm. Her commitment to family extended to her sisters and nephews and nieces, whom she also treasured. She will be greatly missed.

Mom was born at the farm near Lafleche, Saskatchewan to Rene and Margaret Desanghere. She grew up as the oldest of 6 children in a hard-working family with siblings Alice, George, Cecile, Irene and Blanche. Mom grew up on the same farm and attended school through to high school in Lafleche.

Mom married our father (Robert) on June 30th, 1952. They immediately moved to Grand Forks, British Columbia, later to Kenora, Ontario and eventually settled in Edson in 1958. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2002. She was a farm owner, housewife, volunteer and bread winner as necessary. She completed her working life at Switzer's Drug Store after more than 24 years of service. She took great pride in volunteering and made significant contributions to the Alberta Fish & Game Association, the CWL, the Pine Grove Community, and the Old Timers Cabin in Edson. Mom loved to play horse shoes, cards, bowl, and really enjoyed floor curling in her later years. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 19th at 1:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Edson, Alberta. Masks and social distancing remain in effect in compliance with current COVID restrictions. A private family celebration of life will follow. The service can also be viewed live at



Jean was predeceased by her first husband, William Monroe; second husband, Otto

Straub; her parents, Ragnvald (Ray) and Muriel Teigen; and brother, Orwell Teigen.

Jean was born on a homestead and loved farm life and the animals. She learned to play many musical instruments, especially the violin and organ.

Her career took her to Edmonton where she first worked for Sunlife Insurance and then for many years as a supervisor at the main Post Office until her retirement to the Eckville area. She was compassionate and helped many people if they were experiencing difficult times. She will be missed by her extended family and friends.

We would like to express thanks for the love and care that she received at the Eckville Manor, various hospitals and the Dulcina Hospice in Calgary. Due to Covid-19, a Celebration of Jean's life will occur in the spring of 2022. No details are available at this time.

In memory of Jean, donations may be made to The Gideons International, The Cancer Society, or the Heart and Stroke Foundation. To view and share photos, condolences, and memories of Jean, please visit www.choicememorial.com

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