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Edson rejoins West Central Airshed Society...

by Dana McArthur

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The grant being applied for is Leisure Centre into the new

Both councils agreed the gymnasium will continue to be A revised grant application included in the project scope of

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arena.

"Our intent is still to build the gymnasium and to include it in the scope of work and the tendering process, but just exclude it from the grant application," said County CAO Luc Mercier, during Yellowhead County's Council meeting on January 10.

The two municipalities jointly submitted a draft amended grant application to Government of Alberta ICIP representatives, with the preferred concept design and project costing, for review and feedback.

The representatives recommended the removal of the gymnasium component of the application, as the current costing projections exceed the \$70 million budget. By including this component, both municipalities would have been obliged to include the gymnasium in the final project regardless of tender results, and would therefore not have the option of eliminating this program area if tenders came in significantly over budget.

On January 10, both Councils voted to approve the joint

submission of the cost-effective concept design amended grant application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program without the gymnasium program area, and further, that Councils direct their respective Administrations to include the gymnasium in the overall project scope and for design and tendering

purposes. It will likely take 3 to 4 months to receive a response back on the revised application.



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40+ year history of Parkland Lodge Auxiliary at risk without new volunteers

by Niki Luymes

The Parkland Lodge Auxiliary is putting a call out for much-needed new volunteers.

The group has been bringing smiles to residents of Parkland Lodge for over 40 years and is in desperate need of new volunteers.

The Lodge Auxiliary mostly focuses on their three annual tea parties and bake sales, as well as the Grandparent Walkathon, the Senior's Week Movie, Halloween Costume contest, and Christmas Silent Auction.

Happening throughout the year, these events serve as much-appreciated opportunities for community and engagement for the residents. The Auxiliary works with the Parkland Lodge to provide these events. New members would only be required to attended the once a month meetings, and then do their part in the planning and running of the events.

One of the important aspects of what they do is supplying the little extras to Lodge residents over the year. This includes gift cards for each residents' birthday and Christmas, as well as awards for the Halloween costume party, and flowers for the spring and summer. "Giving them the little extras," said Ann, Vice President of the Parkland Lodge Auxiliary. "Some of them need it and some don't, because they have family that come visit. But the ones that don't, I'm sure appreciate it."

The Auxiliary is currently seven members strong, however those members are getting along in years and need new help to make events happen. "If we don't get more volunteers that will help us do this —then we're going to have to fold," said Ann.

The group has been as large as 20 members, "So we'll take as many as we can get."

Regardless of your age, if you are at all interested in investing just a little time and effort into helping seniors, the Lodge Auxiliary would love to hear from you.

The next monthly meeting will be February 7 at 10am at the Parkland Lodge boardroom. All those interested are welcome to come and ask questions. If you want more information you can call Ann at 780-723-4522, or the group Secretary, Carol at 780-723-5518. "We'd hate to see the end of it, being that it's been around so long," said Ann.



The Parkland Lodge Auxiliary held their Annual Grandparents Walk in September of 2022



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Yellowhead County's Family Winter Fun Days

by Niki Luymes

Families were able to make the most of winter by coming out to Yellowhead County's Family Winter Fun Days. Throughout the week Yellowhead County Parks and Recreation organized free events for several of the hamlets within the county.

On January 4, there was free skating offered at the Niton ice rink, and a sledding party in Evansburg on January 6 at Tipple Park. There was another skating event planned for Wildwood on the 5th, but it was canceled due to low registration.

Each of the two events ran from 1pm to 3pm, and featured other winter activities as well. Alongside the skating in Niton and sledding in Evansburg, there was also free snowshoes to try out, as well as snowball makers, while also enjoying the local playgrounds.

Yellowhead Regional Libraries also provided free hot chocolate at each event,

which was served alongside other free snacks. Tipple Park Museum staff also came out to the Evansburg event and showed the kids how to make maple syrup candy in the snow. They also led the kids in a snowball throwing contest.

"It was a great event," said Nicole Tarves, Recreation Coordinator for Yellowhead County. "In Niton we had roughly 30 people, but in Evansburg we had 50 people so it was a great turnout there." The events both succeeded in their goal of helping families to get out and enjoy the outdoors while also getting to know others in the community.

The events were both put on by Yellowhead County Parks and Recreation and Yellowhead FCSS in partnership with other groups such as Yellowhead Regional Library, the BEST Mental Health Program from GYPSD, and Tipple Park Museum.



Town of Edson rejoins West Central Airshed Society

by Niki Luymes

During the January 10 Town Council Meeting, the council received a report from the West Central Airshed Society (WCAS).

WCAS is an independent, nongovernmental organization that specializes in monitoring air quality across Alberta. Gary Redmond, Executive Director of WCAS came out to Edson to update council on Edson's air quality as recorded over the course of 2022, and also invite the town to rejoin WCAS as a municipal member.

There are 10 Airsheds in Alberta with 87 monitoring stations and many more smaller monitoring sites operated by WCAS. These stations keep track of local air quality, focusing on air pollutants and meteorological conditions. WCAS also monitors fine particulate matter (also know as PM2.5) in the air that can be attributed to smoke or other emissions. According to their readings the Town of Edson has had a 'Low Risk' air quality for over 98.07% of 2022. All WCAS Data is available on their website. Currently, WCAS has one air monitoring station in the Edson area, just north of the Weyerhaeuser OSB plant. However, they are hoping to add a new station east of Weyerhaeuser, while also moving the existing station into the town centre.

but are not limited to, updated air data and expert analysis for municipal planning, special responses to issues, expanded awareness and/or outreach to the region, and briefings for elected officials. Membership to WCAS will cost the town \$1,500 a year. While the Town of Edson was a member of WCAS for many years, it stopped in 2018.

Councillor Ed Moore began the open discussion by asking, "Do vandals leave these stations alone, mostly?" "We have had some issues with vandalism," replied Redmond, "especially when the stations are a bit more remote. We have seen some challenges with that and we've increased our security around it."

Councillor Gean Chouinard asked how Edson compares in air quality to other towns in Alberta. Redmond responded, "I actually don't know the answer for 2022. We're working on that. We wait until the data is all quality assured, then compare trends. But typically I would answer that I think Edson enjoys pretty good air quality.' Mayor Kevin Zahara concluded the discussion by stating that they had done some investigation into why the town had ceased membership. "It looks like it was just an error administratively. So I think we'll get that rectified. We certainly want to be supportive as much as we can. It is important to monitor our air quality here in our community, especially with our industrial players here."

Yellowhead County Libraries provided free hot chocolate at Yellowhead County's Family Winter Fun Days. The events were held throughout the week and were a great opportunity to enjoy the winter break. photo submitted

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Aggressive drivers

Fatigue

March





The Town of Edson aligns its Traffic Safety Priorities with the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan. with an aim to reduce road traffic fatalities. Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for Information and Enforcement activities. January's focus is: Intersection Safety, Winter Driving and Alcohol and Drug Impairment, and Fatigue. For more details on the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, visit https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx

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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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Replace the CPP?

Premier Danielle Smith is now floating the balloon of an Alberta Pension Plan (APP) to replace CPP.

From saying cancer patients can do more to prevent their disease from progressing to Stage 4; to her insulting parallels between the relationships of First Nations, Alberta and the federal government; and seemingly justifying Russia's invasion of Ukraine – Smith has upset many Albertans across the province.

Public outcry caused her to walk back those particular comments. But those public reactions may pale in comparison to the potential backlash from fundamentally changing seniors' pension plans.

A recent Abacus Data survey revealed that only 1 in 4 Albertans think the province is headed in the right direction. And oddly, Premier Smith continues to focus on issues that are not part of the main concerns for the majority of Albertans.

Recent polls show that the top issues for Albertans are the cost of living, healthcare, the economy, taxes, and housing. Yet Smith's attention remained fixed on her Sovereignty Act, an Alberta Provincial Police force, Health Savings Accounts, and now, an Alberta Pension Plan to replace the Canada Pension Plan (CPP).

While the potential risks of establishing an APP are significant, the idea of having one is not new. The case for the move seems to hinge mainly on leveraging a shortterm advantage and possibly investing in riskier assets for province-building.



APP proponents argue that Alberta has an overall younger population and would be able

to make smaller contributions to their pension plan, compared to what they contribute to the CPP now. Pensioners may also experience a short-term increase. However, there is a short-sightedness in this kind of thinking.

In 30 or 40 years our population may no longer be so young. An APP would likely end up being transferred into a smaller and less secure plan with higher unfunded liabilities. As with any financial plan, the broader one can diversify risks, and pool those risks across a diverse set of the population, the lower the risk is ultimately to the beneficiaries.

CPP is arguably one of the best examples of federal/provincial cooperation. At the end of September 2022, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) reported net assets of \$529 billion, with a 10year annualized net return of 10.1 percent —that's a pretty healthy return in these markets.

Sadly, we have already seen this province's lack of long term planning in our long-term care facilities. Seniors endlessly on hold and even dying in acute care hospital beds while waiting for spaces in longterm care faculties. This has been a problem for many, many years.

Ironically, Smith continues to demand that the feds stay in their lane — perhaps she needs to look to her own advice on the issue of an APP.

Seniors' pensions are too vital to be made the subject of political theatre.







Edson RCMP Occurrences For the week of Dec Jan 2 to Jan 8, 2023

Traffic Collisions topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 11. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 2; Alarms/False Alarms 1; Animal Calls 4; Assault 1; Assistance Calls 4; Cause Disturbance 4; Child Welfare 1; Fail to Comply with Conditions 3; False/Abandoned 911 Call 5; Family Orders and Agreements 1; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 3; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 2; Information File 1; Lost/Found Property 7; Mental Health Act 5; Mischief or Damage 6; Municipal Bylaws 2; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 1; Possess Stolen Property 2; Recovered Stolen Property 1; Sudden Death 1; Suspicious Persons/Vehicles 5; Theft Complaints 6; Traffic Complaints 6; Traffic Violations 8; Trespassing 2; Unlawfully in Dwelling 2; Wellbeing Check 1.



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West Yellowhead Trail Society: Pathway to the Park

by Dana McArthur

During Yellowhead County Council's meeting on January 10, discussions focussed on the West Yellowhead Trail Society's Pathway to the Park Project.

On December 14, 2021, the West Yellowhead Trail Society (WYTS) presented their Pathway to the Park Project concept to Yellowhead County Council. The project proposes to construct a 26 km paved pathway from west Hinton to the Jasper National Park gate along the north side of Hwy 16. There are no fixed plans for the trail to extend into the Jasper townsite. The WYTS estimates construction costs of \$7 to \$10 million over a three year build.

In November 2022, the society requested a presentation to Council to provide a progress update.

Based on County Administration's recommendation, it was decided that the best course of action, assuming support from all parties, would be to begin with an ad hoc

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committee to develop the business plan prior to making a formal request to Yellowhead County.

CAO Luc Mercier stated that it's Administration's position that if such a project would proceed, the apportionment of responsibility should be different than what was proposed, as Yellowhead County is being asked to take on most of the accountability once the project is complete. In addition to this, the current trail alignment conflicts with the current proposal for Yellowhead County land acquisition which should be dealt with prior to giving support.

"Although there is most definitely some merit to the project to enhance our region, the current plan does not fall within the County's Trail Master Plan and it does conflict with the County's long term plans in the area," stated Mercier.

As a result, Administration is recommending that council deny the request to join the ad hoc committee at this point in time, and with the current proposal. "This is a great board. I think they are providing something great for the region as a whole. But I feel this is a bit too soon for our plans as a municipality," Mercier added.

Councillor David Russell expressed concerns with the cost of maintaining 26kms of paved trails as well as providing EMS services, "Costs could easily run away."

Council's consensus was that the timing was not good for this project.

Mayor Wade Williams said, "I also agree that the timing is not good for Yellowhead County with the other work we have going on. This needs to be delayed for us for a portion of time. I have also had some comments the last time this hit the paper, of this being a pathway to nowhere. Apparently it will go as far as the Jasper Park gates as that's as far as it could go without federal approval. My question is are the Feds going to continue it to Jasper [townsite] or will it be a pathway to nowhere?"

Council voted in favour of the motion to deny the request from the West Yellowhead Trail Society to join an ad hoc committee to develop a business plan for the development of the pathway to the park project and advise them that the County is not in support of the project at this current time and with the current proposal.



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Reporting to the General Manager of Planning and Infrastructure Services, the Manager of Transportation Services is responsible for managing, directing, coordinating, and supervising the delivery of Transportation Services, vehicle and equipment fleet, and facilities maintenance for Yellowhead County infrastructure. Transportation services include roadway operations and maintenance including gravel, oiled and paved roadways, environmental protection including creek erosion, slope sloughing and drainage.

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A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until Friday, February 3, 2023.

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Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

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Opinion/Comment

Fossil fuels once again the preferred source of reliable, affordable energy The invisible hand of Adam Smith punched the world in the nose

by David Yager

It seems like just the other day that the wrath of the world was coming down on oil sands and coal.

To protect the atmosphere, Canada has been reducing coal-fired power generation for years. It started in Ontario, then moved to Alberta. Saskatchewan is next. New Brunswick is supposed to stop by 2030, but that province claims it can't be done.

Global coal consumption is rising again because it meets the cost and availability requirement created by energy shortages and rising prices. On Dec. 16, the International Energy Agency reported, "The world's coal consumption is set to reach a new high in 2022 as the energy crisis shakes markets.'

For energy, the biggest single change in 2022 is the remarkable shift in public attitudes toward fossil fuels

The global energy complex is under assault by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the exposed shortcomings of wind and solar, years of underinvestment in fossil fuels, and rising inflation and interest rates.

But for the past 10 years, there has been an all-out crusade against fossil fuels. Oil company CEOs were branded climate criminals, and it was morally reprehensible to own fossil fuel company shares or loan money to oil, gas or coal producers. Elections were won in Canada, the U.S. and Europe on pledges to replace fossil fuels.

No cost was too great, because the cost of doing nothing, thus permitting unchecked climate damage, was greater.

What happened? How did the channel change so rapidly? Why, after years of public and political attacks on the source of over 80 per cent of the world's primary energy, has affordable energy on

demand now become more important than where it comes from?

Price, the most fundamental driver of economics and human behaviour.

The November 2022 global survey from public opinion research firm IPSOS titled What Worries The World tells the story.

IPSOS explains, "This 29-country Global Advisor survey was conducted ... among 20,466 adults aged 18 to 74 in Canada, Israel, Malaysia, South Africa. Turkey and the United States, 20 to74 in Indonesia and Thailand, and 16 to 74 in all 21 other countries."

IPSOS charts the top six issues for the past two years. Poverty, crime, unemployment and corruption have always been important and consistently ranked among the top five.

In November 2020, inflation only registered among eight per cent of respondents. Two years later, it is 42 per cent. Coronavirus and the unemployment that accompanied the lockdowns were the top two issues in 2020. The others remain in a consistent range.

Two years ago was the peak of the "oil is dead" mantra, when many bright ideas for a fossil fuel-free future were concocted. In a post-pandemic world, multiple voices claimed we must Build Back Better, ensure a Resilient Recovery, engineer the Great Reset.

The plan was to use government policy and borrowed money to create jobs through the large-scale replacement of fossil fuels.

Coined the "energy transition," it was achievable and inevitable thanks to incredible advances in renewable energy cost and supply. Canada - the world's fifth largest combined oil and gas producer could lead the charge with minimal disruption thanks to a new federally-funded retraining program for displaced oil workers. This was called a Just Transition.

What happened?

The invisible hand of Adam Smith punched the

world in the nose.

The only part of the demise of fossil fuels that was successful was reduced supply. As the economy recovered, consumers learned the hard way that lowcarbon energy sources were terribly oversold in terms of reliability, and demand for fossil fuels outstripped supply.

Prices for fossil fuels rose at the same time that inflation and interest rates reduced disposal income.

As demand grew, fossil fuel shortages were reflected in the price. When Russia - one of the world's largest oil, gas and coal suppliers – invaded Ukraine, the gravity of the situation escalated immediately.

The IPSOS survey dramatically illustrates that the world's first concern as 2022 ended was the rising cost of everything.

We've been told repeatedly that continued fossil fuel consumption will cause serious climate disruptions. No expense today will exceed the cost of future damages.

However, the more pressing issue today is still being alive in 2050 because of the rising cost of everything, including energy. Worrying about what the temperature, storm intensity or chemical composition of the atmosphere may be in 28 years has become an unaffordable luxury.

So fossil fuels are once again what they have always been - reliable and affordable sources of energy

David Yager is an oilfield service executive, oil and gas writer, and energy policy analyst. He is the author of From Miracle to Menace - Alberta, A Carbon Story.. © Troy Media

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Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

Technologies to abate 99% of emissions from coal combustion can ensure reliable, secure energy

Christopher Demetriou (WCA News)

The past year witnessed a combination of factors that have caused the perfect storm for Europe's energy crisis, denting the impetus for renewables and the drive toward net-zero carbon emissions.

The energy crisis started in the late summer of 2021 when the economic rebound from COVID-19 lockdowns fired up global energy consumption. This caused oil, natural gas, and coal markets to tighten, sending prices up as demand pushed against what became apparent-insufficient supply.

One of the main issues for Europe is the depleted supply of natural gas. Due, in part, to Europe decreasing its domestic production of natural gas. The percentage of working gas in storage is approximately 74% in Europe, compared to last year when it was at 94%, according to data from Gas Infrastructure Europe.

Combined with a phasing out of coal and a bad year for wind production, the need for natural gas has risen.

In addition, there are also several issues on the supply side, including less maintenance of oil and gas fields during the COVID-19 crisis and less investment.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine added to the supply constraints for Europe, causing countries to



seek alternative supplies.

The energy crisis is set to continue and potentially worsen. Recently the International Energy Agency chief Fatih Birol and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced in a joint press conference earlier in December that Europe could face a natural gas shortage of 27 billion cubic meters in 2023. That's equivalent to nearly 7% of the region's annual consumption. The IEA also found that a supply gap of 57 billion cubic meters could emerge next year assuming a complete cessation of Russian gas supplies to Europe.

One of those alternative supplies is coal. Coal firedpower has made a comeback across Europe as it becomes recognised for its energy reliability at a time when it is most needed.

Coal use rose in December 2022, when cold weather quieted wind farms and strained the electricity system. The EU generated 22% of its power with coal in the first two weeks of December. That is up from 17% in the same period last year and from the 15% average for the whole of 2021.

Across Europe, countries have passed laws to restart coal power and have ramped up coal production.

Germany: On 8 July, the German parliament passed a new energy law. The law states that extinguished and decommissioned coal-fired power plants could start again. The new legislation will allow 8.2 GW of coalfired power plants to be placed in reserve supply – both hard coal (6.3 GW) and lignite (1.9 GW).

Czech Republic: The Czech Republic have decided to increase domestic coal production and extend the life of their extinguished power plants. The SM mine in the Ostrava-Karviná basin, which was slated to stop operating as early as this year, is now set to run until at least 2024.

Netherlands: An emergency return to coal has been

initiated, where earlier regulations stipulated that their functioning would be limited to 35% of capacity.

France: They plan to re-open the 595 MW Emile Huchet 6 coal-fired unit, which closed on 31 March.

In total, 13.5 GW of coal-fired standby will be used by power plants throughout the European Union. This will add 12% percent to the EU's existing coal fleet (109 GŴ) and only 1.5% to its total installed generation capacity (920 GW).

Coal should not be viewed as a temporary measure. Technologies and processes exist that can abate up to 99% of emissions from coal combustion. but more investment is needed especially in the developing world. These include high-efficiency low-emissions (HELE) power systems, carbon capture and storage (CCS), coal gasification, coal-tohydrogen, and the production of ammonia-based products to make fertiliser or used as a hydrogen carrier.

If Europe upgraded its subcritical coal-fired power plants to ultra-supercritical plants (USC), instead of having them as stranded assets, coal would ensure reliable and secure energy 24/7 when the "Dunkelflaute" weather fails to provide the required energy.

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WOMBANIA

by PETER MARINACCI



The Easter Bunny as a teenager

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Pastors: Pastors John and Ingrid Huizing vfm@shaw.ca HOLY TRINITY

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January 19-Febuary 23: Group Fitness Classes Thursdays 2-3pm Peers Multiplex for Adults 50+ To register contact Nicole at 780-723-4800 or ntarves@yhcounty.ca

January 19-March 16: Thursday Spin and Core 6pm-6:45pm at the Leisure Centre Hospitality room Register at edson.ca or in person at the Leisure Centre

January 25: Bird Conservation Workshop online via Zoom on January 25th from 7 PM - 8 PM.. Pick up a build-your-own Nesting Box Kit \$15/kit (includes webinar access). Call the County Wildwood Office at 1-800-814-3935 to sign up. Pre-registration and payment is required - deadline Jan 16, 2023.

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January 28: Niton Jamboree will be held on Saturday Jan. 28, 2023 at Niton Community Hall at 1:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome! Join us for music, dancing, singing and visiting. For more info call Trudy at 780-723-0557.

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County making plans for many memorable community events this year

by Niki Luymes

2023 is looking to be an exciting year for residents of Yellowhead County. Over the course of the coming year, the Yellowhead County FCSS, and Parks and Recreation has many events planned for young and old alike. "Our recreation programming is committed to supporting Yellowhead County Council's priorities through the delivery of a wide variety of structured and unstructured programming including aquatic services, indoor/outdoor recreation, youth development, community development, inclusion, and accessibility," said Nicole Tarves, Recreation Coordinator for Yellowhead County.

"We try to offer a variety of programming that addresses all demographics, while also focusing on each community's interests. We work together with other recreation providers to avoid duplication of services, and look for areas that have gaps in recreational opportunities," said Tarves. The goal of theses events can vary, but most fall into the realm of creating community connection, while also facilitating a positive environment to help people thrive within Yellowhead County.

The County plans these events for the communities and nearby residents of Brule, Cadomin, Robb, Marlboro, Peers, Niton, Wildwood, and Evansburg. "Throughout the calendar year we offer recreational programming in of all these locations. as well as a few park spaces. Some hamlets see more frequent programming than others based on population in the surrounding areas," said Tarves

Starting this January there will be yoga classes Tuesdays at 7pm in Marlboro from January 17 through February 21; and in Peers, January 10 through January 3. There is also Trialing, a 50+ fitness class in Peers beginning later this month.

Dance pop-up classes are also planned for Marlboro, Robb, and Peers toward the end of the month. For the younger kids, the County will continue to offer the free Craft Kits available during set timeframes for pick up at the County office. For updated dates and times you can go to YHCounty.ca or Yellowhead County Parks and Recreation's social media pages.

In February Yellowhead County is excited to offer an 'intro-to-icefishing' event at Bear Lake. Ice fishing gear will be available to borrow for free and pre-drilled holes

Community Services Recovery Fund

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise the

Community Services Recovery Fund is open. This fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to help community service organizations to adapt, to modernize and to be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility, and sustainability of the community services that they provide.

The application process is managed by National Funders: Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of



United Way Centraide Canada, to reach a broad and diverse range of community

service organizations, including nonprofits, charities, and Indigenous governing bodies.

Organizations are encouraged to register to participate in a webinar and complete an interactive quiz to determine where and how to apply for funding. Additional information can also be found on the Community Services Recovery Fund website.

The deadline for funding is February 21, 2023.

and some tents will be set up. Edson Fish and Game will provide a fish cleaning demonstration, and knowledgeable anglers will be on site to help answer questions. This is happening on free fishing days, so no license is needed and is open to all ages. The event will be on February 18 running from 1-3 pm.

You can also stay tuned for future events, both returning and brand new. These include a Valentine's Day Dance planned for February 10 in Evansburg, The Bear Chase Triathlon, and Kids Can Catch day in July. There is also programming centered around Niton's Green Grove outdoor pool, and outdoor movie nights planned for the summer

months. And as always, there are winter equipment rentals (cross country skis and snowshoes) available during the winter months.

"Another goal of our department is to develop new recreation programs, so we are always on the lookout for new active living or arts and culture instructors," said Tarves. "I'd like to add that it takes some time to get to know each community and what they are looking for in terms of recreation programming. While we do have a department survey planned for 2023, we also realize that the needs and wants of each community is often changing, and we encourage feedback at any time."

~ Obituary ~ **Susan Grace Martin**

Susan Grace Martin, 77, of Three Rivers, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Edgewood Health & Rehabilitation.

She was born June 14, 1945 in London, England, the daughter of Robert and Grace (Chilcott) Phillips. She lived there until 1981, at which time she moved to Alberta, Canada with her first husband John Alex Gordon

McLeod. She returned to England 7 years later where she met and married Delmar Martin, Jr in March of 1991; the couple moved back to the United States and shared 23 years of marriage prior to his passing in September 2014.

Susan was a published author of two books and retired Chief of Staff. for the State House of Representatives 59th District. She served the taxpayers of southwest Michigan for nearly 14 years working with Republican State Reps. Rick Shaffer, Matt Lori, and Aaron Miller.

Remaining to cherish her memory are her daughter, Anne McLeod and her brother, Alan Phillips and his family

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her first and second husbands.

Susan cherished the years that she lived in Canada and the friendships that she made there, always hoping to return more longterm later in life. As such, her cremains will be interred at Glenwood Cemetery in Edson, Alberta, Canada on January 18, 2023.

Susan did not wish to have visitation, funeral or memorial services, but condolences and fond memories are invited to be shared, online, at www.hohnerfh.com.

Donations in Susan's memory may be directed to Edgewood Health & Rehabilitation. Envelopes are available at Hohner Funeral Home, 1004 Arnold St., Three Rivers, or may be sent to Hohner Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1018, Three Rivers, MI 49093.

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