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by Niki Luymes

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research options for enhancing Those two options, along with The first option was a security in the downtown area. a third hybrid option, were municipal security camera During the previous 2024 Council had proposed two presented at the Town's May refresh. This project would budget deliberations, Council different programs that 13, Committee of the Whole focus on updating the

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Council explores options for downtown security

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surveillance cameras in the downtown core. These upgrades would include expanding camera coverage to include 1st Avenue, a maintenance plan to ensure system longevity, and incorporating wireless components, which could enable future enhancements like public wifi.

The Town's IT department has already obtained four quotes for completing this comprehensive upgrade. Quotes ranged from \$12,000 to \$75,000. However, additional component, such as project planning, annual maintenance, and centralized management could total an additional \$41,000.

Option 2 is a business security rebate program. Under this proposed program, eligible businesses would receive a one-time rebate covering 100% of qualifying security improvement costs, up to \$1,000 per civic address. Phase 1 of the program would prioritize businesses in the downtown core, with potential expansion to the Highway 16 corridor and industrial zones.

There would be some additional requirements, for businesses to take advantage of the program.

Cameras would need to be high-definition, also monitor public sidewalks, and remain operational for three years. All applicants must agree to provide security footage to the RCMP upon request. Phase 1 of this program is proposed as a \$15,000 program with \$10,000 currently allocated in the Economic Development budget.

Option 3 would be the hybrid approach, combining elements of both Options 1 and 2. This would provide the broadest coverage since the town and business would be working simultaneously.

"This voluntary camera registry initiative allows residents and businesses to register their security cameras with local law enforcement. By participating, camera owners can assist RCMP officers quickly identify potential video evidence in the area of a crime, improving response times and investigative outcomes," said Morgan Roberts, Economic Development Officer.

Administration recommended option 2 since it would be the most cost-effective and impactful solution. "While municipal camera upgrades remain a valuable long term investment, it may be better integrated into future downtown infrastructure upgrades," said Roberts.

Councillor Peter Taylor said, "I think Option 1 is something we have to consider down the road. But in terms of immediate help, I do appreciate the grant rebate program you are proposing because it assists those businesses willing to do those upgrades."

"I think Option 1 more desirable at a future date," said Councillor Krystal Cacka. "I also agree with Option 2. Can a business qualify more than once?" Roberts responded, "If the project were to continue beyond the pilot we would put that a business could only apply once per three year

interval. The idea was to spread those dollars as wide as we could to assist with those safety needs."

Councillor Gean Chouinard asked, "I like option 2, but I'm just questioning if the \$15,000 will help." Administration recognized that \$1,000 may not cover everything, but they needed to set limitations.

Mayor Kevin Zahara also voiced support for option 2. "I really appreciate what you brought forward here about the lighting. Lighting is a big problem in a lot of these areas. Lighting is a huge deterrent, so having that money available is critically important."

Administration will be taking Council's comments under advisement and the initiative will be brought back to council at a later date.



The Pioneer Cabin hosted a special luncheon on May 6, where everyone was encouraged to dress up. Pictured are Diane Veldhouse, Iona Gauvin, Susan Groat, Claudette Romanuik and Marj Kearse. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Wire-art workshop held at Red Brick

by Niki Luymes

The Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum celebrated mother's day by hosting a unique art opportunity.

On May 10, the group held two Wire Work Art workshops. Participants could choose which time they preferred. Both classes were taught by Laura Ouimet from We Met Wirework.

In the morning class Ouimet led the group in creating a six inch cactus out of various styles of wire. Then the afternoon class made silver Tree of Life sun-catchers out of steel wire. "During her workshops Ouimet shares the fun science of this versatile medium, along with tips and tricks for making 3D sculptures," said Kirsty Maskowitz, Museum & Archives Coordinator at the Red Brick.

"Ouimet and her husband are artists—she is a wire sculptor and her husband is a photographer. They did a

show in our art gallery last spring, which was a huge success, and they will be doing a show this summer from July 4 to August 15. We took the opportunity to have her come to teach her art to Edson. We wanted to do something for mother's day," added Maskowitz.

"Attendance was lower than hoped, but we had more than the minimum number required to run both classes. The events went well and everyone who attended said they had fun and enjoyed their time," said Maskowitz

The Red Brick tries to bring artists in the community through workshops and their art gallery. Right now the gallery is hosting the work of local artist Deanna Sautry. Her show, Aperture To Art, will be in the Red Brick until May 30.

Coming up is the Red Brick's annual Summer Carnival on August 19. The group is also bringing back their summer day camps for 2025.



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The Galloway Museum had a group of kindergarteners from Westhaven visit the museum on May 7. They had a blast creating adorable animal masks submitted Deanna Mitchener

Fueling Hope: 100 Women Who Care Edson Deliver \$9,800 Boost to Community Meals!



\$9,800 was donated by 100 Women Who Care on April 22 to the Community Meals program that operates out of the Edson United Church.

On April 22, 2025, **100 Women Who Care Edson** came together to make a huge impact, donating an incredible **\$9,800** to **Community Meals – Edson United Church!**

As more families struggle with food insecurity, Community Meals has become a vital resource — preparing and serving thousands of nutritious meals each year to Edson residents in need. Thanks to this generous donation, the program can continue to meet rising the demand.

The donation will go straight toward groceries and supplies, fueling a program that delivered over **3,300 meals** in 2024 alone — a clear sign of how vital this service has become.

Since launching in June 2022, **100 Women Who Care Edson** has raised more than **\$80,000** for local non-profits, proving that small commitments — just one hour, three times a year — can create big, lasting change.

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Mark your calendars — the next meeting is set for October 21st!

Find 100 Women Who Care Edson on Facebook or email wwc.edson@gmail.com for more information.

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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2296 as amended, can be found at https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or planning@edson.ca.

Any person who is deemed to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority by 4:00 p.m., on the 21st day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website. On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 2296. 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 Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7. Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.



FCSS hosts 'How to Draw' for Ladies Night Out



There was an artistic group at this May's Ladies' Night Out. This month's event was an abstract landscape drawing class led by local artist Gabriella Heron.

by Niki Luymes

As summer approaches, the Town Of Edson Family & Community Support Services held one of the last Ladies' Night Out for spring.

On May 8, the group invited ladies ages 16 and up for a 'How To Draw' evening. The event took place at the Griffiths Park Centre. Attendance cost \$20 per person which covered all the necessary supplies and the teacher's time. Eight ladies attended the event

Local artist Gabriella Heron led everyone through

the process of creating their own abstract landscape. While the process was step-by-step, it included some intuitive elements so that no two pieces were the same. "The goal was to allow each person to let their inner artist shine and express themselves through art. It was a fun step outside of our comfort zones," said Community Development Coordinator, Diana Inscho.

"Most were a little intimidated from not having a model to follow, the way we were used to drawing and painting. By the end of the workshop most

A few students from Mary
Bergeron School on May 7 who were wearing hats in support of mental health.
Staff and students were encouraged to wear a hat on that day.
submitted Deanna

people were happily surprised at the art they created. Some were not as happy with the result. But, I think all would agree that it was quite a meditative experience and they came away with a new appreciation for just how challenging creating abstract art can be," added Inscho.

FCSS tries to hold a Ladies' Night Out event each month, however, the group does plan on pausing for the summer. "We have one more Ladies' Night coming up on Thursday, June 12 – Fill Your Flower Pot. It's \$20 per person at the Griffiths Park Centre from 6 to 8pm," said Inscho. The program will return in September 2025. The Wellness Wednesday events will also be changing for the summer and switching to Wellness Wednesday Walks that will take place weekly in Willmore Park.





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- Nothing over 200 lbs.
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- Mattresses
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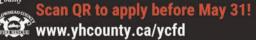
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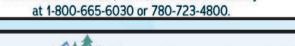
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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D25-033	NE-13-54-16-W5 Wolf Creek Area	Expansion of Existing Class I Sand & Gravel Pit	May 2/25	May 23/25
D25-050	Plan 0740055 Blk 1 Lot 4 SE-16-54-17-W5 North of Edson	Single Detached Dwelling	May 5/25	Permitted Use
D25-052	Plan 0122782 Blk 1 Lot 1 SE-15-53-17-W5 Edson Golf Course Rd	Two (2) Single Detached Dwellings with Covered Entries & Accessory Building(Garage)	May 5/25	Permitted Use
D25-054	Plan 0121616 Blk 1 Lot 3 S-25-53-17-W5 Edson Area	Manufactured Home	May 6/25	Permitted Use
D25-055	Plan 8121340 Blk 3 Lot 13 NW-2-51-26-W5 Mountain View	Addition to Existing Single Detached Dwelling (Covered Deck)	May 6/25	Permitted Use
D25-057	Plan 8221400 Lot 1 SE-12-53-18-W5 West of Edson	Vehicle Repair & Sales (Commercial Inspection & Repairs)	May 7/25	Permitted Use
D25-058	Plan 0821255 Blk 1 Lot 25 SE-18-53-16-W5 River Ridge	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage & Covered Entry	May 8/25	Permitted Use
D25-061	Plan 0821255 Blk 1 Lot 18 SE-18-53-16-W5 River Ridge	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage Covered Deck & Accessory Building (Garage/RV Storage)	May 8/25	Permitted Use
D25-060	Plan 9620365 Lot 1 SW-14-53-16-W5 East of Edson	Existing Campground & Accessory Buildings	May 9/25	Permitted Use
D25-059	NE-34-50-10-W5 Chip Lake Area	Manufactured Home	May 13/25	Permitted Use
D25-064	Plan 9223702 Lot 4 NW-15-54-14-W5 Peers	Two Storage Containers (Fridge & Freezer Cargo Reefers) - Discretionary & Variance Issued for Length & Addition to Existing Building (Covered Entry)	May 13/25	June 3/25
D25-065	Plan 0622643 Blk 2 Lot 12 NE-30-51-24-W5 East River Road	Gate & Fence - Variance Issued for Height	May 13/25	June 3/25
D25-068	NE-20-53-8-W5 Wildwood Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Veranda & Attached Garage	May 13/25	Permitted Use
D25-069	NE-23-54-14-W5 Peers Area	Accessory Building (Garage)	May 14/25	Permitted Use

officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw No. 02.24 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board of 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 appea and a payment of \$500.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision

irements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here

44th Annual Medicine Lodge Rodeo

by Deanna Mitchener

The ever popular Medicine Lodge Rodeo was back in full swing for their 44th annual event. This rodeo was initially started by Alma Anderson, who at the time, was a widow with six kids that could not go to many events due to the cost. The goal of hosting such a rodeo was for families to be able to afford and enjoy a weekend together.

Rodeo is Alberta's heritage sport and Alma used to say, "Being a cowboy was something to be proud of." The family has been carrying on the annual Mother's Day Rodeo in honour of their mother Alma.

President Earl Anderson said, "Our projects this year included upgrading back pens, chutes, grandstands, entertainment area, and the fencing areas. There is always things to be done when it comes to ensuring everything is ready to go for the rodeo."

"The Medicine Lodge Committee will be donating our portion of monies from the Calcutta this year to the Edson Community Care Foundation. This donation will be going towards the purchase of a CT scanner for the Edson Hospital. We will be donating \$2,360, the Stollery Children's Hospital will get \$1,500, and this year \$1800 goes breast cancer," stated Anderson.

"The Medicine Lodge Rodeo is where we just want to give people a good feeling about rodeos. So, when they leave here, they are thinking they might want to go to another rodeo. We try to keep our prices low, as it was designed that way by my/our mom," said Anderson.

"We are so grateful to all our sponsors, without them we couldn't put on a rodeo. As well, all the contestants and spectators that take part in the rodeo each year. I believe this is the biggest rodeo that the Wild Rose has out of the 20 different ones they have each year. We have people from Hinton and Edson that help us out, big-time," said Anderson.

The three day event got underway Friday May 9th with the All Girls Rodeo that started at 4:00 p.m.

The special free admission Kids Dance was well attended on Friday night. Kids had the dance floor to themselves to show-off their moves. Music was by Ron Pederson (Mullet Man). The Saturday night open air dance was for adults only.

The rodeo announcer was Tyson Pietsch. The stock contractor was Duffy Rodeo. Bullfighters over the weekend were Justus Gagnon and Cody Strandquist. Pickup Men Philip Schellenburg and Owen Patton. The judges were Glen Nash and Gil Turcotte. Timers were Shelby Thursday and Margaret Chambers. And everyone's favourite clown, Squirrelly Early Anderson. They all did a fabulous job.

Some great Mother's Day gifts were handed out on Sunday. Then the ever popular hairiest leg contest where women compete to see who has the hairiest legs for a chance to win a Husqvarna weed trimmer. Trinity Kowalchuk was the winner.

Sunday morning the sun was shinning for Cowboy Church and Mother's Day. 50/50 ticket sales were



Mutton Bustin' is where little cowpokes get their first taste of riding in a rodeo. photo Deanna Mitchener

high with Saturday's winner taking home \$3,000.

Spectator Sandra Logan commented, "This is my first rodeo experience. I loved the big attendance, the announcer, the clown, and camping with friends and seeing the miniature horses."

Attendee William Belcourt said, "I attend every year. It's a great family get-together."

Spectator Diane Freeman said, "This is my first time coming here

and my first impression was the space and how clean it was. My second impression was the great atmosphere."

Donna Shaw said, "I've been attending for the past 39 years, because they offer so much."

A lot of hard work goes into this event each year. Countless hours of preparation and many of the volunteers help from sun up to after sunset, all to help keep Alma Anderson's dream alive.



PUBLIC NOTICE

ANC Timber Ltd. 2025 HERBICIDE APPLICATION PROJECT

Please be advised that ANC Timber Ltd. is looking for input on their upcoming herbicide application program for 2025. ANC Timber Ltd. will be conducting both aerial and ground herbicide application programs between August 6th and September 20th, 2025. The application will treat approximately 1200 hectares of existing cutover area. The applications will be in portions of:

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RESULTS FOR THE MEDICINE LODGE RODEO May 9 - 11, 2025

WRA Event Winners:

Bareback - Quaide Skjonsbert of Bluffton AB tied with Clay Greenslade of Rockyview County AB with a score of 77.

Saddle Bronc – Clay Greenslade of Rockyview County AB with a score of 82 Bull Riding - No Qualified Ride

Steer Wrestling - Austin Young of Elk Point AB with a time of 5:6 seconds
Tie Down Roping – Colt VanStraten of Stettler AB with a time of 11:5 seconds
Ladies Barrels - Krystal Federkiewicz of Atmore AB with a time of 14:672 seconds
Team Roping – Randon Ross of Botha AB and Cole Brian of Bellis AB with a time of 6:0 seconds

Novice Horse Riding - Kacen Nowicki (SB) of Lac La Biche AB with a score of 64 Jr Bulls - No Qualified Ride

Jr Steer Riding – Ryder Topolinski of Grande Prairie AB with a score of 72 Jr Barrels – Maggie Cartwright of Camrose County AB with a time of 14:665 seconds Jr Breakaway - Kech Potts of Barrhead AB with a time of 6:0 seconds

All Girls Event Winners:

Sr Pole Bending – Brittany Mosicki of Warburg AB with a time of 22:52 seconds
Jr Pole Bending – Maggie Cartwright of Camrose County AB with a time of 21:36 seconds
Sr. Barrel Racing – Rachel Paradis of Sangudo AB with a time of 15.04 seconds

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Sr Potato Race – Brittany Mosicki of Warburg AB with a time of 57:25 seconds

Jr Potato Race - Temperance Verch of Hinton Alberta with a time of 141.81 seconds Rescue Race – Brittany Mosicki Team with a time of 11:45 seconds Wheel Barrow Race – Cassie Anderson and Monty Groat Team Tire Drag Race -Jenna Helmer Team with a time of 33:44 seconds

Cow Riding - Courtney LaValley of Winfield AB with a score of 66 Friday -Wild Pony Race -3 Non Blondes with a time of 7:84 seconds

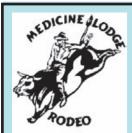
Local Event Winners:

Calcutta Cow Riding – Keely Bowman of Edson AB with a score of 70 Sunday -Wild Pony Race – Lucas & Morgan Williams / Jase Murray Team of Edson AB Saturday Lawnmower Race (Stock) won by Ryan Chouinard

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All 30 of our Mutton Bustin' contestants received a trophy and \$10.00. For a Medicine Lodge Rodeo jacket and longhorn skull the winning bid was by Castle Rentals & Welding Supplies for \$1,500.00. With \$1,500 to be given to the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation in Edmonton. For 3 jerseys signed by the Cowgirls in the Cow Riding the winning bid was \$1,800.00 with all proceeds going for Breast Cancer. The Medicine Lodge Rodeo will also be donating \$2,360.00 to the Edson Community Care Foundation – CT scanner for the Edson Hospital.

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Edson Thrift Store extended hours

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Thrift Store is located at 5112-3rd Ave. They have just recently refreshed the store and changed over to spring and summer wear.

Twice a year, volunteers do a very thorough cleaning were everything gets washed down including the ceiling, walls, and baseboards so there is a fresh start to the new season.

The Edson Thrift Store is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They have added one extra shopping day to help, which is the last Saturday of every month that started on April 26th. Saturday hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The store often has \$1 days or bag sales. They maintain a vast inventory of clothes including clothes for babies, toddlers, teens, men, and ladies. They also stock footwear, jewellery, work wear, clothing for special occasions, as well as bedding and underwear. If you are in need of clothing, chances are you will find it there.

The Thrift Store welcomes gently used clothing, it's asked that when donating items to please have them clean before dropping off. They have no means of washing items, so if they could be clean that would be greatly appreciated. The ladies say, "Items don't need to be ironed or even folded but they should be clean."

The store has plenty of room to browse up or down each of the isles, a change room, making for a good shopping experience. Pop in to say hello and see what you may find. Thanks goes to the many volunteers that help keep the store running.

Town of Edson Fire Ban Removed

Edson, Alberta, May 13, 2025 – Due to the recent precipitation and the lowering of the fire risk, the Town of Edson has removed the fire ban/restriction effective immediately.

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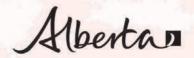


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Guest Editorial/Column

Alberta's oil bankrolls Canada's public services

It's time Canadians admitted continuing to run balanced or surplus Alberta's oilpatch pays the bills. Other provinces just cash the cheques

by Perry Kinkaide and Bill Jones

When Canadians grumble about Alberta's energy ambitions—labelling the province greedy for wanting to pump more oil—few stop to ask how much money from each barrel ends up flowing to them?

The irony is staggering. The very provinces rallying for green purity are cashing cheques underwritten not just by Alberta, but indirectly by the United States, which purchases more than 95 per cent of Alberta's oil and gas, paid in U.S. dollars.

That revenue doesn't stop at the Rockies. It flows straight to Ottawa, funding equalization programs (which redistribute federal tax revenue to help less wealthy provinces), national infrastructure and federal services that benefit the rest of the country.

This isn't political rhetoric. It's economic fact. Before the Leduc oil discovery in 1947, Alberta received about \$3 to \$5 billion (in today's dollars) in federal support. Since then, it has paid back more than \$500 billion. A \$5-billion investment that returned 100 times more is the kind of deal that would send Bay Street into a

Alberta's oilpatch includes a massive industry of energy companies, refineries and pipeline networks that produce and export oil and gas, mostly to the U.S. Each barrel of oil generates roughly \$14 in federal revenue through corporate taxes, personal income taxes, GST and additional fiscal capacity that boosts equalization transfers. Multiply that by more than 3.7 million barrels of oil (plus 8.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas) exported daily, and it's clear Alberta underwrites much of the country's prosperity.

Yet many Canadians seem unwilling to acknowledge where their prosperity comes from. There's a growing disconnect between how goods are consumed and how they're produced. People forget that gasoline comes from oil wells, electricity from power plants and phones from mining. Urban slogans like "Ban Fossil Fuels" rarely engage with the infrastructure and fiscal reality that keeps the country

Take Prince Edward Island, for example. From 1957 to 2023, it received \$19.8 billion in equalization payments and contributed just \$2 billion in taxes—a net gain of \$17.8

Quebec tells a similar story. In 2023 alone, it received more than \$14 billion in equalization payments, while

budgets. From 1961 to 2023, Quebec received more than \$200 billion in equalization payments, much of it funded by revenue from Alberta's oil industry..

To be clear, not all federal transfers are equalization. Provinces also receive funding through national programs such as the Canada Health Transfer and Canada Social Transfer. But equalization is the one most directly tied to the relative strength of provincial economies, and Alberta's wealth has long driven that system.

By contrast to the have-not provinces, Alberta's contribution has been extraordinary—an estimated 11.6 per cent annualized return on the federal support it once received. Each Canadian receives about \$485 per year from Alberta-generated oil revenues alone. Alberta is not the problem—it's the foundation of a prosperous Canada.

Still, when Alberta questions equalization or federal energy policy, critics cry foul. Premier Danielle Smith is not wrong to challenge a system in which the province footing the bill is the one most often criticized.

Yes, the oilpatch has flaws. Climate change is real. And many oil profits flow to shareholders abroad. But dismantling Alberta's oil industry tomorrow wouldn't stop climate change—it would only unravel the fiscal framework that sustains Canada.

The future must balance ambition with reality. Cleaner energy is essential, but not at the expense of biting the hand

And here's the kicker: Donald Trump has long claimed the U.S. doesn't need Canada's products and therefore subsidizes Canada. Many Canadians scoffed. But look at the flow of U.S. dollars into Alberta's oilpatch—dollars that then bankroll Canada's federal budget—and maybe, for once, he has a

It's time to stop denying where Canada's wealth comes from. Alberta isn't the problem. It's central to the country's prosperity and unity.

Dr. Perry Kinkaide is a visionary leader and change agent. Since retiring in 2001, he has served as an advisor and director for various organizations and founded the Alberta Council of Technologies Society in 2005. Previously, he held leadership roles at KPMG Consulting and the Alberta Government. He holds a BA from Colgate University and an MSc and PhD in Brain Research from the University of Alberta. © Troy Media

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1st Annual Howie Johnston Riflemans' Rodeo

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Fish and Game Association is holding their first Annual Howie Johnston Riflemans Rodeo, on May 24. It will be taking place at the Longest Mile Gun Range. Lunch will be provided along with prizes.

Alex Vick, with the association, says, "This will be a great day of fun and friendly competition, in hunting situations, for young and old."

This day is to memorialize Howie Johnston's efforts and passion to develop skills that make hunters and sportsman shooters more proficient.

There will be a silent auction table with some great items donated by local businesses and some great prizes sponsored by companies in the greater Yellowhead and western Canada.

3rd Annual Wild Game Pot Luck Supper

by Deanna Mitchener

The 3rd annual Wild Game Potluck Supper for the Edson Fish and Game Association was held on May 10, at the Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre. The event was well attended with almost 70 guests.

Elisha Thomas with the Edson Fish and Game Association says, "The pot luck meal brought a vast variety of food."

"We had presentations by two local 4H girls. 'Hunting' by April Hurren and 'Native Canines of Canada' by August Hurren which were very interesting,"

There was also adult moose calling where newly voted in president, Josh Vick, took first place. There was also youth wild game calling where two brave kids, April Hurren and Wyatt Card, stepped up and tried their hand at calling elk and moose," said Thomas.

"Over all was a great night with lots of fun and laughs, and we are looking to maybe expand our supper in the future," said Thomas.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Recycling Hauling Transfer Services

Yellowhead County is accepting proposals from qualified proponents to provide the necessary labour, vehicles, equipment and materials for the service work operation of recycling hauling from specified locations in Yellowhead County. Submissions shall be submitted based on the Request for Proposal documents.

Electronic submissions titled: RFP 2025-884: Recycling Hauling

Transfer Services

Will be received until: 2:00 P.M, May 29, 2025 Submitted via email to: kmyles@yhcounty.ca

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

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