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# \$5M+ damage to County fire equipment after disasters

by Dana McArthur

During the Yellowhead County Council meeting on September 26, Council decided on the replacement and repair of County Fire Department

equipment worn out or damaged during the devastating wildland fires this spring that occurred in Yellowhead County.

"During the response to these wildfires current County gear was used 24 hours a day 7 days a

week for over 2 months," said General Manager of Protective Services Albert Bahri. "With all of this use came added wear and tear that most equipment would not see over a 15 to 25 year period on County firefighting

equipment."

Repair and replacement recommendations included several pick-up style bodies. Repair and replacement of several 1500 gallon per minute pumps.

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Sterling, Emilie McCallum (making balloon animals), Brooke, and Lylah during the Element Zone Dodge Bull event on Sept. 22 (see page 7) . photo Deanna Mitchener

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# \$5M+ damage to County fire equipment after disasters

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Repair and replacement of portable radios and batteries. And replacement of Duty 1 command and control vehicle.

"There is other gear that's being replaced. We lost hoses, we lost axes, we lost different equipment, some of them burnt up, some of them washed away in the floods. But these are the ones that are affecting day to day operations," said Bahri.

The financial request for the repair and replacement of the equipment totalled \$553,334.45.

Chief Administrative Officer Luc Mercier explained, "As a CAO who's somewhat new to the community, I came here with the expectation that we would have been the Taj Mahal of fire services and we would have had too much equipment for what we needed. I went through with GM Albert Bahri about two, three months in and realized the thought process behind the equipment levels that Yellowhead County has was very thorough, very thought out. There was no extras just because we wanted a nice shiny truck or this or that. It was functional and especially how they work together. I

give credit to Albert Bahri and the previous councils for those decisions and how it was done."

Councillor Shawn Barry said, "When I look at the total number of doing all of this, it has to be done in my mind. It's not a very big total of a little over \$500,000 and I think that's well spent money based on the services this equipment rendered here in the fires. Thank you."

Mayor Wade Williams said, "We have a fire season coming up very, very shortly. It's going to be upon us before we know it. These requests that are in front of us today are emergent and in my opinion need to be done, so I will support the motion."

Councillor Penny Lowe said, "I just want to make it clear to a lot of people that having all the equipment in the world is wonderful. But if you've got no one to run that equipment, you have nothing. I think this council, previous councils, and Albert Bahri have done a very good job setting up the municipality's ability to fight fires. But we can't do it without the people to run the equipment."

Councillor David Russell added, "People that chose to badmouth our firefighters and all of our responders that were out there doing their best to try and save our residents and our residents' properties, we are now seeing a significant reduction in volunteer firefighters. So next spring, it's entirely conceivable we may have fire trucks parked with no one to get in and drive them. Constructive criticism is always welcome. But foul-mouthed criticism of people who are out there trying to save your bacon is not welcome and now we're paying the price for it. Thank you."

Council approved the unbudgeted repair and replacement of the bodies on SSV-1,2,3, pumps 45,50,55,60,65,75, and replacement of YCF-66 (Duty 1) at a total cost of \$367,632 from the Equipment Replacement Protective Services reserves. Council also approved the unbudgeted repair and replacement of portable radios and batteries at a total cost of \$185,702.45 from the Equipment Replacement Communications System Reserve.

# New Fire Station in Niton moves ahead

by Dana McArthur

During the Yellowhead County Council meeting on September 26, Council discussed plans for the new Fire Station in Niton.

In the 2023 budget, Council approved the replacement of the aging Niton Fire Station with a newly constructed building. The current building is at it's end of life.

Requests for the design, tendering, and project management were released in January of 2023. The 'Request For Quotes' was issued to several architectural firms.

BR2 Architecture was the successful proponent at a cost of \$73,920. "BR2 Architecture will proceed with design of the new station and all applicable design and permitting requirements. County Fire staff reviewed the design and noted it met all requirements. BR2 Architecture then proceeded to the tendering process," stated General Manager of Protective Services Albert Bahri.

"The request was posted on APC, in local papers, and the County website meting all requirements for advertising, said Bahri.

Niton Fire Station replacement project budget was estimated at \$1,634,840 including 10 percent contingency, design costs, construction, and demolition.

Six tenders were received two being from the same company: Vantage Builders at \$2,024,000; Whiston Contracting at \$2,546,200; Jen-Col's first submitted bid was 5,000,000 and their second

submitted bid was \$2,981,735; Johnston Builders at \$3,067,177, and Bird Construction at \$3,391,000.

The tender from Vantage Builders of \$2,024,000 plus fixed design costs and 10 percent contingency comes to a total of \$2,307,690 an overage of \$672,850.

"Although Vantage was low bidder their cost exceeds the project budget of \$1,634,840. There were no local contractors that tendered. Although the tenders are all over budget the Architectural Consultant advises that the cost for this project will continue to increase over the next several years, and recommends that the project move forward to save additional cost increases.," said Bahri.

Councillor David Russell stated, "I'm a little concerned that perhaps this isn't going far enough. Given what we've gone through this year as far as fires. Will this station suit the needs of our firefighters and our Administration looking into the future? Because, as you say, and as our architect recommended, costs are only going to go up. So should we be looking at spending a little bit more money and building a station that looks to the future?"

Bahri replied, "The fire station that's been proposed for Niton will meet and exceed any needs of that community in the following years. Where the community goes, nobody knows, but we built-in functionality. So we've got a very functional fire station that can house a day crew, if we need to do that. You could have somebody at night depending on the shifts. It's large enough for expansion. The old station has two bays, the new building has two bays. It has decontamination and a shower. So we've built it to the specifications that we built our other buildings, to be well suited for that community."

Councillor Shawn Berry said, "I think this is a great project to move ahead with, and I look forward to improving other old buildings."

Mayor Wade Williams added, "I would just like to say that it's nice to see a few different bidders. Honestly, over the last couple of years, any of these tenders that are coming in just shocked me. I can't believe how much the costs have gone up, and I don't understand the justification of it. We do have quite a number of bidders here, which is good. And we are looking at a functional building that is good for the community, and for those reasons, I would support this."

Council passed the motion to accept the tender from Vantage Builders of 2,024,000, which is over the approved 2023 budget amount of \$1,634,840; and that Council also approves the unbudgeted addition of \$672,850 from the Facilities Replacement Reserve to the Niton Fire Station project to allow a new Fire Station to be constructed.


## HIGHLIGHTS:

**Letter of Support** – Council approved a letter of support for Novus Earth Energy Operation's Latitude 53 project. Latitude 53 is a proposed geothermal facility in Yellowhead County.

**Public Library Request for Funding** – A request for \$378,000 towards the Edson & District Public Library renovations will be included in the upcoming 2024 budget discussions. This amount is in addition to funds previously committed by Yellowhead County towards the project.

**Grand Trunk School Facility Usage** – Council did not approve funding assistance of \$5,000 to the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) towards rental costs of the Pembina Rec-Plex. GYPSD is looking for locations and financial support for Grand Trunk High School physical education classes while their school is being renovated. The Pembina Agricultural and Recreation Society (PARS) will continue to work with the school to help meet their needs.

**Public Access Policy** – Council will look at options to amend the County's Road Allowance Policy (3200.04) at a future council meeting to provide road plan adjacent property owners options for their land while still allowing road plans to remain accessible to the public under a set of prescribed criteria.



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# Local vetrans receive Quilts of Valour-Canada

by Deanna Mitchener

Diane Cole with Quilts of Valour Canada was at the Edson Royal Canadian Legion Branch 51 on September 23 to present some quilts to members of the military.

Cole said, “It gives me great honour to present these seven quilts here today. Quilts of Valour Canada started back in 2006. In Afghanistan there was a military incident where some military personnel perished, but three members were medevacked to Edmonton for treatment and recovery.”

“There was a lady in Edmonton that was a member of the Edmonton quilt group. She always made quilts to give out to people as a warm hug, to comfort them and tell them that people care. So she made arrangements to go to the U of A hospital and give a homemade quilt to each of those three military personnel. That was the beginning of Quilts of Valour Canada,” Cole explained.

“By 2009 Quilts of Valour Canada became a national organization. We have representatives from the tip of Newfoundland to Vancouver Island.

And North from the Canadian border all the way into the Northwest Territories and the Yukon,” said Cole.

“Quilts of Valour Canada is a volunteer based organization right from our president down to our person that puts on the labels. Each quilt is handmade, with 100% cotton products and the people who make those quilts volunteer their time, fabric, and threads. Each quilt takes between 40 and 60 hours to make. The quilts have a label stating it was handmade with love and gratitude for the sacrifice and service to Canada. To meet eligibility, Canadian Armed Forces members (veterans and serving members), regular or reserve force, must meet one of the following conditions: Have served in a combat or peacekeeping mission including theatres of war or have become ill or injured as a result of their service to Canada at home or abroad.

Only veterans who have been Honourably Discharged are eligible to receive a Quilt of Valour,” said Cole.

Local members receiving Quilts of Valour Canada were Wayne Joy with 8 years of service, Wally Coes with 9 years, Kevin Costrove with 5 years,

Margaret Snow with 13 years, Ed Graham with 14 years, Larry Williams with 25 years, and Eric

Rawbancon with 21 years of service. Thanks to all those who have served our country.



Local Members of Service received a Quilt of Valour Canada on September 23 at the Edson Royal Canadian Legion Branch 51 including Wayne Joy, Wally Coes, Kevin Costrove, Margaret Snow, Ed Graham, Larry Williams, and Eric Rawbancon. Presenting the quilts was Daniele Rey with the Edson Legion and Diane Cole with Quilts of Valour Canada. photo Deanna Mitchener

## Sponsorship opportunities for Town of Edson facilities

The Town of Edson is exploring some new sponsorship opportunities, allowing residents and members of the business/industry community to get involved in supporting our facilities.

Tying into Council's Strategic Goal of ensuring quality financial management of the Town, a new “Naming Rights” Program is being developed for the community.

“This program will provide an alternate funding stream for our facilities, as well as give our community partners the recognition they deserve. We continue to explore different financial options to help reduce the impact on our taxpayers,” stated Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

By encouraging investment in civic assets, we can continue to build amazing facilities and provide

high quality programming for the community without relying solely on tax dollars. The goal is to ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability throughout the naming right process.

Questions regarding this program can be directed to Christine Beveridge, CAO at christineb@edson.ca.

More information will be released as the program is rolled out in the coming weeks.

## Survivors' Flag raised in Edson to honour victims of residential schools

by Niki Luymes

During the September 19 Town of Edson council meeting, a motion was made that Council authorize the raising of a Survivors' Flag.

When deemed appropriate the flag would be raised in consultation with the Edson Friendship Centre to honour important dates significant to the Indigenous people in the community.

This motion is the latest of many adjustments made as a part of the town's effort to bring Truth and Reconciliation between local government and indigenous peoples. Tanya Byers, Senior Manager of Community Services made the presentation.

In 2022, Council adopted the Town of Edson Strategic Plan 2022-2025, which included a commitment to enacting relevant Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report. The plan emphasized the need to build strong relationships with Indigenous People and organizations by working with local partners to learn of Indigenous matters, adapting Town initiatives to meet common interests, and by reviewing decisions through the lens of the Calls to Action.

On September 5, 2023 Council adopted the Land Acknowledgment Policy L-M-5, and were presented with the Survivors' Flag by Elder Frieda Maynard. The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation states, “The Survivors' Flag is an expression of remembrance meant to honour residential school Survivors and all the lives and communities impacted by the residential school

system in Canada. Each element depicted on the flag was carefully selected by Survivors from across Canada, who were consulted in the flag's creation.”

In consultation with the Edson Friendship Centre, it was determined flying the Survivors' Flag from September 20 to October 1 would be appropriate this fall. They also recommend fluidity in this matter “To be cognizant of the ongoing discovery of our buried children and that there may be future discoveries that may spur us to raise the flag again. In addition to that, we also have local survivors that may need to be honoured in bereavement.”

Councillor Greg Pasychny, asked for clarification on what times would be deemed appropriate. Would it just be the month of September? Byers answered that the consultation recommends fluidity based on the ongoing and changing nature of the situation. “And so for this year, just for this fall we would raise it tomorrow [September 20] and leave it up until the end of the month. But I would expect that next September we would raise it up for the full month.”

Councillor Peter Taylor, “I appreciate the fluidity because things change and we don't know when issues might arise. The continual discovery of unmarked graves and these sorts of things has to give us that flexibility, so it's not coming back to council every single time we want to put up that flag.”

With no more questions the motion was put up for vote. It was then carried unanimously by council.

## Edson Food Bank extends hours due to increased need

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Food Bank has extended their hours to try and accommodate those in need.

Amy Pillage, the Program Coordinator for the Edson Food Bank Society, said, “We recently helped 212 people in just one week. That included 86 children and handing out 94 hampers. That's close to double what we usually see. We've decided to expand our hours to help alleviate the bottleneck that seemed to happen on Thursday evenings.”

“Our hope is that by being open every Thursday evening from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as well as every Tuesday morning, we'll be able to better plan and meet the needs of the community,” said Pillage.

“With the new hours, we're reaching out to our incredible volunteer base to fill those extra roles. The response has been incredible so it should be a seamless transition for us all,” Pillage said. “Also new, we are seeing an increase in the amount of reclamation donations from our local Walmart store. This up-tick has helped us immensely during this busy snap we're experiencing. The increase in reclaim has allowed us to keep our shelves fuller for longer.”

The Edson Food Bank appointment line is 780-725-3185.





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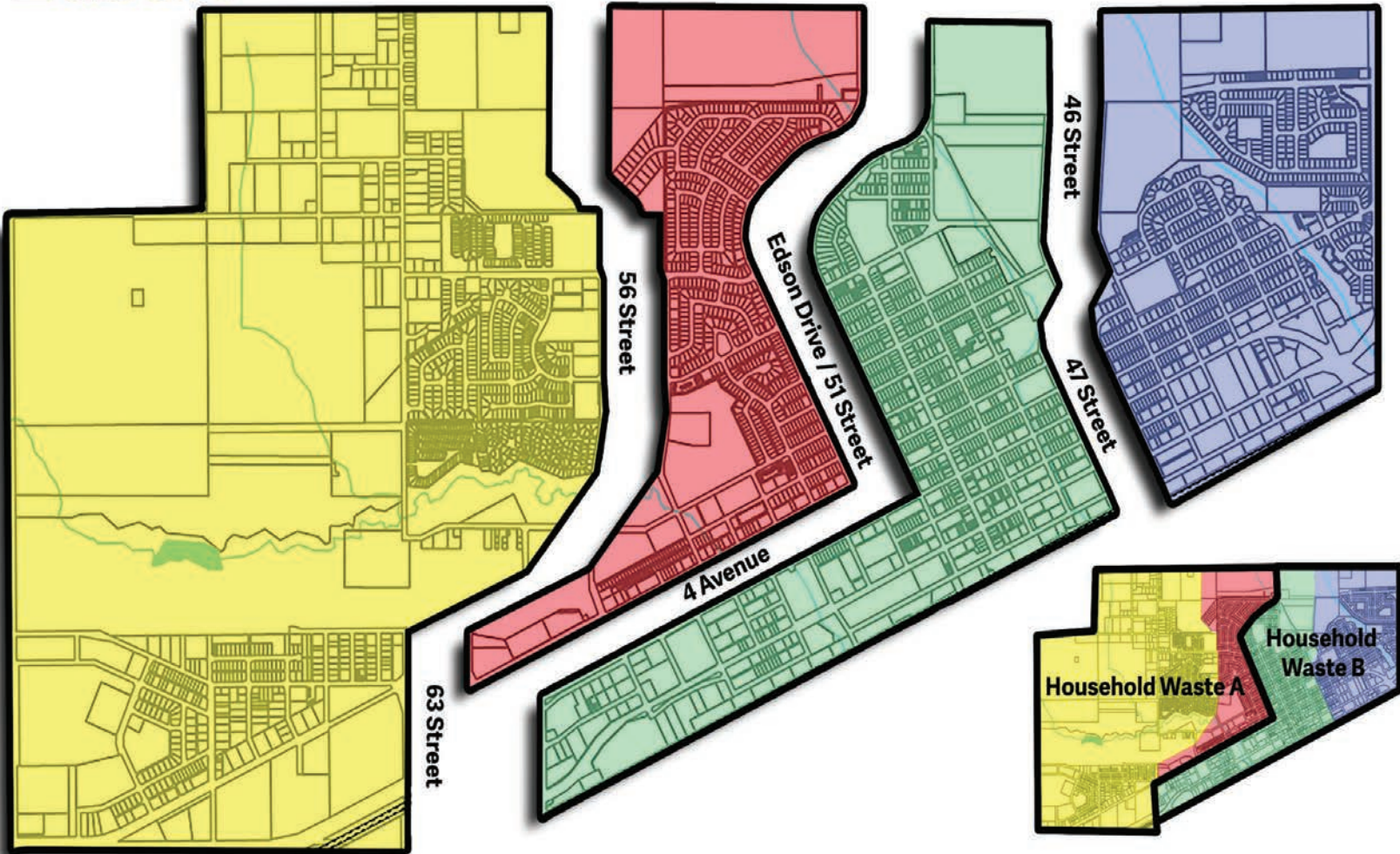
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Any person who is deemed to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority **by 4:00 p.m., on the 21<sup>st</sup> day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website**. On 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.**





# Element Zone hosts Dodge Bull weekend

by Deanna Mitchener

Travis James with Element Zone hosted Dodge Bull on September 22 and 23. It was a nail biting, edge of the seat kind of weekend.

The event featured some wild events that many spectators had never seen before. Edge of your seat thrills were highlighted as people and bulls faced off in the ring.

Contestants trying to stay in the saddle for an eight second ride on a bucking horse, steer, or even the young sheep riders made for an adrenaline pumping weekend.

There was rodeo action and fun for all that attended including balloon animals and a playground for the kids, food, bullfighters signing autographs, beer gardens, a live band Saturday night with Aaron Halliday, and a bonfire to help everyone stay warm.

Rodeo events included Ranch Broncs, Bull Poker, Cow Riding, Toro Totter, Ring Of Fear, Freestyle Bull Fighting, and Calcutta all adding to a weekend full of excitement and fresh air with family and friends.

Travis James said, "I'm wrapping up my 13th summer as a bullfighter. I announced my retirement from the sport of bullfighting. Bullfighting is and always will be in my blood. By fighting bulls I found a purpose in life and it helped me through some very dark times. However, I feel my purpose has shifted. I feel very strongly about these events we're building and the community seems to as well."

"So after 13 years of constantly being on the go I've decided to step away from bullfighting and plan on focusing all my efforts into making things better out here; for me, my community, and the sport I love. This was the 13th event since we started in 2021 at Element Zone," said Travis.

James is making his dream a reality by making his backyard a place where family and friends can enjoy an exciting weekend. At Element Zone contestants can push their limits to be the best they can be.

Some new light towers have been installed around the arena providing lighting at night for different events that will be showcased over the coming years.

The rodeo community suffered a tremendous loss recently as one of their fellow cowboys Tel Rhine passed away. Photographer Zach Cormier captured a picture of Tel Rhine that was auctioned off to raise money for the Rhine family. Hillbilly Hallows purchased that photo for \$6,000 and that money is being reviewed for a scholarship fund in Tel Rhine's memory.

Tel's brother, Tate Rhine, may have been riding with a heavy heart this weekend with the recent loss, but he would have made his brother proud. Many condolences went out to the Rhine family at this time.

Holy Redeemer High School graduation students looked after the parking and the cleanup to raise some money towards graduation. \$600 was donated to them on top of the bottles from the event.

James said, "Beatrice Jansen Van Rensburg was awarded the Joanna James Memorial award along with a gift certificate for a one night stay at the Go Hard Ranch in Wildwood. Season Leader awards went out to Cow Riding Courtney LaValley, the buckle donated by Tombstone Contracting. Ranch Bronc Riding went to Tate Rhine, buckle donated by Lowry Rodeo. Freestyle Bullfighting went to Joey Memme, buckle donated by Dusty Devil."

Special thanks went to all the volunteers, sponsors, and spectators who helped make this event possible.



Bull Poker at Element Zone was not about who has the best poker face but who will be the last one seated. photo Deanna Mitchener



Travis James waits for the youngster who can bring him the ribbon from the cows tail to win \$20 during the Cow Scramble at Element Zone. photo Deanna Mitchener

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The general public and stakeholders will have the opportunity to review our planned activities for block and road development, harvesting, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the NoJack area.

Public and stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreational areas etc.

We would like to invite you to visit the community hall in McKay, Alberta October 5<sup>th</sup> 3PM – 8PM. Alternately, should you wish to visit the on-line forum please visit the Canfor website at [www.canfor.com/whitearea](http://www.canfor.com/whitearea)

For more information, contact:  
[whitearea@canfor.com](mailto:whitearea@canfor.com)



# Wine tasting and pairing featured at Wine Night Out

by Niki Luymes

The Town of Edson planned a wonderful night for area residents at the first ever Wine Night Out.

The event was held on September 22 at the Edson Golf Club and ran from 7pm to 10pm. Tickets for the event could be purchased through the Town of Edson for \$30 per person.

The main activity of the night was a guided wine tasting. Local Sommelier Doug Woodhouse walked people through the tasting process. There were five different wines, all from a winery in British Columbia. Everyone had a chance to try each wine by itself and then paired with different foods. All the while, Woodhouse was teaching the tasters how to note the different flavours, textures, and details of each wine and how they were affected by the different pairings.

Guests were able to chat and just enjoy each other's company throughout the event. The Wine Night Out was great opportunity for adults to get out and interact with others in their community. This first ever event had 26 people in attendance. "We got to reach different people than we usually do," said Diana Inscho, Event Coordinator for the Town of Edson. "We found that there are a lot of people interested in wine and wine tasting. It was a fun night."

The Town of Edson plans many events for families, but now they are trying to provide opportunities for an older demographic. "We're trying a few different things like that this year,"

added Inscho. "We're going to have a country dance for couples and singles in November and


then we have Ladies Night Out: 'Wild Women of West Yellowhead' in October."



The Town of Edson hosted it's first ever Wine Night Out on September 22 at the Edson Golf Club. It was a chance for area residents to sample new wines and learn about pairing them with different kinds of food.


submitted

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We need YOUR perspective on social needs  
in Yellowhead County!

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS DATES

6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM SESSIONS

- September 27<sup>th</sup> - Wildwood Community Hall
- September 29<sup>th</sup> - Brule Community Hall
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Carrot Creek Hall
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Marlboro Hall
- October 4<sup>th</sup> - Robb Multiplex

### ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

- September 29<sup>th</sup> - 2 PM to 4 PM - Tom Petersen Room in Hinton Library
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1 PM to 3 PM - Galloway Station Museum in Edson

ALL SESSIONS INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS.

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Survey  
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## Yellowhead County

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### First Deputy Fire Chief of Operations

LOCATION: Edson, AB

COMPETITION NO. 23-039

Under the general direction of the General Manager of Protective Services and reporting to the Fire Chief or designate, the First Deputy Fire Chief will contribute to the overall leadership of the fire department and is responsible for Fire Department Operations, Training and Public Safety and Yellowhead County's Occupational Health and Safety Program. Focusing on but not limited to, emergency response, operational readiness of all staff and equipment including apparatus, ensuring all staff are trained to the department standard, fire investigations, fire inspections, fire prevention programs, Public Safety, the Organizations safety, and locating, assigning, and acquiring all water filling locations in Yellowhead County. The position also provides emergency response as required, assuming command as necessary and in accordance with the Yellowhead County Fire Services Standards.

The salary range is currently \$102,096-\$126,599 per year.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply please submit resumes and cover letters online at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until it is filled. We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Third Deputy Fire Chief of Emergency Management

LOCATION: Edson, AB

COMPETITION NO. 23-040

Under the general direction of the General Manager of Protective Services and reporting to the Fire Chief or designate, the Third Deputy Fire Chief will contribute to the overall leadership of the fire department and is responsible for Emergency Management and Municipal Emergency Plan as well as but not limited to logistics, support services, procurement, fleet maintenance, fleet replacement, equipment replacement, and supporting the day-to-day operations and emergency requirements of the Yellowhead County Fire Service, providing technical and advisory assistance to the Fire Chief or designate and to the District Chiefs. This position provides emergency response as required, assuming command as necessary and in accordance with the Yellowhead County Fire Services Standards.

The salary range is currently \$93,183 - \$115,547 per year.

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# CELEBRATE NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

GREAT PRIZES  
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"HEALTHY TOGETHER"

National Family Week: October 2-8, 2023

Entry Deadline: October 13, 2023

Yellowhead County families are encouraged to be **HEALTHY TOGETHER** by joining the Family Week Challenge!

Entry form available in-person at the Wildwood or  
Edson Yellowhead County Offices or via email:  
[jtruemner@yhcounty.ca](mailto:jtruemner@yhcounty.ca)



# GARDEN SOIL BASICS

Online Webinar | \$20.00

October 18, 2023  
6:00pm-8:30pm

Join Horticulturalist Rob  
Spencer from Spencer  
Horticultural Services as  
he takes us back to the  
basics of garden soils.  
He will be discussing:

Soil basics and  
components  
Examples of  
soil situations  
and potential  
remedies

Soil testing  
and what the  
results mean  
Common soil  
amendments  
and practices

A link will be emailed the day of the event. Session  
will be recorded and available for attendees to  
view for a select amount of time after the webinar.

Register online at [yhcounty.ca/registration](http://yhcounty.ca/registration)



# LANDFILL - THANKSGIVING - CLOSURE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

The West Yellowhead Regional (WYR) Landfill in Hinton  
will be CLOSED on Monday, October 9, 2023.

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 10, 2023

WYR Landfill in Hinton  
Summer hours:

Monday to Saturday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays & Holidays.

\*Please ensure all loads are secure.\*

For more information, please call the West Yellowhead Regional Landfill at 780-865-1414.

## Annual Farmer's Appreciation Celebrating Our Hard-Working Local Producers

THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL PRODUCERS.

Are you a local producer that is actively  
farming in Yellowhead County?

Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department has put together several draws  
for gift certificates to some of our local businesses:

- \$250 Gift Certificate to Woodland Lumber & Building Supplies in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Peers Farm & Feed Supplies
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Wight's Tire & Mechanical in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Mike the Mechanic in Peers
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Laurich Holdings Farm Supply Store in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Ray Agro & Petroleum Ltd in Evansburg

The draw entry deadline is October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm.

The draws will take place on October 18<sup>th</sup> and winners will be contacted by phone  
and later announced in the newspaper and on our Facebook page.

Call our Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 and register to  
have your name put into the draws. Not a farmer? You can also call in to nominate  
a farmer to make sure they get put on the list.



## Grant Connect Database

Grant Connect has funding for health, arts, recreation, social services,  
environmental projects, community and economic development,  
agriculture, non-profit development and a wide variety of other topics.

Yellowhead County now has access to a national database of grants  
available to organizations and societies serving a wide variety of purposes.  
Funding includes Federal grants, provincial grants, philanthropic and  
corporate funding opportunities.

Running a non-profit organization is rewarding but at times difficult work. Include a  
pandemic, which may have significantly impacted a group's fundraising ability, and it is  
especially challenging now. The Grant Connect database can help you find those dollars, or  
identify funding for your next big project.

How does it work? If you are with a non-profit, you can call the office to set up an  
appointment to search the database with a staff member. Simple as that. And if you can't  
make it into the office, we can help you out over Zoom or a phone call.

Call 780-325-3782 and ask to speak with  
FCSS about the Grant Connect program, or  
email [wrobinson@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca](mailto:wrobinson@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca)  
to make an appointment.



## Municipal offices CLOSED on Monday, October 9th.



The Yellowhead County offices in  
Edson and Wildwood will be  
closed for Thanksgiving.







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The Pembina Lobstick  
Historical Society  
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WE NEED GREAT MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMUNITY TO STEP UP AND HELP  
KEEP OUR MUSEUM RUNNING!



Join as a volunteer or board member and help function  
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For more information, please email  
tippelparkmuseum@gmail.com



Yellowhead County Community  
BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!



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It doesn't take much to VOLUNTEER and  
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Are you a Yellowhead County resident looking to volunteer for a  
good cause centered around your community? Look no further!

Apply to become a Yellowhead County Board  
Member and serve your community.

Now Recruiting for:

Library Board [1 position, 3-year term]

This five member management board is responsible for the provision of library services to county residents. The board provides for the library services in the three rural libraries of Evansburg, Wildwood, and Green Grove (Niton) as well as providing funding to the libraries in Edson and Hinton. Board members develop the annual budget, develop library policies and ensure provision of library services as per the Libraries Act of Alberta. The Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM at the Wildwood Library.

Recreation Board [1 position, 3-year term]

This nine member advisory board provides advice to council regarding the provision of recreation and parks services. The board reviews grant applications from community groups and determines funding within certain limits. It provides recommendations to council and administration regarding recreation facilities, programs and support to groups providing recreational activities. Board meetings will occur quarterly on Mondays at 9:30 AM at the county office in Edson.

Agricultural Services Appeal Committee [3 positions, 1-year term]

This committee adjudicates property owner appeals of orders and penalties issued by the County's Agricultural Services pursuant to the provincial acts the County enforces. This committee will meet as required. Training required, costs for training will be covered. Term will be January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.

Note: Board Members MUST be residents of Yellowhead County.

APPLY ONLINE BY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>!

Questions? Call us at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Home Support Worker - Casual  
LOCATION: Yellowhead County - west of Edson  
COMPETITION NO. 23-041

Reporting to the FCSS Outreach Coordinator, the Home Support Worker is a casual position responsible for providing a range of homemaking tasks and practical services that support clients to live in their own home with as much independence as possible.

The hourly rate for this position is \$19.08-\$20.78. The hours of work are casual and will vary.

To apply, please submit resumes and cover letters on our web page at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until 4:30 PM on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D23-120	Plan 7092KS Blk 1, Lot 2 SE-36-53-13-W5 Niton Junction	Manufactured Home with Additions (Decks), Variance for Front and Rear Yard Setback, Accessory Building (Shed)	Sep 12/23	Oct 3/23
D23-121	NW-7-53-7-W5 Evansburg Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Accessory Building (Detached Garage)	Sep 13/23	Permitted Use
D23-123	SW-12-55-16-W5 Edson Area	Accessory Building (Quonset)	Sep 18/23	Permitted Use
D23-124	Plan 7433AN Blk 1, Lot 14-16 NW-6-53-19-W5 Marlboro	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling & Accessory Building (Garge) with Secondary Suite- External Variance for Height	Sep 20/23	Oct 11/23
D23-125	SE-21-53-8-W5 South of Hansonville	Manufactured Home	Sep 20/23	Permitted Use
D23-104	Plan 2022190 Blk 1, Lot 8 NW-26-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Supportive Housing (Seniors Lodge) & Accessory Buildings PHASE I- Discretionary	Sep 20/23	Oct 11/23
D23-122	SW-01-50-19-W5 South of Edson	Work Camp- Discretionary	Sep 21/23	Oct 12/23
D23-126	Plan 2121911 Blk 1, Lot 2 NE-13-53-8-W5 Evansburg Area	Single Detached Dwelling & Accessory Building (Solar Panels)	Sep 22/23	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca). The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw.

The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision.

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



# Edson Legion hosts tribute to singer Alan Jackson

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Royal Canadian Legion held a community event on September 16 centered around a tribute to American singer-songwriter Alan Jackson and friends.

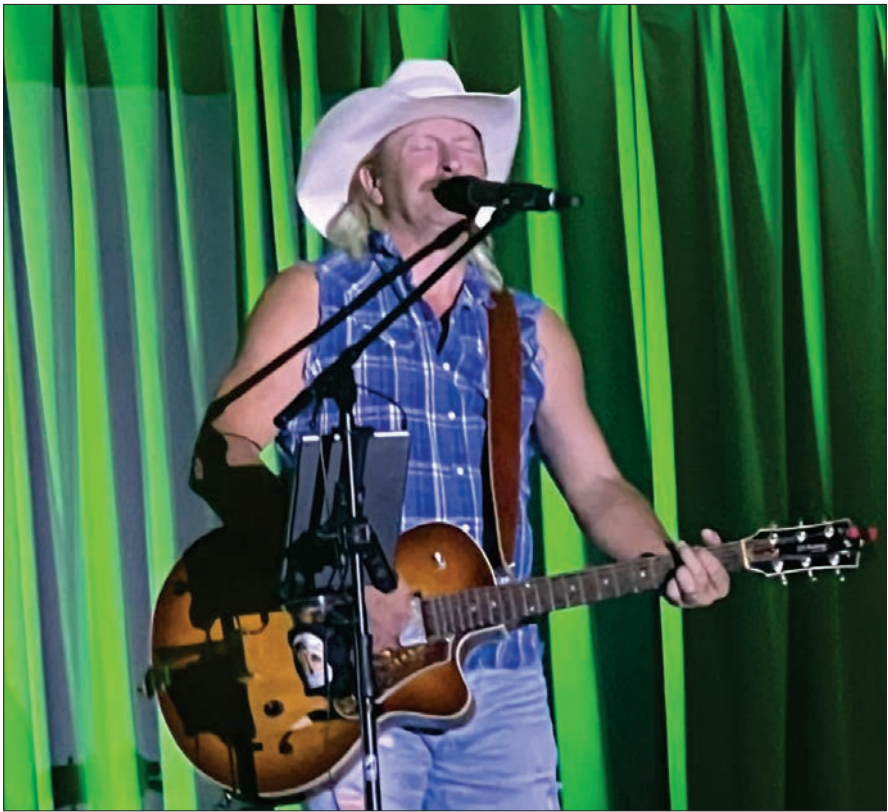
Legion Manager Wendy Williams said, “This event is all about bringing the community together. The ticket sales weren't as good as we hoped for. I'm not sure if there was just a lot of other things happening, but we try to hold a few different community events just to get people out.”

Aaron Halliday entertained the guests at the Legion with his musical tribute to Jackson and friends. “My wife Sharyn and I are a team and we do all our own bookings. This is our 43rd show since we left Mazatlan. It's our first time in Edson. We have been playing from B.C. to Nova Scotia and

back to Alberta. Last night we were in Hinton. From Edson we are heading off to Peace River.”

When asked about being on tour with a spouse, Aaron said, “That's the best part, we do everything together. Our relationship is stronger because of it. We have been full time on the road for two years. We spend six months in Mexico (Mazatlan) then tour Canada the other six months. My wife does everything except sing, she loves to drive and does at least 3/4 of the driving.”

When asked at what age he started to perform, Aaron said, “I grew up in a musical family with my mom and dad entertaining. But I never started to sing professionally until I was 25 years old. Now I have 30 years of professional entertainment. It's been a great experience.”



Singer songwriter Aaron Halliday performed at the Edson Royal Canadian Legion paying a tribute to Alan Jackson along with other great singers. photo Deanna Mitchener



The Holy Redeemer Drama Department has begun work on their next main stage production, *Miracle on 34th Street* (plus *The Grinch*). 40 grade 7 to 12 students will take on the show that is sure to be another classic. Tickets go on sale in November, with the show performing from November 29th to December 2nd. submitted

## ~ Obituary ~

### Charles Glen West

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our loving husband, father and Papa, Charles Glen West, on September 19th, 2023, at the age of 66. Charles was born June 15th, 1957, in Edson, Alberta, to Fred and Grace West, the third of four boys. Charles grew up on the family farm just North of Peers, Alberta, where he met his wife of 40 years, Beverly Clifton. They were married June 11th, 1983. They lived North of Peers, Alberta, where they raised their children, Patricia and Robert.



Charles was very active with the local Cub and Scout group for many years and enjoyed camping and teaching the kids. He worked as a millwright and welder, created his own company that he ran with his son Robert, in 2011, contracting to mills and mines in the Edson/Hinton areas as well as doing fabrication and repair work for neighbours and friends.

Charles is survived by his wife Bev, his children Patricia (Lee) Wakefield, and Robert (Katrina) West, grandchildren Brian Wakefield, Lillian and Alexander West, Jacen and Matthew Courtney, his brother Jim West, brothers-in-law Jim (Joanne), Kevin (Tina), Robert (Tanna) and Duke (Shawna) Clifton, sisters-in-law Marcie West and Cyndy (Bob) Plunkie, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Charles was predeceased by his parents, Fred and Grace West, his brothers Fred and Doug and sister-in-law Sharon West.

A Celebration of Life was held on September 30th, 2023, at the Fulham Hall at 2:00 PM followed by a time of fellowship with the family.

There will be a private family burial at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice in Charles' name or the Doug West Memorial Fund that supports the McLeod Valley Cemetery that Charles was caretaker of for many years.

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## ~ Obituary ~

### Beverley Anne Seibel (nee Rae)



Beverley Anne Seibel (nee Rae) broke free from the ravages of Parkinson's disease just before 2:00 am on September 14, 2023, in Herbert, Saskatchewan. Left crushed by her loss, but relieved that her suffering has ended are her dear husband, partner in crime, and caregiver, Roy, her daughters Natasha (Dwayne) and Anna (Darryl); her stepchildren Becky (Greg, daughters Sarah and Caitlin) and David (son Tyrone); her sister Jennifer (sons Mark and Mike); her sister-in-law Susan (daughters Lauren and Traci); and many beloved family members and friends. Beverley was predeceased by her parents, Arthur and Joy Rae, and her brother David.

Beverley was born on October 22, 1948, in Paterson, New Jersey. When she was young, the family moved to Font Hill, Ontario. They relocated to Scotland after Beverley finished high school, and she completed her teacher training at the University of Aberdeen. Beverley spent 2 years in Ghana, Africa, as a volunteer instructor at a teaching college. This experience changed her, and she cherished the memories and knowledge she collected during her time there. After returning to Canada, Beverley completed a Master's Degree in Counseling. Later she worked for the Hudson Bay Company as a staff trainer, and supported the opening of a number of stores, including the West Edmonton Mall location. In 1981 Beverley returned to teaching in a K - 12 school in Niton Junction, Alberta. There she met her husband-to-be. The couple bought and moved to a farm, where they laughed, grew, played, and worked together for twenty years as they raised their daughters. When the girls left home in 2003, Roy and Beverley moved to Lacombe, Alberta, where she pulled the neighbourhood together, volunteered all over the place, and passed many hours in her garden. In 2010, Roy and Beverley visited Herbert, Saskatchewan for a birthday party, and left as the new owners of a house and former horse farm at the edge of town. Herbert was their dream retirement destination, with a massive garden, friendly neighbours who quickly became like family, and plenty of volunteer opportunities. Two years later Beverley was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. In 2020 she moved into the Herbert Long Term Care Facility when her illness became too difficult to manage safely at home. Here Beverley made close friends, and received care and compassion that exceeded our wildest expectations, until she ultimately passed away.

Beverley lived every moment to its fullest. To be loved by Beverley meant receiving the warmest hugs, beautiful knitted gifts, delicious meals (usually with ingredients from her garden), heartfelt conversations, perfectly timed sarcasm and wit, and a listening ear always at the ready. Beverley was passionate about teaching, and brought this passion everywhere she went. She loved people, and would take any opportunity to meet and connect with others. Even as her illness progressed, she worked tirelessly to build and maintain relationships. Beverley stuck to her convictions, sometimes to the point of stubbornness, much to the delight and annoyance of those closest to her. She loved fiercely and deeply. That love is still strong in our hearts. She gave us the tools we needed to survive losing her.

Beverley faced her illness with characteristic courage and love of life. She continued uplifting others, organizing events and fundraising to improve the lives of those impacted by Parkinson's disease. Even in her final days she fought valiantly to give her loved ones gifts of love that they will carry for the rest of their lives. We are forever changed by her love, and by her absence.

A celebration of Beverley will be held on October 22, 2023, her 75th birthday, in Herbert, Saskatchewan. More details will follow via the family's Facebook pages. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Parkinson Canada, or participation in the Parkinson SuperWalk in memory of Beverley. The family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every staff member of the Herbert Long Term Care Facility, as well as Dr. Kasset, for their compassionate care of both Beverley and us.

Arrangements entrusted to Warren's Funeral Home. For further information please call 1-306-773-8831 or 1-800-267-6606, or visit our website at [www.warrensfuneralhome.com](http://www.warrensfuneralhome.com) and express your sympathy to family members on the tribute wall.



Editorial Comment

## New survey spotlights Canadians' perspectives on Bill C-18

by Dana McArthur

Leger has released some interesting results coming from its latest survey that asked Canadians about their perceptions of Bill C-18 and its implications on their news consumption habits.

Overall, the findings show that awareness of Bill C-18 is high among Canadians, with about three-quarters of Canadians being aware of the legislation. Also, nearly half of Canadians (47%) have seen changes in their online feed since Meta blocked news content. This proportion is higher among respondents who mainly get their news via social media (59%)

In response to the Canadian government's Online News Act (C-18), Meta blocked links to all Canadian news outlets.

Facebook and Instagram pages for small town newspapers all the way up to the big metro papers and media outlets have been blocked.

Meta's actions are an attempt to inflict maximum damage on the industry, rather than paying their fair share for profiting from news stories created and paid for by the Canadian news media.

At its core Facebook is an advertising company. It profits from selling advertising beside the free content written and posted by its users (you).

Apparently, Meta believes this free content should extend to Canadian news created by working journalists and paid for by news outlets. Somehow, Meta feels entitled to profit from this news, without compensating the news outlet.

In response, the federal government, along with several provinces and major companies, discontinued advertising on Meta platforms.



## Local news needs to be supported



Paul Deegan, News Media Canada

Every week about 30 million newspapers are delivered across Canada. More than four out of five people in Canada read newspaper content each week. Why do they read print and digital news sources? The answer is simple: Trust.

Canadians value and trust fact-based, fact-checked journalism. Journalists hold the powerful to account. They cover city hall, the courts, and the police. They also keep communities connected by reporting on everything from the high school football team to 100th birthdays.

But real journalism, created by real journalists – rather than by artificial intelligence – costs real money. If we want to sustain it, we must support it. One of the best ways for the local community to support local journalism is to take out an ad. When you buy a newspaper ad – whether print or digital – those dollars stay in the community and allow the publisher to employ journalists. Conversely, when you buy an ad from a web

giant, those dollars flow south to California to companies that don't employ a single journalist.

One thing government can do to keep scarce advertising dollars in Canada is establish tax measures to incent businesses to advertise with private sector Canadian news outlets and bring fairness to the different tax treatment of advertising purchased from foreign websites.

Governments – municipal, provincial, and federal – also have a role to play when it comes to their own advertising spend. It makes no sense that the federal government was spending almost twice as much on Facebook/Instagram – which are now blocking news in Canada – as they were on all print publications combined. Governments – at all levels – should earmark 25 per cent of their advertising spend toward trusted Canadian news sources. And the federal government should end the 'double dip' by eliminating commercial advertising associated with CBC News, the public broadcaster.

National Newspaper Week is a time to reflect on the Champions who report the news without fear or favour, and it's a time to remember that local news needs to be supported by the community.

Paul Deegan is president and chief executive officer of News Media Canada.

# You're in good hands.

Every day, champions across the country stand up for their communities, raise their hands to ask the tough questions and uncover the truth.

This National Newspaper Week, celebrate the power of words and local homegrown news.

Purchase the Champions book at [championsofthetruth.ca](http://championsofthetruth.ca)

The cover of the "Champions" book, featuring the word "Champions" in red and an illustration of hands holding various media tools. A hand is also shown holding a smartphone displaying the "Champions" logo.

The logo for "CANADA'S NEWS MEDIA CHAMPIONS OF THE TRUTH" on the left, featuring a red shield with a white cross and a red maple leaf. To its right is the logo for "News Media Canada Médias d'Info Canada" in blue and green.



# Celebrate National Newspaper Week...

This week is National Newspaper Week (Oct. 1-7), and if the last few years



by Dana McArthur  
publisher/Editor

Member Canadian Association of Journalists

messages. A whopping nine in 10 Canadians say they have fallen for fake news. This is

have taught us anything, it's just how important it is for Canadians to have access to local news they can trust.

The Canadian news media landscape has changed and evolved over the last decade. We're living in the age of information overload. Without tools to distinguish fact from fiction, misinformation makes it easy to get lost and confused.

More than ever Canadians look to their local newspapers to deliver vital information they can rely on and trust. In fact, studies show that nine in ten Canadians read newspapers each week across Canada – either in print or digital format.

The essential service the news media industry provides makes it possible for readers (like you) to gather knowledge, think critically, and form your own opinions. Newspapers give us the vital tools we need to stay informed and discuss issues important to our communities.

Much of rural Alberta exists in what's called 'news deserts'. These are communities that lack a daily or weekly newspaper and people are forced to turn to other less credible sources for information. Local newspapers (like The Weekly Anchor) and their digital platforms are crucial in combating these news deserts.

With the help of dedicated local reporters, news media outlets work hard to provide local communities with original, local, and factual content. These newspapers provide a voice for communities that would otherwise go overlooked and gives them a place to gather accurate information that cannot be found anywhere else.

In a world where information has become instantaneous, 'fake news' has a lot of fertile ground to spread it's malicious and misleading

why the role of Journalists who gather the news, confirm their sources, and double check the facts, have always been so important.

Access to credible news sources is increasingly vital to our democracy. Newspapers have always played a critical role in upholding Canadian democracy by providing diverse, local, original content. Local journalists are often the only ones attending or viewing municipal council meetings, looking over budgets, and reporting on motions. Honest and accurate journalism has always had an overwhelmingly positive effect on government accountability.

This is why we celebrate the collective strength of our industry and the vital role it continues to play in building community.

Sadly, missing from the fold this year are over 71 community newspaper titles in Ontario, as Metroland shuttered its newsprint products. Hundreds of workers and journalists lost their jobs and voices in the communities they served for so long.

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# Parent and Child Assistance Program

by Deanna Mitchener

Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) and Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP) mentors for Edson, Yellowhead County, Hinton, and Jasper had an open house on September 12 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Edson Provincial Building.

PCAP is for individuals in childbearing years who either have the capacity to get pregnant or have been pregnant and maybe dealing with substance use issues. Their main goal is to get individuals connected in the community to ensure they have the supports they need.

FASD/PCAP Mentors Tanya Dehmel and Natalia Callihoo were hosts during the open house. Dehmel said, “Our Open House is basically about FASD Awareness. September 9 is FASD Awareness Day, so in honour of that, we decided to do an open house where we have information to hand out to people.”

“We are letting the public know what types of supports we offer for individuals with FASD, what the intake looks like, what the referral looks like, and the assessment process. As well, we are connecting with people, offering some light snacks, and letting people know we have started a new support group,” said Dehmel.

They initially ran a Zoom caregiver support group which was doing well during Covid. “Now we are offering a support group for both caregivers as well as individuals over 18 with FASD, as an opportunity to come together each month with peers. We will have focused topics that they want to address and see if they can collaborate and work

around that,” Dehmel added.

Callihoo is based out of Hinton and tries to do two days a week in Edson as well. She also covers the Hinton and Jasper areas.

During the open house, the two mentors engaged in conversations and ensured those

that stopped by received the information they needed.

Dehmel's office is located in the Edson Provincial Building #111, which she shares with the Edson Employment Services. You can reach her by calling 780-712-6512.



Tanya Dehmel and Natalie Callihoo both FASD/PCAP Mentors held an Open House recently at the Edson Provincial Building. photo Deanna Mitchener

# School Boys Alumni Band visits Edson

by Deanna Mitchener

It was a great performance from the Edmonton School Boys Alumni Band on September 21 at the Edson Legion.

The band held two performances, one in the afternoon for the schools and another in the evening for the public. Despite the name, there were women playing too.

Ian McGill from Edson, who is a part of the band, said, “The Edmonton School Boys Alumni Band was formed in the 1990's. The [original] Edmonton School Boys Band was formed in the 1930's by a group of businessmen who bought instruments to keep kids off the street. They had a marching band that actually came and played in Edson in the 40's, and used to do the Stampede Parade all over the province. The band shutdown in the late 60's. Then in the 1990's a group of some of the former members got together and thought we should play music again.”

“The band is now open to seniors. We practice every Thursday in Edmonton. At age 70 I'm one of the youngsters in the group. It's a group of people who range from being professional musicians all their lives to people who played in high school and didn't touch an instrument for 40 years, then pulled it out of the closet and started playing again,” explained McGill.

“Tonight we have 38 members here to play. The band is usually 45 people, but some of our members are in their 90's, so to leave Edmonton at 9 a.m. and return at 11 p.m. is just too much of a day for them,” McGill said.

“This afternoon we had over 300 school kids here. It went very well and the kids enjoyed it. Watching them do YMCA was fantastic. It is a rare opportunity to get a band of this size and calibre in Edson and for free,” said McGill.

Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School, École Westhaven School, Vanier Community Catholic School, and Parkland School all supported the band by attending the afternoon performance.

McGill added, “We thank the Legion for donating the facility and a hot dinner for the band between our concerts. Galloway Museum donated free entrance to the museum along with

refreshments and snacks. Another group went to the Heart of Edson Gallery and Studio for a tour and they were treated to beverages and cookies. It's so nice to have these local businesses support the band.”

“While I was dropping off posters to local businesses about the upcoming performance,

individuals shared that they used to play in a band, or played during high school or junior high. It is my dream to start a community band here in Edson and get those people to bring their instruments out of the closet and get back to making music. Once music is a part of your life it stays with you for the rest of your life,” said McGill.



Edmonton School Boys Alumni Band showcased their music at the Edson Legion on September 21. photo Deanna Mitchener

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