

Agricultural Service Board keeps ag in the forefront at Lacombe County

Agriculture makes up a significant part of the industry, history and culture of Lacombe County. Last year, Council decided to increase its focus on agriculture by reinvigorating the Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board (ASB).

Previously, Lacombe County ASB issues were dealt with during Committee of the Whole and regular County Council meetings.

"Council wanted to put Agriculture front and centre because we understand the role that it plays in Lacombe County," said Councillor Brenda Knight, the Chair of Lacombe County's ASB and Vice Chair for the provincial ASB. "We want to support our agriculture community as best we can, but providing them with tools to assist with funding, farm transitions, environmental concerns, and safety (and beyond)."

To do this, Lacombe County Agriculture Department has been busy working with industry partners and neighbouring counties to bring a variety of extension events, including the following upcoming workshops:

- February 23: **Land Rental Rates & Agreements** (Register at: <https://landrentals.eventbrite.ca/>)
- March 9: **Development Contracts for your Agricultural Business** (Register at: <https://developing-contracts-for-your-agricultural-business.eventbrite.ca/>)
- March 16: **Farmer Pesticide Training Certificate Course** (Register at: <https://farmerpesticidettraining.eventbrite.ca/>)
- March 23: **Environmental Farm Plan Workshop** (Register at: <https://environmentalfarmplanning.eventbrite.ca/>)
- March 30: **Spring Tune Up event** at the Lacombe Memorial Centre

What is the Agricultural Service Board, and what is its role in the County?

Agricultural Service Boards act as advisory bodies to municipal councils on agricultural matters.

The Agricultural Service Board Act was passed in 1945 to provide local authority over Alberta's growing weed and soil deg-

radation problems. Over time, Counties and Municipal Districts across the Province established ASBs, up to a total of 69 today.

The first ASB meeting in Lacombe County (MD of Lacombe No. 64 at the time) was held on August 23, 1945. Since the Board's establishment, the Lacombe County ASB has provided recommendations and guidance to Lacombe County Council regarding weed control, agricultural pests, soil conservation and agricultural extension programming to support the agricultural industry and community within Lacombe County.

How does the County's ASB operate?

The Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) is made up of Council. Members of Agricultural Services are responsible for delivering ASB programming and support programming activities under the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pests Act, Soil Conservation Act and Animal Health Act.

ASBs are supported at the Provincial level by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and, more specifically, the Agricultural Service Board Program.



(From left) Coun. Ken Weenink, Coun. Allan Wilson, Hon. Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Coun. Brenda Knight and Coun. Dana Kreil at the provincial ASB Conference in January 2023.

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Wolf Creek sees positive relationships built through SRO program

Stories of helping a student through family struggles, or outreach to ensure another child can find a better path forward, to simply connecting with high fives in the hallway highlighted a report from Wolf Creek Public Schools' (WCPS) School Resource Officers (SRO).

Const. Michelle Wilzer, Lacombe Police Service; Barb Reaney, Director of Safe and Caring Schools, WCPS; Const. Lenny Wells, Ponoka RCMP; and Dave Lahucik, Lacombe County Peace Officer provided a program update to the WCPS' Board of Trustees Jan. 19.

In schools, SROs provide a number of services, through presentations and interactions with students. SROs are able to encourage positive, healthy recreational activities for children and youth, while they develop a deep understanding of the school culture, and of any issue in the school that may be putting students at risk.

"It's about creating a visible and positive image of law enforcement, while forging relationships with students," said Reaney.

An average day is spent between schools, as Wolf Creek has four SROs. They serve the Wolf Creek schools within their own community, but also at times attend Wolf Creek schools in communities that don't have an SRO, to ensure those students are also getting vital information on everything from vaping to drugs, personal boundaries to traffic law.

Wells, who serves Ponoka and area WCPS schools, said he likes to start the day in the high school to build those close relationships, but ensures he is interacting with kids at the elementary school level as well, adding those relationships are crucial.

"When they come to the high school for the first time, if we haven't done a good job with education (in elementary) then it makes it tougher to make those connections," said Wells.

The presence of an SRO also benefits in response to incidents as they occur, and how best to respond.

"They want to look at alternatives other than always laying charges. They don't want to have to ticket unless necessary," said Reaney. "They



Wolf Creek Public Schools' School Resource Officer Program Team consists of Constable Michelle Wilzer, Lacombe Police Service; Constable Jeff Hewitt, Blackfalds RCMP; Barb Reaney, Director of Safe and Caring Schools, WCPS; Constable Lenny Wells, Ponoka RCMP; Community Peace Officer, Dave Lahucik, Lacombe County. (Photo submitted)

look at other ways to grow awareness through strategies like restorative justice."

Restorative justice is an approach that aims to repair harm by creating opportunities between those who take responsibility and those harmed to address their needs following an incident.

"It encourages engagement and understanding of the harm caused and the path forward to make amends," said Reaney.

SRO presentations to students have recently focused on bullying and cyberbullying, but will move to vehicle safety in March and impaired driving in April. Beyond presentations, SROs routinely talk with students in the hallways, create encouragement through kindness bingo or positive ticketing for a kind deed, to handing out collectable 'Cop Cards' that help students learn more about their SRO and become familiar with them in the school.

"Our SROs are often something as simple as a high five in the hallway all the way to as vital as a pillar of support, a big brother or sister for a student who feels they have no one else to turn to," said Reaney. "This commitment to youth is phenomenal and our schools, our students and our entire communities are better served with their presence in the school."

Wolf Creek currently has SROs based out of Ponoka, Lacombe, Lacombe County and Blackfalds.

~ From Wolf Creek Public Schools



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER | Congratulations to Sarah Pollock, who was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Lacombe County Mutual Aid Organization Doug Sproule Memorial Scholarship, presented to her by County Fire Chief Drayton Bussiere (left) and Mark Sproule, Manager of Community Peace Officer Services

Sarah is currently in her first year of nursing. She received \$1,000 for writing an essay on the importance of emergency preparedness and Emergency Services personnel.

SAVE THE DATE | Join us on March 30 for a Spring Tune Up health and safety event

Lacombe County is excited to announce its seventh annual "Spring Tune Up" event on March 30, 2023. Anyone interested in their health and farm safety is invited to attend this free event, which will feature a variety of health care and safety professionals.

"The health and safety of our rural community is important to Lacombe County," explained Jalene Makus, Lacombe County Agriculture Coordinator and event organizer. "By bringing in vendors that support both physical and mental health/safety, we are doing our part to support and connect attendees with relevant and useful information."

Date: March 30, 2023

Time: 10am – 3pm

Location: Lacombe Memorial Center – Centennial North Room

Cost: Free with a BBQ lunch 11am – 2:30pm

Everyone who attends the event will have their name entered for door prizes.

There will be approximately 30 organizations on-site for this year's event, including:

- **The Man Van**
- **Building Bridges to Health Naturally** (blood analysis)
- **Just Safety Supplies**
- **Alberta Lung Association**
- **Wolf Creek Primary Care Network** (mental health, foot specialist, diet & nutrition, chronic disease screening, etc.)
- **Lacombe County Peace Officers** (crime prevention tips, rural crime updates, child safety seat inspections)
- **Wolf Creek Primary Care Network**
- **Red Deer Rural Restorative Justice Program.**

To learn more about the event, or for any questions, please call 403-782-8959 or email jmakus@lacombecounty.com.

Success grows here!!



SUCCESS GROWS HERE! | You might have noticed a recent change on the Lacombe County road signs around the county.

With a new strategic direction from Lacombe County Council - including a new Vision Statement, "Success grows here," Lacombe County has been working on updating signage.

Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING

and you're invited...



March 9, 2023 @ 9:10 am



In Person: Lacombe County Office, Council Chambers

Located 2½ miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road and Highway 12.



Virtual Meeting: Zoom

Meeting ID: 821 6437 6482

Join Zoom Meeting with a phone: 587-328-1099

Join Zoom Meeting with a computer/laptop:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82164376482>

Personal ID: if you do not have a Personal ID, select # to continue

This public hearing will be live-streamed through Zoom and members of the public are welcome to attend virtually. The public will be able to listen/observe the entire meeting, but like in face-to-face meetings, there will only be certain times that the public can comment. Anyone wishing to speak via Zoom will have to indicate that they wish to speak:

*By phone: Hit *9 to indicate you would like to speak*

By computer: Use the "Raise Hand" option on Zoom

For more information, please contact Planning Services or visit the County's website

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Nicklas Baran, Junior Planner

Email: planning@lacombecounty.com

Phone: 403-782-8389

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South of Highway 11 (East of Haynes) Area Structure Plan

BYLAW NO. 1384/23

Lacombe County is creating a new area structure plan for the lands south of Highway 11, east of Haynes. This Plan is intended to replace the South of Highway 11 Area Multi-Lot Country Residential Outline Plan adopted in 2001. This update ensures the County's planning policies are consistent and respects the needs and desires of the community. After two rounds of public engagement, a refined draft was presented to Lacombe County Council on February 9, 2023, and Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 1384/23.

Lacombe County is holding a public hearing to present the proposed Plan. The public hearing will allow members of the public to provide further input before the Plan is adopted.

HOW DO I COMMENT?



Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaw will have an opportunity to do so at a public hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written submissions can be made to the County. You will, however, need to ensure that your comments are received by the County prior to the date of the hearing. Your comments can be sent by:

EMAIL	planning@lacombecounty.com
FAX	403-782-3820, or
MAIL	RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

All submissions will be public information.

PLAN AREA



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The MAN VAN provides a fast, free baseline PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood test for men ages 40-80, which can help in the early detection of prostate cancer. Men over 18 will receive blood pressure, blood sugar, waist circumference, and stress check measurements.

UPCOMING TESTING CLINICS

Lacombe Memorial Centre

Thursday, March 30th 10AM-3PM



The MAN VAN is proudly sponsored by:



Prostate Cancer Centre | 7007 - 14th SW, Calgary, AB
403.943.8952 | info@prostatecancercentre.ca

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SAFETY FIRST

Canadian Firearms Safety Course coming to Lacombe County



Now being offered in Lacombe County!

April 1st, 2023, at the Lacombe County Offices – Highway 12 / RR274, just west of town, starting 9 AM.

Cost - \$140.00

Available to all 12 years and older - minors are welcome to bring a parent. Call or text Dan at 825.439.5208 to reserve your seat.

First-time license applicants must pass the Canadian Firearms Safety Course before applying for a Possession and Acquisition License. Anyone 12 years or older can take the CFSC. People 12 to 17 years old can apply for a Minor's License which allows them to borrow and use non-restricted firearms.

Topics covered in the course include

- evolution of firearms, major parts, types and actions
- basic firearms safety practices
- ammunition
- operating firearm actions
- safe handling and carry procedures
- firing techniques and procedures
- care of non-restricted firearms
- responsibilities of the firearms owner/user
- safe storage, display, transportation, and handling of non-restricted firearms

Anyone wanting to acquire restricted firearms must also take the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course and pass the written and practical tests.

Other details:

- This course is designed by the RCMP and admin-

istered in Alberta by the Alberta Hunter Education Instructor's Association.

- Course length is nine hours including a half-hour lunch, but not including practical testing time.
- Students must bring a piece of photo ID. Bringing lunch is recommended.
- Course materials include a manual, copies of the written and practical exams, several pamphlets and an assortment of deactivated firearms and dummy ammunition. The firearms we use to demonstrate safe handling skills are incapable of being fired and are transported with discretion.
- Requirements — I'll need either access to a large TV or a projector and a blank wall and seating adequate to the size of the class. A quiet environment is appreciated but not absolutely critical.

The Instructor:

Dan Johnston has taught the CFSC since the inception of the program in 1995. He holds a Alberta Permanent Teaching Certificate, and has recently retired from NorQuest College after 27 years of teaching. His professional specialty is testing and assessment.



Medicine River Crimewatch Society UPCOMING MEETING

The Medicine River Crimewatch Society has several new board members and a new executive. The new board is looking at developing more methods for communicating with Crimewatch members.

Crimewatch membership has its benefits! Members receive weekly reports from local RCMP detachments and also receive rural crimewatch signage to put at your gate. Being a member of a local Crimewatch group helps us all be watchful in our communities to prevent crime. A criminal record check is required in order to become a member.

The Medicine River Crimewatch Will be hosting a general meeting at the Eckville Legion on Wednesday, April 19. Guest speaker to be determined. County peace officers and remember from the Sylvan lake RCMP detachment will be giving updates.

If you would like to become a Medicine River Crimewatch member or update your membership, email medicinerivercws@gmail.com

MIRROR CORNER

Lacombe County supports Mirror Community Trail

At the January 26, 2023 Lacombe County Council meeting, Council approved the creation of a proposed trail, which was presented by the Mirror Community Network.

"Lacombe County is very excited to be able to provide this new amenity in the Hamlet of Mirror," said Lacombe County Reeve Barb Shepherd. "By supporting the creation of the Mirror Community Trail, we are working with our residents to build a new way to explore nature and live healthier lives."

The project was initiated in the fall of 2022 by the Mirror Community Network. They proposed to create a walking trail around the Hamlet of Mirror, with a trail north loop and a south loop

on either side of Highway 50. Much of the trail route uses existing sidewalks and open spaces; however, select sections pass through undeveloped road allowances, which will require some work to be done for the walking trail to be functional. The project's startup will include brushing in select areas, installing wayfinding signs, and placing garbage bins and benches along the trail.

Crews will start brushing the trail route by the end of February. Before the trail construction begins, landowners who may be impacted by its development will be contacted to discuss the proposed work and to talk over any potential concerns.



2023 Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. Dog tag renewals will be mailed out in mid-December 2022. The fee is \$15.00 for an altered dog and \$25.00 for an unaltered dog. After February 28, 2023, the cost increases to \$30 for an altered dog and \$50 for an unaltered dog. For more information, please call (403) 782-6601 or visit www.lacombecounty.com (County Services >Hamlet of Mirror>Policies/Bylaws>Dog Control).

Lacombe County will issue a tag for each dog, which must be attached to a collar worn by the dog at all times. Lacombe County Enforcement Officers will do checks to ensure compliance.

If you would like to report a contravention of the Dog Control Bylaw, please call 403-506-9380, or email info@klassickennels.com. **For animal welfare issue please contact the Alberta SPCA at <http://www.albertaspca.org/>***

Jolly Seniors

Pancake breakfast every second Sunday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Booking Mirror Community Hall

Call Lisa 403-788-3890 or cell 403-505-3894.

Friends of the Mirror Library Society/Mirror Library

The Mirror Library would like to remind patrons of the many items available for borrowing. We carry books for everyone, audiobooks, DVDs, games, and puzzles.

Library Hours: Wednesdays 1-7 p.m.

2nd & 4th Saturday, 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Please like us at: facebook.com/booksinmirror for the most up to date information. The Library also has meeting spaces for rent and free Wi-Fi. Please contact us through the Facebook page or email booksinmirror@gmail.com.

Mirror Royal Canadian Legion Branch 189 - 5015 50th Avenue

Meat Draws Saturday at 4 p.m. General meetings second Sunday at 1 p.m. (unless otherwise posted).

Mirror and District Museum

Contact mmuseum@cciwireless.ca if you would like to volunteer and for hours of operation

CN Rail crossing delays

If you experience delays longer than 20 minutes at the Mirror rail yard crossing, call CN Rail at 1-800-465-9239. Follow the prompts and be ready to provide details shown on the crossing signal mast to CN personnel. Transport Canada may be reached at 1-888-463-0521.

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Mirror residents reminded to shovel sidewalks

Residents in Mirror are reminded that all snow and ice must be removed from their sidewalks within 48 hours of a snowfall, pursuant to Bylaw 1098/09.

Should the County have to pay for an employee or contractor to clear the snow/ice from a property, the occupant or owner will be charged for the cost and may face additional fines.



OPERATIONS

Lacombe County Brushing Program

Lacombe County is responsible for maintaining our road allowances, which includes brushing trees and other vegetation to ensure safety for travellers.

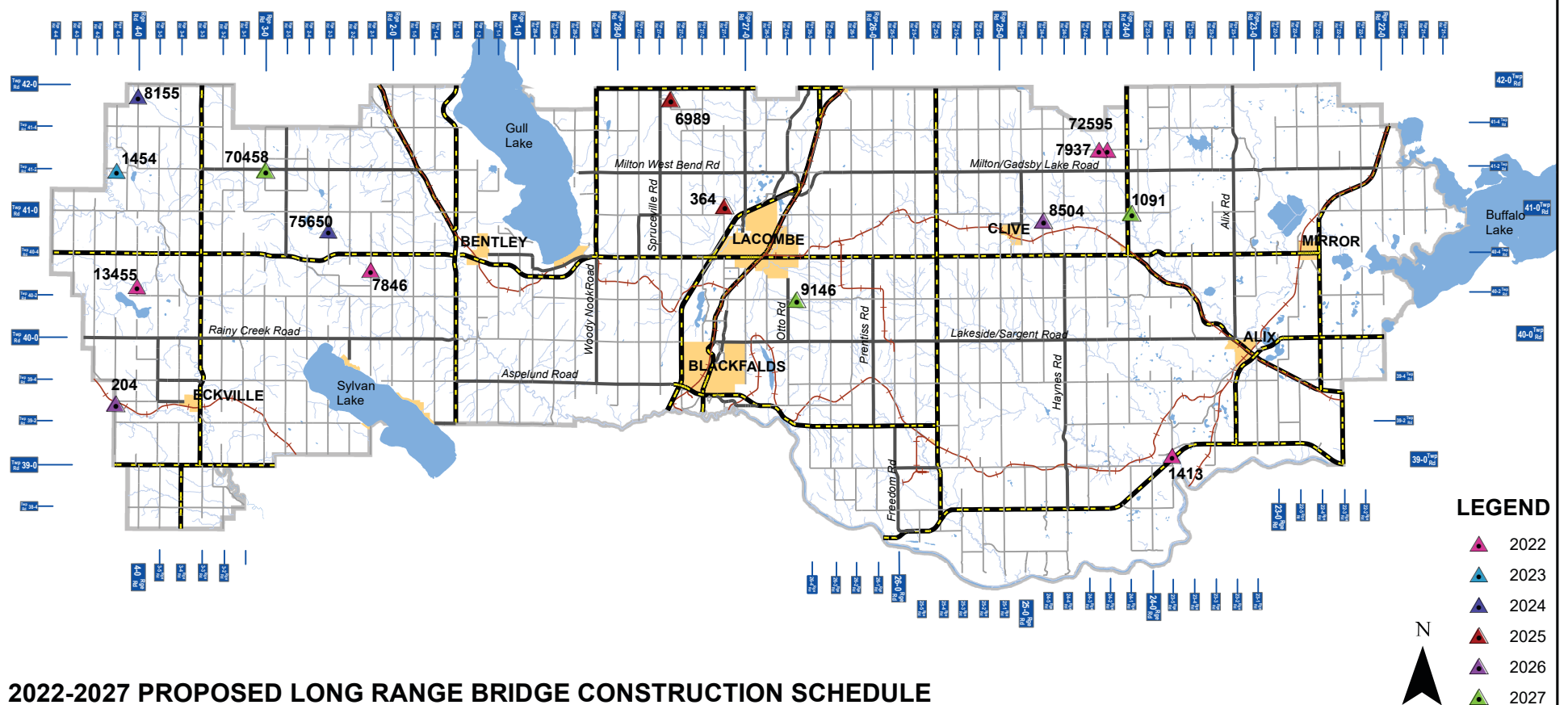
Part of our winter brushing is done in preparation for road construction, but our primary focus is on the travelling public's safety. We maintain sight lines at intersections and rail crossings on a scheduled rotation.

Lacombe County ensures that roadways are clear, including tree and limb removal and brushing in back alleys, subdivisions and machinery roads. This work is done to minimize trees falling on roads - damaging

vehicles and equipment, and keeping our roads as safe as possible.

If you see any problems on County roads, please call us at 403-782-3567.

Please note: Alberta Transportation maintains and operates **ALL NUMBERED** highways in the County (i.e. Hwy 12, Hwy 20, Hwy 597, Hwy 815, Hwy 601, Hwy 2A, etc.). ***If you see any issues or have any concerns on these roadways, please get in touch with Mainroad Alberta Contracting LP at 1-877-875-3263.***



2022-2027 PROPOSED LONG RANGE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

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ENVIRONMENT

CURIOUS ABOUT THE WATER QUALITY IN THE

MEDICINE RIVER?

Join us as we present the 2022 Medicine River water sampling results.

Gilby Hall
(west of Bentley on Hwy 12)

6:00 PM | March 31, 2023
Pizza and dessert served

Fensala Hall
(24 Main Ave, Markerville)

10:00 AM | April 14, 2023
Coffee and donuts served

Sponsored by the Medicine River Watershed Society.

For more info and to RSVP, email MedicineRWatershed@gmail.com

New Coordinator for ALUS in Lacombe County

Hello, farmers and ranchers in Lacombe County! My name is Ken Lewis, and I'm delighted to start working with you as the ALUS Coordinator for "ALUS Lacombe."

A brief background: I've worked as the ALUS Coordinator for ALUS Red Deer County since ALUS started there in 2013. I've worked for Red Deer County since 2007, and before that, for Alberta Agriculture (out of Lacombe) and Mountain View County.

Central Alberta has been my home for most of my life, and I'm proud to say that agriculture has always been a part of it.

ALUS has been in Lacombe County since 2017. Lacombe County farmers and ranchers have already completed ALUS projects like pollinator habitat, tree plantings, riparian management fencing, and more on well over 200 acres.

To learn more about ALUS, please visit www.alus.ca and click on the Communities tab. Or better yet, please give me a call any time at 403-505-9038 or email me at klewis@rdcounty.ca.



ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP

The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program helps you identify and address environmental risks in your operation. It will also increase your understanding of beneficial management practices related to environmental issues. Increase your profitability and qualify for grant funding through EFP certification.

 **Thursday**
March 23, 2023

 **10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

 **Lacombe County Office**
40403 RGE RD 27-4

SCAN TO REGISTER



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Lunch Included | 403-782-8959

<https://EnvironmentalFarmPlanning.eventbrite.ca>
(or scan the QR code on the left).



REMINDER | Ice Fishing Hut Registration

Lacombe County is no longer managing the voluntary Take It Off Program on Gull Lake and Buffalo Lake, as Alberta Environment and Parks has made it mandatory to identify all ice shelters in the province.

All ice fishing shelters that are on the ice for more than 24 hours **must** be labelled (2.5 cm block letters) with WiN number or name and phone number. **Ice fishing shelters must be removed from the ice by March 31.**

By identifying your ice shelter you help to ensure that all ice shelters are taken off the lake by the end of the ice fishing season. This helps to protect the environment and ensure the safety of anglers and boaters.

More information is in the 2022 Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations at <https://albertaregulations.ca/fishingregs/>.



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SPRINGTUNE UP

Health & Safety Fair

COME ON VISIT US

March 30, 2023
10AM - 3PM

Lacombe Memorial Centre -
Centennial North Room

FREE BBQ lunch from
11AM - 2:30pm

DOOR PRIZES!!



This year's vendors are providing:

- Cancer Screening
- Mental Health Supports
- Rural Crime Prevention
- Blood Analysis
- Safety Supplies
- AND MORE!

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
403-782-8959
jmakus@lacombecounty.com

ATTENTION

Grain Bag and Twine Recyclers in Lacombe County

Are you recycling your agricultural plastics and twine helping to promote agriculture sustainability?

IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU RECYCLE RIGHT!!

Please ensure you are only recycling clean baler twine and/or grain bag plastic, to ensure all product is accepted for recycle. See the following instructions below.



NO feed bags ~ NO grain totes ~ NO silage plastic ~ NO bale wrap



LAND RENTAL

RATES & AGREEMENTS

JOIN US | Ted Nibourg (former Business Management Specialist with Alberta Agriculture & Forestry)

Land value trends | Cash rent | Production & commodity prices | Calculating & negotiating fair prices
(for both renters and landowners)



DATE
FEB. 23, 2023



TIME
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



LOCATION
BLACKFALDS COMMUNITY CENTRE
(4810 WOMACKS ROAD)



Red Deer County

TO REGISTER:

403-782-6601 | \$20+GST
<https://LandRentals.eventbrite.ca>



SCAN ME

Grain Bag Recycling



Requirements:

- Agriculture producers who request grain bag recycling services must provide one individual on site, capable of assisting the rolling and collection operation.
- Grain bags **MUST BE FREE** of grain, mud, dirt debris, and vermin.
- To ensure used grain bags are eligible for recycling, grain bag collection services should be scheduled within one week of grain extraction.
- Grain bag collection services are offered free of charge.

Details:

At this time, Lacombe County is ONLY collecting grain bags. The grain bags will be rolled and collected directly at the farm sites for eventual delivery to a plastic recycling center in Alberta.

Twine Recycling



Requirements:

- 1. Shake** – Remove as much debris, snow or ice as possible. Excessively dirty twine may be rejected, or subject to a landfill tipping fee or additional charges at drop off.
- 2. Bag** – Place loose twine in a Clean Farms Twine Recycling Bag and tie bags to close. Please do not knot the twine. Clean Farms Twine Recycling bags are available free of charge at Lacombe County office or Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Sites.
- 3. Return** – Return to a Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Site during regular business hours.

Details:

Producers can pick up Clean Farms Twine Recycling Bags at the Lacombe County office and Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Sites during regular business hours. Twine will only be accepted if it is placed in the Clean Farms Twine Recycling Bag, and then brought to the collection site.



To book grain bag collection or further questions regarding agriculture plastics or twine recycling, please call 403- 782-8959.

AGRICULTURE

Everything in it's place, and a place for everything.



Calvin Ireland



ways of feeding nutrients to a crop to help farmers overcome different crop production challenges.

Typically, agronomists breakdown fertilizer recommendations into three general categories;

1. Geography – what is the soil, topography, climatic constraints.
2. Crop – what is being grown? A broad-leaf brassica such as canola, a grass like wheat, or a legume like peas?
3. End use – Is the crop being grown for feed or for human consumption/processing?

Once we have the answers to these questions, we can start to narrow down the

The world of fertilizer is expanding, and though it's a good thing, it can also be overwhelming to research, and understand the various differences between products. On the surface, fertilizer is fertilizer, but there can be many different forms and

total quantity of each nutrient (N-P-K-S) required by the crop. The next step is to then determine the application timing to deliver each nutrient (N-P-K-S) to the plant's root system. This becomes the complex part to figure out.

Always keeping in mind the 4R's of Nutrient Stewardship, specifically the "Right Source" of the fertilizer product is really critical to achieving yield goals. Not all forms of a nutrient are equal. Where the industry has done a poor job of educating the consumers and farmers, is explaining that this pound of nutrient is not always equal to that pound of nutrient. Whether the product is liquid, granular, elemental, coated, or homogenous, can be the difference between your crop having a balanced diet and converting plants per square foot into bushels per acre. It's the old saying when interpreting nutrient levels on a soil test; "Just because the nutrients are there, doesn't mean they're available".

For example, comparing one pound of nitrogen in the form of Urea, versus Ammonium Sulphate, versus ESN, technically the nitrogen component is nutritionally equal. However, the Urea is less stable and could be subject to environmental losses before the crop roots reach it. The Ammonium Sulphate is a stable form of nitrogen but comes attached to a pound of

sulphur which may or may not be beneficial or cost effective. A pound of nitrogen in the form of ESN is only released from its polymer shell under the right weather conditions. To use a financial analogy, it's like having equity versus cash. Both are valuable, but the cash is liquid and available instantly. We want to build a fertility plan like a financial plan that is diverse enough to provide for the crop through the entire season – seedling, to vegetative, to reproduction.

To account for a crop's individual and specific needs, at each specific growth stage, agronomists will use all the fertilizer sources and products at their disposal to prescribe a balanced diet for the crop. For example, seed row blends are generally higher in phosphorus, not only for seedling root development early on, but also because the most commonly used form of phosphorus fertilizer is very immobile within the soil profile. So for roots to be able to find the nutrition they require, the placement of granular "Mono-Ammonium-Phosphate" has to be close to, or within the seed furrow at planting time. Whereas sulfur is very mobile in the soil profile, and it's in highest demand later in the season as plants switch their focus from vegetative growth to seed production. This is why agronomists don't include sulphur in most

seed row blends, but rather in the side band. Also, most sulphur products have "slow release" or "controlled release" technology so although the nutrient is applied during spring seeding, the sulfur doesn't become available to the crop until flowering when it's needed. An indirect benefit of this technology is that it also minimizes the number of passes the farmer has to make across the field and therefore cuts down on fuel consumption.

Micronutrients such as copper or boron are available in granular and liquid forms. Both forms have advantages and disadvantages depending on the objective. Granular micronutrients tend to be more concentrated and are typically part of a longer-term strategy to build up deficient soil levels. Whereas liquid micronutrients applied foliarly through the sprayer, offer a faster response to a visible plant deficiency. Both forms could even be used in conjunction to bring a more holistic and diverse plant health solution.

Bottom line is that every fertilizer has its place, and if every place has its fertilizer, then there's no reason that with good planning we can't achieve our cropping goals for 2023.

*Submitted by Calvin Ireland,
Agronomist for Central AB Co-op
(Lacombe)*

FARMER PESTICIDE TRAINING

The Farmer Pesticide Certification course is a tool intended to help farmers to reduce risks associated with pesticide use. This course is recommended under the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan, but is also mandatory for farmers who wish to use restricted pesticides that require certification. The day consists of seven modules with an exam.

DATE
MARCH 16, 2023

TIME
9AM TO 4PM

LOCATION
BLACKFALDS COMMUNITY CENTRE
4810 WOMACKS ROAD, BLACKFALDS

SCAN TO REGISTER



TO REGISTER:

Cost is \$50.00 + GST. Lunch is provided.

To register, call Jalene at 403-782-8959, scan the QR code (left) or visit the Eventbrite page at: <https://farmerpesticidettraining.eventbrite.ca>.



DEVELOPING CONTRACTS FOR AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES

DATE: MARCH 9, 2023

TIME: 6:30PM - 8:30PM

**LOCATION: PENHOLD
MULTIPLEX**

(WASKASOO AVENUE, PENHOLD)

Contracts are a necessary tool in most agricultural businesses. Learn about writing contracts, what is to be included, and options to enforce whether your contract is with an oil and gas company or for agricultural production.

Cost is \$20+GST/participant.

Register via Eventbrite (scan QR code or visit <https://developing-contracts-for-your-agricultural-business.eventbrite.ca>) or call Jalene at 403-782-8959.



NATIONAL Invasive Species WEEK FEBRUARY 20 - 26, 2023



WILD BOAR

(Photo from Alberta Invasive Species website)



PRUSSIAN CARP / GOLDFISH

(Photo from Government of Alberta)



PALE YELLOW IRIS

(Photo from Alberta Invasive Species website)

Lacombe County wants YOUR help to protect Alberta from the destructive impacts of Invasive Species!!

REPORT INVASIVE SPECIES SIGHTINGS!

You can do this through the Alberta Invasive Species Council's Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System (EDDMaps app). Learn more about this - and all about invasive species threats - at <https://abinvasives.ca/take-action/>.

Together, our actions can help raise awareness about the importance of preventing the spread of invasive species.

For information on all these invasive species, visit <https://abinvasives.ca/>.



Dreissena polymorpha
(Zebra mussel)
(Actual size ~ 15 mm)

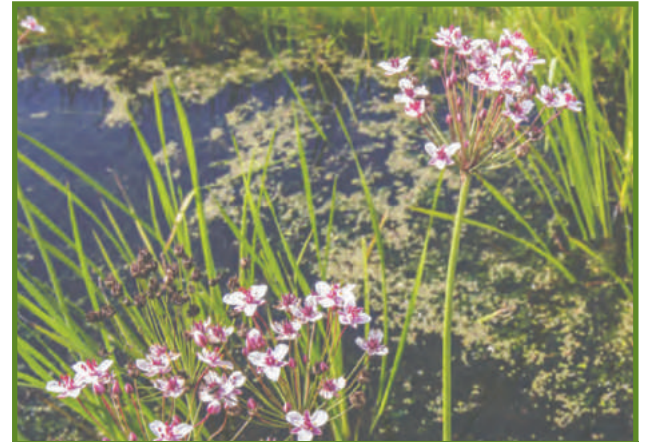
Dreissena rostriformis bugensis
(Quagga mussel)
(Actual size ~ 20 mm)

Sits flat on ventral side
Triangular in shape
Color patterns vary

Will not sit flat on ventral side, topples over
Rounder in shape
Dark concentric rings on shell
Paler in color near the hinge

ZEBRA & QUAGGA MUSSELS

(Photo from U.S. Geological Survey via Alberta Invasive Species website)



FLOWERING RUSH

(Photo from Government of Alberta)



SEA BUCKTHORN



HIMALAYAN BALSAM

(Photo from Alberta Invasive Species website)

WILD BOARS

Feral pigs (also known as wild boar at large) are one of the most damaging invasive species in North America. Some folks are keen to hunt wild boar at large, but this is not a viable control option.

We are asking for your help to report observations of wild boar at large and damage they may have caused. You can do this through AISC's free invasive species reporting app, EDDMaps (iPhone or Android), by emailing AF.wildboar@gov.ab.ca, calling 310-FARM, or by contacting your local municipality.

More information can be found by accessing AISC's [Squeal on Pigs Quick Facts Card](#) or [Alberta's Feral Pig Fact Sheet](#).

ZEBRA & QUAGGA MUSSELS

Aquatic invasive species, such as zebra or quagga mussels, can be spread from one waterbody to another on boats or gear that have not been properly cleaned, drained and dried between uses.

Prevention is as easy as Clean - Drain - Dry! Visit <https://www.alberta.ca/clean-drain-dry-your-gear.aspx> for more details.

PRUSSIAN CARP / GOLDFISH

Aquatic invasive species are non-native animals or plants that can cause economic or environmental harm in waterways where they are introduced. Prussian Carp, a type of wild goldfish, is a harmful aquatic invasive species and has recently been found in Alberta. The species invades aquatic ecosystems and poses severe threats to aquatic habitats and native fish populations.

DON'T LET IT LOOSE!! Never release aquarium or domestic pond water, plants, dead or live animals into water bodies. If you catch a Prussian Carp while fishing, kill it. It is illegal to use live bait fish in Alberta.

FLOWERING RUSH

Common aquaculture plants can become invasive if they are not native to Alberta. Wind and water can spread seeds and plant fragments beyond your garden, which creates new populations that can dominate ecosystems and ruin habitats for native species.

Prevent the spread of flowering rush.

1. Never release aquarium or domestic pond water, plants, dead or live animals into water bodies.
2. If you see flowering rush, report it to the Aquatic Invasive Species Hotline (1-855-336-2628) or use EDDMaps Alberta from your smart phone.

3. DO NOT pull or dig it, as small fragments can break off and start new plants.

PALE YELLOW IRIS

Pale yellow iris (also know as yellow flag iris) is a perenial forb introduced to North America as a pond ornamental plant. It reproduces both by seed and vegetatively by pink, freely branching rhizomes. These rhizomes are fast spreading and can out compete other plants for space.

Yellow flag iris is sold through garden centers and the internet. **Do not purchase or grow this plant.**

Pulling/cutting yellow flag iris repeatedly over several years can eventually kill plant. Digging is effective but can fragment rhizomes which can produce new plants, so be sure to remove as much plant debris as possible.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Workforce Strategies Summit

One Day Summit for all Employers!

Central Alberta Economic Partnership is proud to bring the Workforce Strategies Summit to Central Alberta employers. Recent research says workforce development is the number one barrier to economic growth.

Along with our partners and sponsors, we welcome you to this year's Central Summit, a one day event where you will learn how to develop workforce strategies for your business, organization, industry, or community.

Ideal for all sizes and types of business who want to learn how to recruit and retain employees in today's competitive environment.

**March 30 2023 | Westerner Park
Red Deer, Alberta.**

This one day summit features expert panelists on a variety of attraction, hiring and retention strategies.

Learn about The New Workforce including topics such as diversity, GenZ, and immigration and discover how automation and technology can fill the "People Gap".

While tips and ideas are sure to be helpful, the most inspiring sessions may be hearing from our renowned keynote speakers on economic and workforce development, innovation, and leading to inspire greatness in others.

To learn more, or to purchase tickets, visit <https://centralsummit.ca/>.



Public Notice

Community Engagement

Medicine Lodge Ski Hill Masterplan and Asset utilization study



The Town of Bentley / Central Alberta Economic Partnership in conjunction with Planvision Consulting Ltd and supported by the Medicine Lodge Ski Club are inviting you to attend an evening engagement session on **Wednesday February 22, 2023, 7:30pm to 9:30pm** at the Bentley Community Hall located at 4821 50th Street in Bentley AB.

As many of you know the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill and club have been a part of the community for over 70 years and we would like to keep it that way. We are undertaking an analysis of existing infrastructure and at this time we would like to get your feedback on how the hill can continue to support recreational skiing/snowboarding and potentially find other ways to serve the region and community. We want the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill to continue to be an important part of the community now and into the future, so please come to the meeting to share your thoughts, ideas and feedback regarding the hill.

We would love to see you in person on the 22nd of February but, if you cannot attend, you also have the option of completing an online survey form. We also encourage you to do both, attend the session and complete the survey.

Please also Share the survey with your friends and family we want to hear from everyone. It will be available at www.yourviews.ca/medicinelodge between **February 20 and 28**.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Joe Pavelka at planvision@shaw.ca and if you have any questions about the survey or open house please contact Jon Hartenberger at admin@hargroup.ca

Funding Partner



SEA BUCKTHORN

Sea Buckthorn is not a native species to North America. It is highly invasive (especially in riparian areas) and displaces naturally occurring vegetation and wildlife. In September 2019, Lacombe County Council passed Bylaw 1299/19, which elevated Sea Buckthorn to a local Noxious Weed within Lacombe County.

Sea Buckthorn is often used as an orchard species. As an allelopathic plant, Sea Buckthorn releases growth inhibitors into the soil preventing the establishment of native plant species.

Contact Lacombe County at 404-782-8959 for control options if you see Sea Buckthorn.

HIMALAYAN BALSAM

Himalayan balsam is an invasive herbaceous plant that was initially introduced to North America as a garden ornamental. Himalayan balsam is widely distributed across Canada and can be found in eight provinces. Himalayan balsam creates dense and tall stands that prevent native plants from establishing and reducing biodiversity. This plant is a prolific nectar producer and produces about 800 seeds per plant. This annual species can aggressively replace native perennial plants along riverbanks, leading to soil erosion.

Cutting the plant below the lowest node can help stop regeneration. Smaller infestations can be controlled by hand pulling.

FEB 15, 2023



CANADA'S AGRICULTURE DAY

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Do you have questions about subdivision or development activity?

Contact Us:

Lacombe County Planning Services

(403) 782-8389

planning@lacombecounty.com

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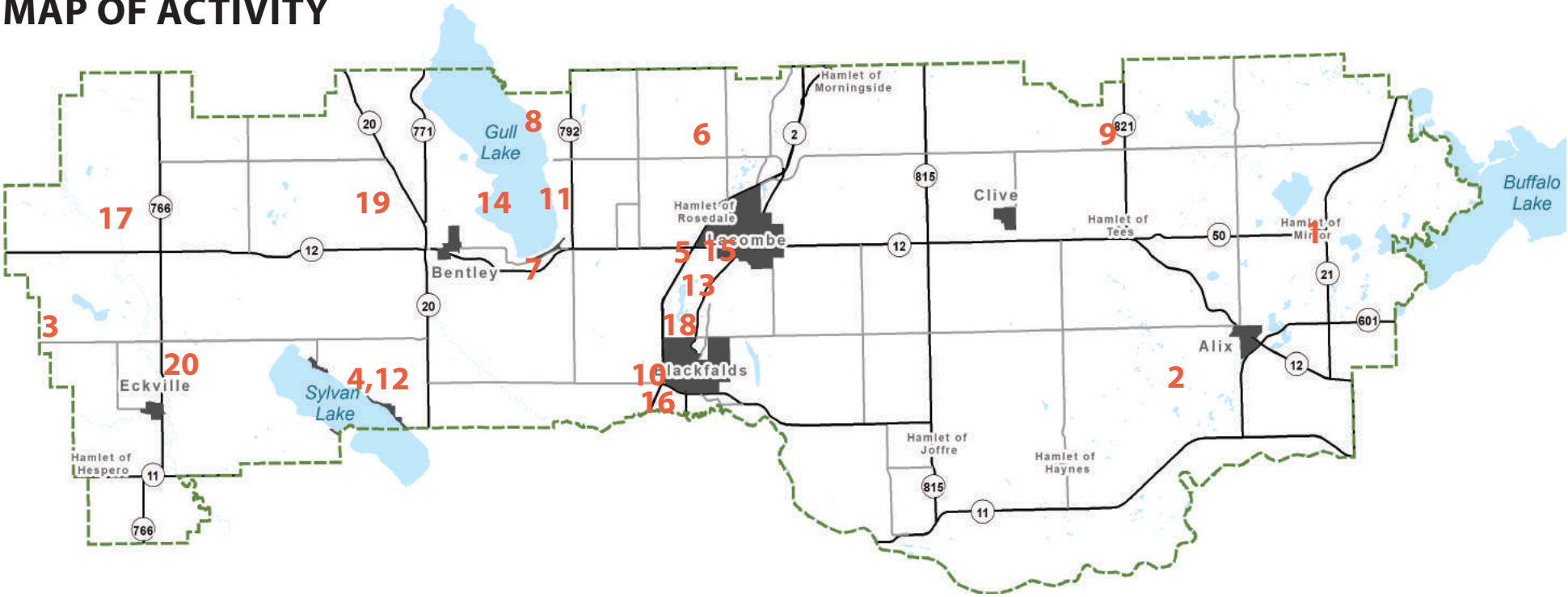
SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

January 1, 2023 to January 31, 2023

Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
1	01/23	Annie Mae Cummer	Lot 9 & 10 Block 9 Plan 7159AI (Hamlet of Mirror)	Eating and Drinking Establishment (Renewal, Mae's Kitchen)	Approved
2	02/23	Gish Law Office	Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 222 2230 (Pt. NE 21-39-23-W4M)	Setback Relaxation (Existing House & Garage)	Approved
3	03/23	Bowen & Jolene Marr	Pt. NE 3-40-04-W5M	Dwelling, Temporary Family Care (Existing Mobile Home)	Approved
4	04/23	John & Tannis Crawford	Lot 6A Plan 862 1763 (Silver Springs, Sylvan Lake)	Additional Animals	Refused
5	05/23	Sixth on the Block	NE 22-40-27-W4M	Sign	Approved
6	06/23	Derek & Amanda Luymes	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 992 4178 (Pt. SW 15-41-27-W4M)	Dwelling, Temporary Family Care (New Caretaker Residence)	Approved
7	07/23	Robert & Heather Hutchison	Pt. SE 21-40-28-W4M	Boat & RV Storage Business (H & R Storage) and sign	
8	08/23	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 116 Condo Plan 202 1689 (Degraff's RV Resort, Gull Lake)	Cottage Model	Approved
9	09/23	Andrea Deleeuw	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 162 2070 (Pt. SE 24-41-24-W4M)	Accessory Structure	Approved
10	10/23	Aggregate Design Studio	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 072 9331 (Aspelund Industrial Park)	Agri-industrial (Dairy Lane System)	
11	11/23	Bradley & Karmen Meyer	Lot 75 Block 1 Plan 802 2972 (McLaurin Beach, Gull Lake)	Detached Garage	Approved
12	12/23	Jeffrey & Gemma Zimmer	Lot 8 Plan 752 1105 (Silver Springs, Sylvan Lake)	Storage Building	
13	13/23	Cameron & Ardyth Cunningham	Lot D Plan 6189 RS (Pt. SW 14-40-27-W4M)	Home Based Business, Major (Jac's Small Engine Repair)	Approved
14	14/23	Lance Dzaman	Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 142 2128 (Sandy Point Resort, Gull Lake)	Renewal of previously approved admin buildings with retail minor and sign	Approved
15	15/23	Lacombe Pentecostal Church	Pt. NW 24-40-27-W4M	Sign	Approved
16	16/23	Nicole Dickau	Lot 2B Plan 1872TR (Pt. NE 16-39-27-W4M)	Dwelling, Single Detached (Replacement Residence w/Attached Garage & Covered Decks)	Approved

MAP OF ACTIVITY



17 17/23 Angie Schickerowski Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 842 0790
(Pt. SW 32-40-3-W5M) Dwelling

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision (otherwise pending)
18	S-001-23	Frank Kuhnen Jr.	Lot 5 Block 1 Plan 152 0048 (Pt. SE 03-40-27-W4M)	Fragmented Parcel	Refused
19	S-002-23	Michael Steinhilber	NW 31-40-01-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
20	S-003-23	Leonard & Kathrine Engen	SW 34-39-03-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Approved

If you notice a broken or missing sign on a County road, call us ASAP!!

BROKEN OR MISSING ROAD SIGNS?

LACOMBE COUNTY

Phone: 403-782-6601
Email: info@lacombecounty.com

Facebook (@LacombeCounty)
Instagram (lacombecounty)
Twitter (@LacombeCounty)

Don't get left in the dust!

Lacombe County is currently taking requests for our **2023 Dust Control Program**. If you are interested in having Calcium Chloride in front of your residence or place of business, please contact Cassandra at the County shop at 403-782-3567.

LACOMBE COUNTY

Ratepayer's cost-shared rate for 2023 is \$3.44 per lineal meter, to a maximum of 200 meters. **If you require more than 200 metres, the additional will NOT be cost shared.**

Please submit your application and make payment for dust control before the annual deadline of **May 12, 2023**.

Note: The application of dust abatement may cause some possible effects, such as loss of vegetation. Lacombe County is not responsible for any claims or damages resulting from the application process.

If you are interested in finding out more about the County's Dust Control Program, please call Cassandra at 403-782-3567, Ivy at 403-782-8379 or email operations@lacombecounty.com

Planning Services

Frequently Asked Questions



What is an intermunicipal development plan?

An intermunicipal development plan is a land use plan that seeks to foster collaborative land use planning between two or more municipalities. It encourages the municipalities to work together to advance their common interest and reduces future conflict. An intermunicipal development plan applies to the lands surrounding the boundaries of two municipalities.

A municipality's Municipal Development Plan (covered in the January County News edition) must be consistent with its adopted intermunicipal development plans.

Does Lacombe County have any intermunicipal development plans?

Yes! Lacombe County has adopted 10 intermunicipal development plans. The areas covered by intermunicipal development plans in the County are shown in the map below.

What does an intermunicipal development plan do?

The Government of Alberta requires that intermunicipal development plan address:

- Future land use potential within the plan area
- The manner of and the proposals for future development in the area
- The provision of transportation systems for the area
- The coordination of intermunicipal programs relating to the physical, social, and economic

development of the area

- Environmental matters in the area
- Any other matter that the councils deem necessary

Why does Lacombe County need intermunicipal development plans?

Lacombe County appreciates the merits of working cooperatively with our neighbouring urban, rural, and summer village municipalities. The intermunicipal development plan requires that each municipal government think about the interests of the greater regional community and coordinate growth and development in a manner that benefits all communities involved.

A strong intermunicipal planning framework is recognized in planning

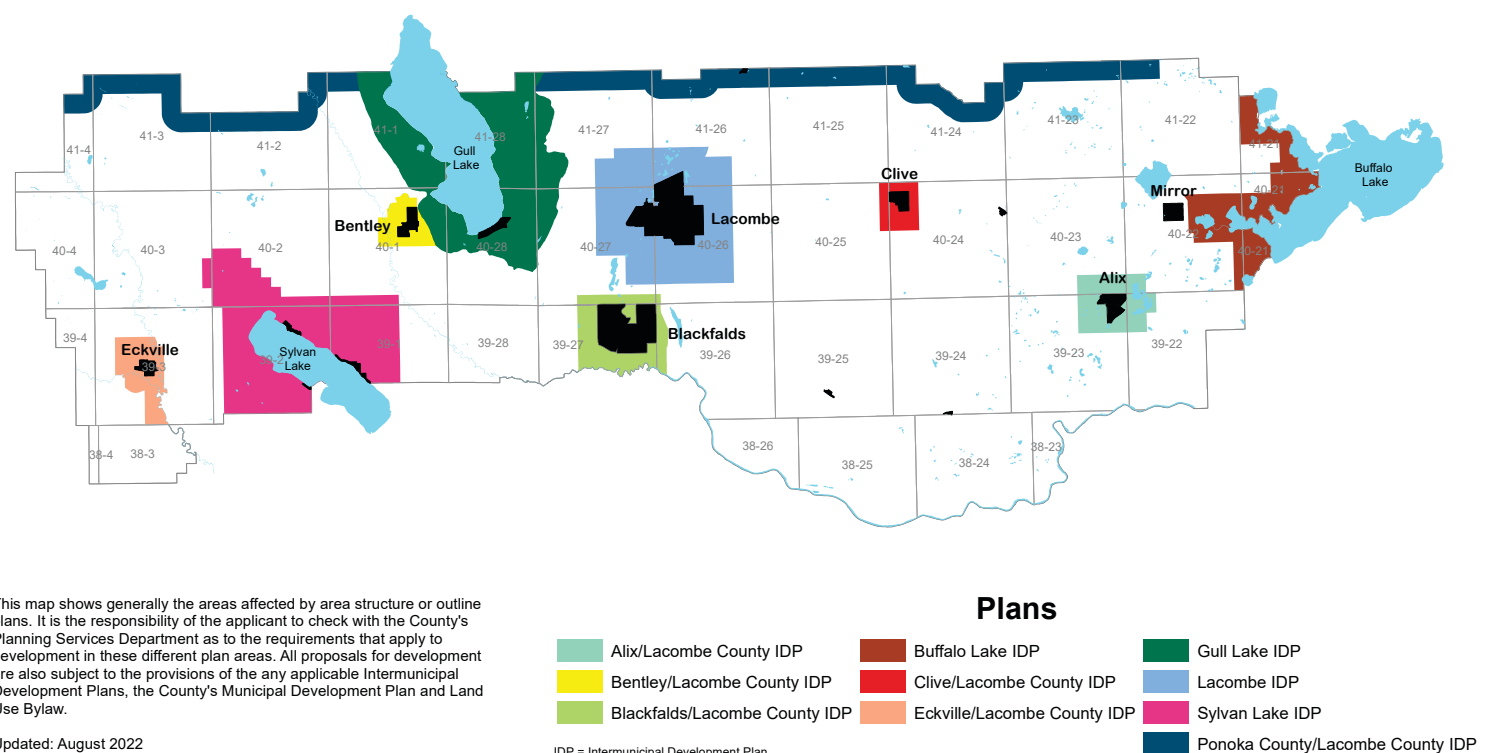
practice as a prerequisite to robust regional planning. For instance, the creation of the Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan brought together eight partner municipalities, including one town, two rural counties, and five summer villages, to plan for the future of the Sylvan Lake area. This project was recognized by the Alberta Professional Planners Institute in 2022 through the Planning Award of Merit! Such projects ensure that development in the area is thoughtful, safe, and planned for the future, while being consistent with the needs and desires of the local community.

What initiatives have resulted from intermunicipal development plans that have helped our region?

Some examples include:

- City of Lacombe / Lacombe County Joint Economic Area – Wild Rose Commercial Park
- Town of Blackfalds / Lacombe County Joint Economic Area – North & South Aspelund Industrial Park
- Town of Bentley / Lacombe County Joint Development Initiative & Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan (currently in development)
- Various initiatives to fund amenities and infrastructure in the urban municipalities surrounded by Lacombe County

Intermunicipal Development Plans in Lacombe County



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LACOMBE COUNTY

SPOT *light*

HORSE IN HAND RANCH

A lifetime passion for horses led Kellie Leyen to pursue an individualized equine experience for people. With inspiration from travel across North America and work experience in similar facilities, Kellie knew what was needed to do to build her dream. Owners Darryl and Kellie Leyen created this dream with Horse in Hand Ranch in June of 2012 and, after more than a decade of operation, have continued to learn and grow. Drawing people locally, from Western Canada, and beyond, Lacombe County is the ideal site. Ease of access and visibility from QEII simplifies transportation, especially for visitors.

From the beginning, the business vision was to support people and horses, and Darryl and Kellie built their ranch to fill a need that they saw in the industry. They share a desire to create an inclusive, welcoming, and informal space that provides opportunities for anyone to try new equestrian experiences.

The HIHR crew pride themselves on their flexibility – and willingness to meet the needs of sport-specific or breed-specific events which can range from vaulting to equine-assisted therapy. The crew highlighted the individualized experience that a community member could share at Horse in Hand Ranch. Customers range from ‘passionate hobbyists’ to professional riders preparing for performance or competition. All are welcome, and all will feel welcome in this unique community.

Developing more in-house programs has enhanced the coaching and training side of the business. Owner Kellie is also the head coach and teaches programming based on Foundation Horsemanship, safety, and having fun with the animals. Demand for this type of horsemanship education continues to grow, and Kellie intends to grow along with it.



Kellie and General Manager Darren Halpin also work with other like-minded facilities in a consulting capacity to offer advice and learnings from a decade of business growth. As customer needs arise, they continue to evaluate new opportunities. A willingness to diversify combined with a growth mentality allows them to stay on top of industry changes whether it's boarding or events-based facilities, they take pride in sharing their experience with others.

The ag industry provides a space for the Leyens to express themselves and create the life they want to live. They are thankful that their customers trust them to care for their animals and love sharing their home with the community, both ‘horse and human’.

Horse in Hand Ranch partners with the Alberta Equestrian Federation for their central Alberta events. According to their website, the “AEF is dedicated to the well-being of equines and works for the equestrian community in the province.” They also partner with Can Praxis, the leading equine-assisted therapy provider for the veteran and first responder communities. Kellie and Darren shared that both organizations focus on serving clients through support and education, providing a valuable service that is highly specialized. They are proud to contribute to groups that make a big difference in the lives of the people they serve.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 26, 2023

HAMLET OF MIRROR TRAIL

The County Manager was authorized to proceed with the community trail development in the Hamlet of Mirror as proposed by the Mirror Community Network following consultation with adjacent landowners.

PURCHASE OF PUBLIC LANDS ADJACENT TO LACOMBE LAKE

The County Manager was authorized to proceed with the purchase of the Pt. SE-10-40-27-W4 for the upset limit of \$10,000.00 per acre and to enter into an agreement with Public Lands according to Section 21(1) of the Public Lands Act.

2022 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN UPDATE

An update on the 2022 Lacombe County Environmental Action Plan was received for information.

2023 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

The five Environmental Management Plan Priority Areas for the Lacombe County Environmental Action Plan (EAP) are Energy Efficiency, Waste Creation and Disposal, Land Use in the Built and Natural Environment, Water Quality and Security, and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. A detailed overview of the projects proposed for the 2023 EAP was approved as presented.

AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEETING – RECOMMENDATIONS

Council approved the following recommendations from the January 10, 2023 Lacombe County Agriculture Service Board:

- That the Agricultural Service Board meetings be scheduled for March 15 and October 18, 2023.
- That the Confined Feeding Operation Stocking Threshold Report be received for information
- That the 2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolutions be received for information
- That the proposed amendments to the Provincial and Regional ASB Conference Rules of Procedure be received for information
- That the information items, Weed Control on Abandoned Well Sites, ASB Town Hall Meeting, and 2023 Extension Dates, be received for information

BYLAW NO. 1385/23 RATES AND FEES 2023

Bylaw No. 1385/23, a bylaw of Lacombe County to authorize the establishment of fees for various services, supplies, information, applications and appeals provided to the public was read a first, second and third time and so passed by Council.

GULL LAKE WATERSHED SOCIETY

A presentation by the Gull Lake Watershed Society was received for information. The County Manager was directed to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's deliberation at a future Council meeting regarding the Society's request for County support in requesting Alberta Forestry, Parks and Tourism's timely consideration of the Society's filtration system proposal for Gull Lake.

LACOMBE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A presentation by the Lacombe and District Historical Society was received for information. Council directed the County Manager to collaborate with the LDHS regarding entering into a partnership for hosting an Agricultural Tour in 2024.

ANNUAL AUDIT PLANNING

Council received for information BDO Canada LLP's plan for the audit of the consolidated financial statements of Lacombe County for the period ended December 31, 2022.

AGRICULTURAL TOUR PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

A proposal from the Lacombe and District Historical Society (LDHS) that Lacombe County partner in an Ag Tour in 2023 was received for information. The County Manager was directed to collaborate with the LDHS regarding entering into a partnership for hosting an Agricultural Tour in 2024.

ASPELUND INDUSTRIAL PARK SERVING

The County Manager was authorized to enter into discussions with the Town of Blackfalds regarding additional wastewater capacity for the Aspelund Industrial Park.

The County Manager was further authorized to enter into discussions with Stantec Engineering regarding the preparation of a technical memo for additional servicing for the Aspelund Industrial Park.

Snow Removal Concerns



Did you know that pushing snow out of your driveway across the road is not only illegal – it can be dangerous.

Blocking all or part the road can lead to accidents because the large snow piles may obstruct visibility. In addition, the snow clearing equipment can damage the roadway by creating ridges on the surface.

Lacombe County reminds residents to refrain from this activity. If you require assistance with snow removal, please contact a contractors in the area.



Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website under the 'Council' Link on the main page - or scan the QR code (left) with your smartphone!

Regularly Scheduled Meetings for Lacombe County Council

Committee of the Whole - First Tuesday of every second month at 9 a.m.

Council & MPC - Second and fourth Thursday of every month, starting at 9 a.m..

The public and media are welcome to attend all Council & MPC meetings. An agenda will be posted to the website prior to the meeting.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 9, 2023

SANDY POINT RESORT/SUNBREAKER COVE BOAT LAUNCH PAID PARKING

In 2022, paid parking was implemented for the summer season at Sandy Point Resort and Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch. By resolution of Council the Lacombe County paid parking program for Sandy Point Resort and the Sunbreaker Cove Boat launch will be maintained in its current form.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION 2022 AUDIT

Lacombe County participates in the voluntary Partnerships in Injury Reduction Program that awards a Certification of Recognition (COR) for the health and safety management system. The program is a collaboration between the Alberta Ministry of Jobs, Economy, and Northern

Development, the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB), and employers through certifying partners, such as the Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association (AMHSA).

To participate in the program, Lacombe County must evaluate its health and safety program annually and complete a recertifying audit every third year. A presentation was provided on the 2022 COR audit for Lacombe County. The 2022 Audit Score was 97%. Lacombe County is recognized as a leader in exceeding regulatory requirements.

POLICY RC(1) ALIX ARENA ASSOCIATION

Lacombe County will provide financial support

in the amount of \$ 12,000 to the Alix Arena Association's plexiglass and painting project.

GULL LAKE WATERSHED SOCIETY REQUEST

Lacombe County will write a letter to the Minister of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas and the Minister of Forestry, Parks and Tourism, with copies to Minister Ron Orr and MLA Jason Nixon, urging that the Province of Alberta give a timely response of the Gull Lake Watershed Society's Prussian Carp pressurized filtration system proposal.

ECKVILLE ARENA OPERATING ASSOCIATION – REPRESENTATION

A request from the Eckville Arena Operating Association that Lacombe County appoint a representative to the Association was received for information.

NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

The County Manager was directed to a report for presentation at a future Council meeting regarding developing a resolution for the 2023 Fall RMA Convention with respect to funding of the Nurse Practitioner Program.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUBILEE MEDALS

Recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal, as nominated by Lacombe County, will be presented with their medal at a future Council meeting.

BYLAW NO. 1384/23 – SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 11(EAST OF HAYNES) AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

Bylaw No.1384/23, a bylaw of Lacombe County to adopt the South of Highway 11 (East of Haynes) Area Structure Plan received first reading. A public hearing for Bylaw No. 1384/23 will be held on March 9, 2023, commencing at 9:10 a.m.

BYLAW NO. 1363/22 – PALM COVE AREA OFF-SITE LEVY

Bylaw No.1363/22, a bylaw of Lacombe County to adopt an off-site levy for land that is to be subdivided or developed within the Palm Cove Area on Sylvan Lake received first reading. A public hearing for Bylaw No. 1363/22 will be held on March 9, 2023 commencing at 9:00 a.m

BYLAW NO. 1385/23 RATES AND FEES 2023

Bylaw No. 1386/23, a bylaw of Lacombe County to authorize the establishment of Council Committees for Lacombe County was read a first, second and third time and so passed by Council.

Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING and you're invited...



Thursday, March 9 @ 9:00 am



In Person: Lacombe County Office, Council Chambers

Located 2½ miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road and Highway 12.



Virtual Meeting: Zoom

Meeting ID: 821 6437 6482
Join Zoom Meeting with a **phone**: 587-328-1099
Join Zoom Meeting with a **computer/laptop**:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82164376482>

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This public hearing will be live-streamed through Zoom and members of the public are welcome to attend virtually. The public will be able to listen/observe the entire meeting, but like in face-to-face meetings, there will only be certain times that the public can comment. Anyone wishing to speak via Zoom will have to indicate that they wish to speak:

*By phone: Hit *9 to indicate you would like to speak
By computer: Use the "Raise Hand" option on Zoom*

CONTEXT MAP



PALM COVE AREA OFF-SITE LEVY - BYLAW 1363/22

First Reading to Bylaw 1363/22 was given February 9, 2023 by Lacombe County Council, an off-site levy bylaw to recoup the costs of providing upsizing of the Joint Line through Sunbreaker Cove and on the Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater Commission line, to provide wastewater servicing to the Palm Cove area on Sylvan Lake.

Lacombe County is holding a Public Hearing to present the proposed bylaw and allow members of the public to provide input before adoption.

The off-site levy being proposed is \$9,284 per hectare which is the proportionate cost of providing the aforementioned services to the lands. A copy of the full review can be accessed on our website.

HOW DO I COMMENT?



Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed off-site levy will have an opportunity to do so at a public hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written submissions can be made to the County. You will, however, need to ensure that your comments are received by the County prior to the date of the hearing. Your comments can be sent by:

EMAIL planning@lacombecounty.com

FAX 403-782-3820, or

MAIL RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

All submissions will be public information.

For more information, please contact Planning Services or visit the County's website

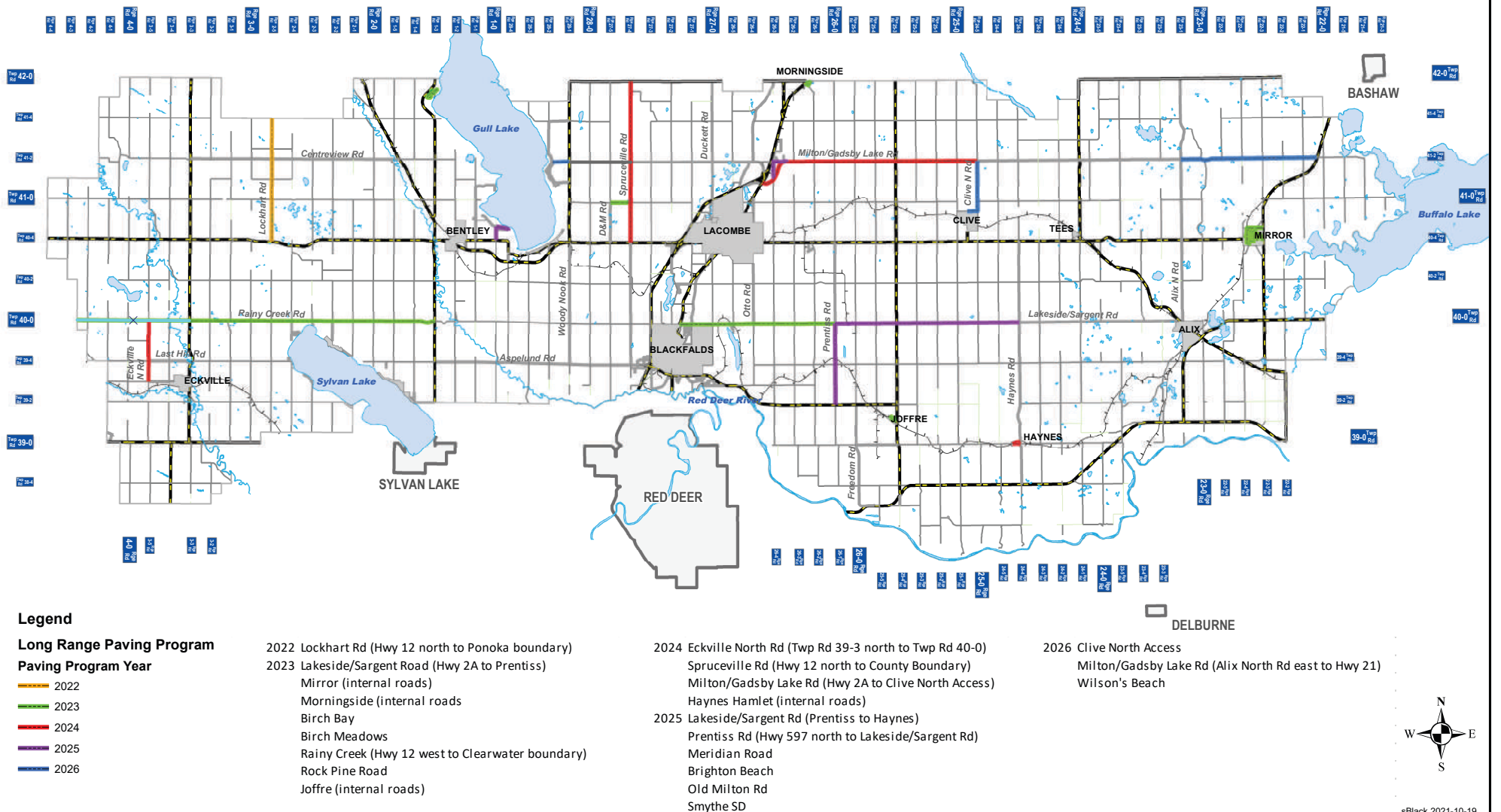
Cajun Paradis, Senior Planner

Email: planning@lacombecounty.com

Phone: 403-782-8389

www.lacombecounty.com

LACOMBE COUNTY 2022-2026 PAVING SCHEDULE



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**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
NEEDED**

Drive Happiness Seniors Assisted Transportation Service Comes to Bentley!

Drive Happiness is a non-profit organization providing assisted transportation services to seniors (65+) as well as other vulnerable individuals in need of transportation. Drivers are local volunteers willing to give their time and energy to drive those in need to various locations such as medical appointments, grocery shopping trips, or social outings.

Access to essential services for those living in rural communities is limited. Drive Happiness' ride program aims to ease this challenge by linking clients with local volunteers. This allows seniors and other vulnerable individuals increased independence, including better access to healthcare, improved food security, and decreased social isolation.

Need a ride? Clients must fill out an application form. Applications are available on Drive Happiness' web page, drivehappiness.ca, or by calling 1-888-336-4503 to request a paper application. There is currently no waitlist or annual fee for clients in rural communities.

Want to be a driver? Volunteering for Drive Happiness is a fun and rewarding way to give back to your community. Providing transportation helps ensure the sustainability of rural communities by assisting seniors with aging at home. Becoming a volunteer is easy. Simply go to the website and fill out an application, or call the office and have a paper application mailed to you.

Drive Happiness' low-cost transportation program charges \$10 per ticket. Each ticket provides 90 minutes of drive time, or up to 40 km, whichever comes first. A portion of the funds collected goes back to the volunteer for fuel reimbursement, while the remainder is used to help pay for program costs.

Drivers are volunteers, so although the organization strives to accommodate all requests, rides are not guaranteed. Riders must provide a minimum of 3 business days' notice to request a ride. For further information, contact the office at (780) 424-5438 or 1 (888) 336-4503, or visit the website drivehappiness.ca.



In partnership with the Town of Bentley
9916 45 Ave. NW, Edmonton, Alberta T6E 5J1
Tel: 1-888-336-4503 | www.drivehappiness.ca

Free Income Tax Filing

FCSS Volunteers trained by the CRA can help file returns for individuals with **LOW TO MODEST INCOMES & WITH SIMPLE TAX SITUATIONS.**

Available: March 1, 2023

Eligibility for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program:

Individual: Maximum total income \$35,000
Couple: Maximum total income \$45,000
add \$2500 for each individual dependent

Your tax situation is not simple if you are:

Self-employed, have a business or rental income and/or expenses, have capital gains or losses, have filed for bankruptcy, are completing a tax return for a deceased person.



LACOMBE BENTLEY CLIVE

403-782-6637

JOIN OUR TEAM: Career Opportunities

SPRAYER OPERATOR

(full-time, 4-month seasonal)

Lacombe County is accepting applications for a full-time Sprayer Operator to work in our Agriculture department, operating herbicide application equipment throughout the County.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 7am – 5pm

The wage for this position starts at \$26.77/hr (includes stat and vacation pay) for the first 8hrs and \$36.11/hr for overtime hours.

SUMMER LABOURER

(full-time, 4-month seasonal)

Looking for summer employment? Enjoy working outside, performing a variety of tasks? Previous experience in light equipment operation? Lacombe County is accepting applications for Summer General Labourers to work with maintenance and/or construction crew members in our Operations department, performing a variety of manual and physical tasks throughout Lacombe County.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 7am – 5pm

The wage for this position starts at \$23.06/hr (includes stat and vacation pay) for the first 8 hrs and \$31.11/hr for overtime hours.

WEED INSPECTOR

(full-time, 4-month seasonal)

Are you looking for a summer job working outside? Lacombe County is accepting applications for a summer seasonal Weed Inspector to work in our Agriculture Department, completing weed inspections on public and private lands throughout the County.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am – 4:30pm.

The wage for this position starts at \$23.06/hr (includes stat and vacation pay).

To express interest, please forward your application no later than 8AM, February 28, 2023 to hr@lacombecounty.com.

The approximate term date for these four-month positions is May 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023.



For a full job ad, application details and deadlines, visit our website www.lacombecounty.com.

You could win big with The Lending Cupboard's new fundraiser - the 'Winter 50/50 Raffle'



We are super excited to be launching the first-ever 50/50 fundraiser as we head into 2023!

The Winter 50/50 Raffle kicked off on Jan. 15 and runs through to the end of March, with the draw for the lucky winner taking place at our office on April 3, 2023. With a fundraising goal of \$20,000, that means our lucky winner could collect up to a whopping \$10,000 as well!

"We have three types of tickets available for sale – one ticket for \$5, five tickets for \$20, and 20 tickets for \$60," explained Kristin Mountain, our Fundraising/ Donor Relations Coordinator.

"It's also a limited print, so we would definitely encourage people to purchase their tickets early."

Mountain said staff and volunteers will be attending several community events through the coming months to sell raffle tickets, so it also makes for an ideal way to better connect with the community and let people know what we are all about here at TLC.

"Keep an eye out for us in the community and get your tickets!"

People can also purchase tickets by phone at 403-356-1678, they can stop by TLC, or they can visit www.lendingcupboard.ca/winter-raffle.

In the meantime, our staff and volunteers are thrilled to be able to spread the word about this exciting new fundraising campaign!

"It takes just a simple purchase of a ticket, but it can have a great impact here in our community," ex-

plained TLC's Executive Director Lori Shatto.

She said the beauty of it is that the 50 percent of the funds come back to TLC, to be used to purchase equipment and support our programs to help a very wide range of clients, from young children with injuries to assisting seniors to age in place more comfortably.

"It's an exciting fundraiser for us - we are delighted, and we can't wait to see the incredible support that we know we will receive from our community once again. Red Deer and central Alberta have always come on-board for The Lending Cupboard, and I have no doubt they will continue to do so with this fundraiser!"

As mentioned, over the coming weeks, we will also have team members selling tickets at various venues and events.

For additional information or to order tickets online, please visit www.lendingcupboard.ca/winter-raffle.



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EVENTS ARE BACK! SAVE THESE DATES:

EASTER BINGO AND CAKE WALK, APRIL 6

PANCAKE SUPPER, APRIL 29

STEAK BBQ AND DANCE, MAY 27

Summer Hall bookings are filling fast!
Call Kathy at: 403 782 4194 to secure your date!

Find us on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/LincolnHallCommunitySociety>

WE NEED BOARD MEMBERS!
consider joining so we can keep Lincoln Hall alive and active



WORKFORCE STRATEGIES SUMMIT
MARCH 30 2023

One Day Summit for all Employers!

Central Alberta Economic Partnership is proud to bring the Workforce Strategies Summit to Central Alberta employers March 30, 2023 at Westerner Park Red Deer.

Recent research says workforce development is the number one barrier to economic growth.

Along with our partners and sponsors, we welcome you to this year's Central Summit, a one day event where you will learn how to develop workforce strategies for your business, organization, industry, or community.



Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission

Type of Waste Accepted	Prentiss Transfer Site	Alix/Mirror Transfer Site	Bentley Transfer Site	Eckville Transfer Site	Spruceville Transfer Site
Disposed Items					
Household Garbage (Organics, Food Waste)	√	√	√	√	√
Residential Dry Rubble (Fees Apply >500kg)	√	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg
Residential Scrap Wood (Fees Apply >500kg)	√	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	
Yard Waste (Sod, Leaves, Grass) - 2-3 bags	√	√	√	√	√
Yard Waste (Sod, Leaves, Grass, Dirt) - Small loads	√				
Commercial Rubble, Wood, Metal, and Construction Material (Minimum Charge Fees Apply)	√				
Recycled Items					
Residential Scrap Metal Recycling (Metal, BBQ, Bikes, Treadmill, etc.) (Fees Apply >500kg)	√	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg
Residential Wire Recycling (Barbed, Smooth, Page, Chainlink) (Fees Apply >500kg)	√	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg
Residential Scrap Wood (Branches, Pallets) (Fees Apply >500kg)	√	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	
Residential Major Appliances (Fees Apply)	√			Purchase stickers from Town	
Shingle Recycling (Fees Apply)	√				
Electronics Recycling	√	√	√	√	
Mattress Recycling (Commercial Fees Apply)	√	√	√	√	√
Oil Recycling	√				
Antifreeze Recycling	√				
Empty Oil Jugs, Pail Lids, and Oil Filter Recycling	√	√	√	√	√
20L Empty Plastic Pail Recycling (No Lids)	√	√	√	√	√
Paint and Aerosol Can Recycling	√				
Battery Recycling	√	√	√	√	√
Fluorescent Light Tube and Ballasts Recycling	√	√	√	√	√
Paper/Cardboard Recycling		√	√	√	
Plastic Recycling (#1, #2, #5)	√	√	√	√	√
Tire Recycling	√	√	√	√	√
Propane Tank Recycling (1, 20, 30, 40lbs)	√	√	√	√	√
Propane Tank Recycling (100lbs)	√				
Plastic Twine Recycling (LRWSC Provides Bags)	√	√	√	√	√
Ag Chemical Containers Recycling (Triple Rinsed & Bagged - LRWSC Provides Bags)	√	√		√	
Household Hazardous Material	√				

YOUNG AGRARIANS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

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NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Full program details at: <https://youngagrarians.org/tools/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-program/>

HOME SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SENIORS

Home Support is available to eligible seniors needing assistance with light housekeeping in Lacombe and Lacombe County.

- ✓ Trained & screened Home Support Providers
- ✓ Weekly
- ✓ Bi-weekly,
- ✓ Monthly

Contact Lacombe & District FCSS:
(403) 782-6637



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- Laundry
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- Mopping
- Vacuuming
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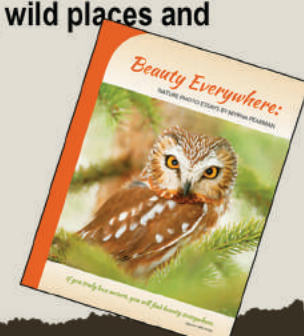
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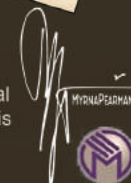
Join Myrna Pearman on a journey of nature observations and experiences through photography and stories. Myrna spends as much time as she can outdoors, with her camera—kayaking, hiking and backroads rambling, exploring wild places and enjoying the company of wild creatures.

7:00PM Friday, March 3rd, 2023
In the Kinsmen Programming Room
upstairs at Mary C Moore Public Library,
Lacombe, AB

No Charge



Myrna Pearman is a biologist and author as well as an enthusiastic nature photographer, nature writer, kayaker and backroads Rambler. She was recently recognized as a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS) and is an RCGS Travel Ambassador. She is the Resident Naturalist at Mother Nature's Seeds and is actively involved with the Red Deer River Naturalists. myrnapearman.com

Lacombe Arts Endowment Grant 2023 Call for Submissions

Open to Artists of all forms and mediums



The Lacombe Arts Endowment Committee is happy to announce grant funding is available to artists looking to further their development, education and training in the arts. There are no age restrictions, and all local artists are encouraged to apply.

\$2,500
Maximum Per Grant

Details are available online at www.lacombe.ca or by calling 403-782-1258. Application packages can also be picked up in person at City Hall.

Application Deadline is March 31, 2023

AROUND THE COUNTY

WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

Activities & Highlights

Winter Wishes: Online Auction-

For the Young and the Old...

We are looking forward to an upcoming and NEW fundraiser to support youth and senior programs! We will be hosting our first ever online auction, during March 15-31. We are asking for help from individuals/ organizations/ businesses; we welcome donations of homemade goods, services, gift cards and products. Please contact Jill if you are interested in being a part of the Winter Wishes - Online Auction, 403-588-5199.

NEW FRN Activities-

Adventure Daze- For ages 0-6, on Tuesdays during February 28 to April 4, from 1:30PM-2:30PM. New themes every week to explore through play. Come on an adventure with us!

Art Attack- For school aged children, on Tuesdays during February 28 to April 4, from 3:30PM-4:30PM. Explore the creative world of art, experimenting with different mediums. Join in one or all! Hosted at the Community Connections Activity Centre (Bay 2). Contact Carolyn, 403.896.3915 or carolyn.mclaren@mcmancentral.com

Internet Cafe: Join us Weekly-

Do you have basic questions about your iPhone, laptop or iPad? Do you struggle to navigate online or to switch between devices? Do you need some tips on social media, email or other ways to stay in touch? Every Monday from 10:30AM-12PM, bring your questions and stay for a coffee!

Monthly Grief Support Group-

Gather with others who are experiencing loss in a welcoming and confidential space. All ages are welcome. Hosted monthly on the 3rd Thursday, at 7PM.

Connecting Clans: Monthly Events

All ages are welcome! Every month there is a new activity planned, attend on the last Monday, from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Held at the Community Connections Activity Centre (Bay 2).

Services Available

- Information & Referral
- Resource Navigation
- Volunteer Services
- Family Wellness
- Meals on Wheels
- Home Support
- Community Services
- Adult Learning
- Alix Food Bank
- Wise Owls

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

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Monday to Thursday  10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed all statutory holidays

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369



GRANT WRITING 101 WORKSHOP

Take the free online Grant Writing Course (or numerous other Non-Profit Courses) at: <https://www.alberta.ca/lookup/non-profit-online-courses.aspx>

Grant writing ...ugh. Sound familiar? For many non-profit volunteers and staff, grant writing can seem like a time-consuming task in creative writing, with the payoff being the luck of the draw. The truth is, with steep competition for limited grant dollars, a well-written grant is only part of the success formula. This video series covers core proposal and grant writing skills, how to avoid common pitfalls, understanding what funders look for, and tips on maintaining good relationships with your funders.

GRANT WRITING 201 WORKSHOP - LACOMBE

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: In the Lacombe County Room at the Lacombe Memorial Centre

Visit www.lacombe.ca/grants to register and to see Lacombe's local grants.

Hear application tips from the administration that oversees these grant funds. Learn the do's, don'ts and common issues in grant writing at the local level.

Suggested Prerequisite – Grant Writing 101

Supper is included with your free registration by February 21, 2023.

For more information email recreation@lacombe.ca or call 403-782-1251.



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AROUND THE COUNTY

VESTA Energy presents the *Encore* | Art Sale

April 14 & 15, 2023
Lacombe Memorial Centre
lacombe.ca/artsale



'Encore' is an Annual Celebration of Creative Expression in support of the Lacombe Arts Endowment Fund.

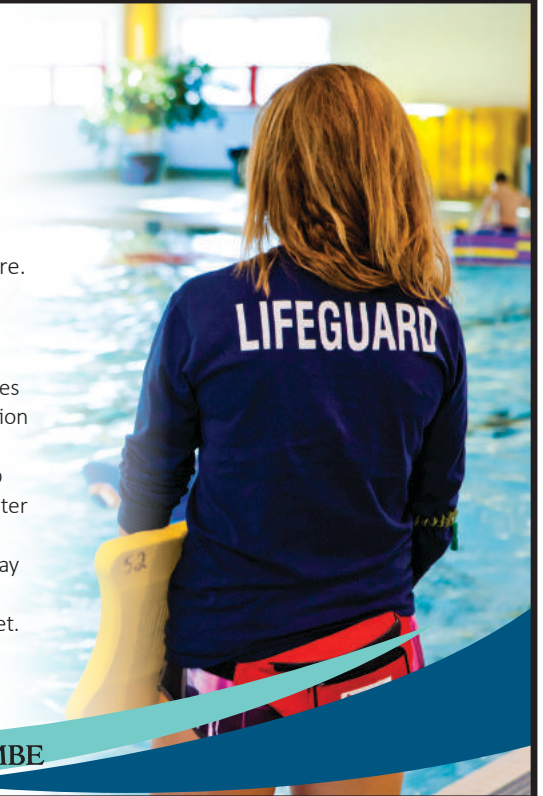
Make a **SPLASH** at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre 5429 53rd Street

The Gary Moe Sportsplex is home to the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre (KAC). Come take a dip at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre. We offer a climbing wall, small slide, rope and many special events throughout the year.

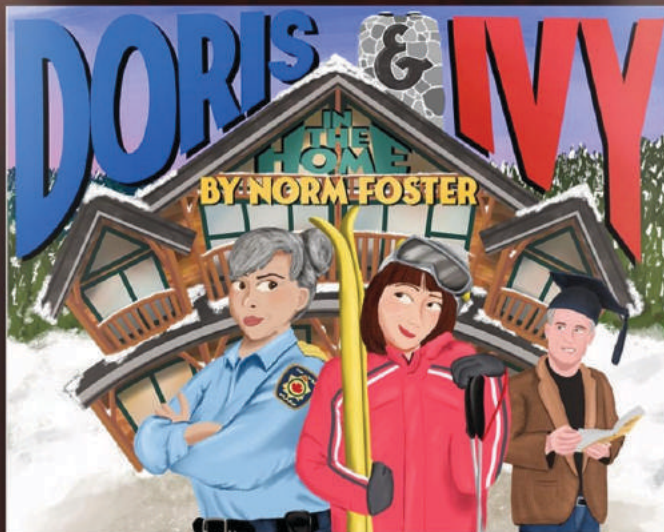
What's Happening at the pool:

- Watch for February Break and March Break special schedules
- February Break, March Break, and Spring program registration is now open
- February is fitness month-2 for 1 admission or membership holders can bring a friend for free for all lane swims and water fitness classes.
- 10% off all Family Monthly Memberships over the Family Day long weekend (Feb 17-20)
- Pool closed February 18 for Junior Lifeguard Club swim meet. If you would like to volunteer contact Sheri at smithell@lacombe.ca

For more information on the KAC schedule, pool rentals and advanced courses call 403.782.1278 or visit www.lacombe.ca/pool.



PRESENTS



MARCH 11, 2023
TIN ROOF EVENT CENTRE

41120 Range Road 261, Lacombe County

DOORS- 6:00
GRUB- 6:30
SHOW- 8:00

TICKETS
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Forshee Community Hall

AGM

Sunday, March 26th

4:00 PM

Bring a dish for the
potluck (following the meeting).

Questions?

Email forsheehall@gmail.com
or call 403-896-2384.

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MARCH 2023

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Help us promote YOU!



Do you know a **business, person, place or volunteer** you want to see profiled in County News?

Do you have a photograph you want to share?

If so, email **communications@lacombecounty.com** with your ideas, photographs or stories.

We'd love to hear from you!

Maintenance on Provincial Highways

Please note: Alberta Transportation maintains and operates ALL NUMBERED highways in the County (i.e. Hwy 12, Hwy 20, Hwy 597, Hwy 815, Hwy 601, Hwy 2A, etc.).

If you see any issues or have any concerns on these roadways, please contact: Mainroad Alberta Contracting LP
1-877-875-3263

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Operations - 403-782-8379

Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

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After Hours Emergency Answering Service 403.357.1210

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Public Works Fax 403.782.5356

For Service Requests, see our website - or phone the switchboard at 403-782-6601

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