



County News

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Harvest safety reminders from Lacombe County

Harvest work will soon be in full swing, which means local roads and highways will see increased farm traffic. Lacombe County reminds travellers to keep safety at the forefront during fall harvest operations, whether you're driving a van, pulling a camping trailer, or behind the wheel of a combine or semi-truck.

Road safety is a major concern during harvest season. Slow-moving farm equipment will be on roads already busy with summer travellers and commuters alike, increasing the need for everyone to drive safely and considerately.

Back to school season is around the corner, and road courtesy is important no matter where you are driving. We ask everyone to practice patience on local roads – whether you're driving in Lacombe County or elsewhere in Alberta.

The fact is large, slow-moving equipment utilizes County roads in harvest season – which lasts for a number of weeks each year (depending on the year and weather conditions). Drivers need to plan and incorporate extra time into their schedules to compensate for potential delays caused by harvest operations.

During harvest season we ask both agricultural producers, travellers and day-to-day drivers using County roads to stay alert, stay patient and stay safe!

IT'S HARVEST SEASON



STAY **ALERT** | STAY **PATIENT**
STAY **SAFE**

Harvest Safety Tips (from Alberta Agriculture & Forestry)

- Ensure safe transport of equipment on public roadways.
- Be aware of motorists.
- Follow all rules of the road.
- Ensure all lights and reflectors are in place and in good working order. A slow-moving vehicle emblem should be in place and visible from the rear.
- Return equipment to transport mode to make it as narrow as possible.
- Check your route before transport to ensure equipment fits safely under power lines and over bridges or culverts that need to be crossed.

Lacombe County Tax Deadline: August 31

Tax payments are payable to Lacombe County no later than August 31, and can be made using one of the following options:

- **By mail to:** Lacombe County, RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3
- **Mailed payments** must be postmarked by Canada Post no later than August 31st of the current year. If the postmark is illegible or missing, the actual date of receipt by Lacombe County will apply.
- **In Person:** At the County Office (40403 Rge Rd 274, Lacombe County, AB) during office hours.
- Deposited in the envelope mailbox located at the road entrance to the County office (Do not submit cash).
- **Electronically:** Through electronic payment methods, including internet banking and for businesses, electronic funds transfer (EFT). Funds must be received in the County's bank account no later than August 31st.
- **By Credit Card:** visit www.lacombecounty.com and pay through OptionPay, a secure third-party site, to make payment by credit card. Please note that there

is a fee for this service. Lacombe County does not receive any of the credit card fees.

- **Tax Installment Payment Plan:** Those enrolled in the County's tax installment plan (TIPPs) will see their payment adjusted to reflect the new tax rates for 2022 on their next monthly payment.

The above due date and penalties DO NOT APPLY to ratepayers enrolled in the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP), which allows property taxes to be paid on a monthly basis instead of one single payment. Application forms for enrollment are available at the Lacombe County Administration office or on the Lacombe County website.

Property owners who miss the tax payment deadline will have a 6% penalty applied on September 1 on the outstanding taxes owing. An additional 10% penalty will be added on December 1 for all taxes remaining unpaid after November 30.

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Return undeliverable items to:
Lacombe County
RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3

Lacombe County producers may be eligible for the Federal Livestock Deferral Provision

Farmers in Canada often face unpredictable and challenging weather conditions that can severely impact their operations. To support farmers during such times, the Federal Livestock Deferral Provision offers a critical financial relief mechanism.

This provision is designed for farmers who carry on a farming business in a prescribed region and are forced to sell all or part of their breeding herd due to drought, excess moisture, or flooding. By deferring a portion of the sale proceeds to the following year, this provision helps farmers manage their income and stabilize their finances during tough periods.

Lacombe County is currently identified as a prescribed region, meaning producers may be eligible for the program, providing they meet the criteria.

HOW DOES THE LIVESTOCK DEFERRAL PROVISION WORK?

When farmers in designated regions, known as prescribed regions, experience extreme weather conditions that necessitate the sale of their breeding herd, they can defer a portion of the proceeds from these sales to the following tax year.

To defer income, the breeding herd must have been reduced by at least 15%.

Where the breeding herd has been reduced by at least 15%, but less than 30%, 30% of income from net sales can be deferred.

Where the breeding herd has been reduced by 30% or more, 90% of income from net sales can be deferred.

This deferral helps to even out income fluctuations caused by the forced sales, providing farmers with a more stable financial situation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for the Livestock Deferral Provision, farmers must meet specific criteria:

1. **Location:** The farming operation must be located in a prescribed region. These regions are determined annually based on weather conditions and their impact on farming operations. For 2024, Lacombe County is one of the identified prescribed regions, meaning farmers in this area may be eligible for the program.
2. **Sale of Breeding Herd:** The sale must involve all or part of the breeding herd. This provision is specifically aimed at situations where farmers need to sell breeding livestock due to adverse weather conditions.
3. **Adverse Weather Conditions:** The sale must be due to drought, excess moisture, or flooding. These conditions must significantly impact the farming operations, making it necessary to reduce the herd.

BENEFITS OF THE LIVESTOCK DEFERRAL PROVISION

The primary benefit of this provision is the ability to defer income to a subsequent year, helping farmers manage their tax burden more effectively. This deferral can be crucial in a year where income is unexpectedly high due to forced livestock sales, preventing a spike in taxable income and allowing for better financial planning and stability.

HOW TO APPLY

Farmers who believe they meet the criteria for the Livestock Deferral Provision should consult the official guidelines provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Detailed information and the list of prescribed regions for 2024 can be found on their website:

- [Livestock Tax Deferral Provision - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#)
- [2024 List of Prescribed Regions](#)

By staying informed and prepared, farmers in prescribed regions like Lacombe County can take advantage of this provision, ensuring they have the necessary financial support during challenging times.

For more information on the process or criteria to identify prescribed drought or flood regions, please contact aaafc.taxdeferral-reportdelimpot.aac@agr.gc.ca.

Government of Alberta Survey | Gull Lake Stabilization

Agriculture and Irrigation (AGI) is inviting input on a proposed Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) application to amend the water licence for the Blindman River pumping station. If amended, a pressurized filtration system that excludes Prussian carp and eggs would potentially be installed on the Blindman River pump station so water pumping could resume into Gull Lake whenever water levels allow for it.

The pumping ceased in 2011 due to the lake reaching adequate target levels. The lake naturally rose above target elevation until 2014 and began declining thereafter, falling below pumping trigger levels in the fall of 2021. In 2016, Prussian Carp, an invasive fish species was found in Blindman River, and with no system to exclude this fish and eggs, the regulator - Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) - suspended the water licence.

To amend the current AGI water licence to install the filter, an application to EPA is required.

A recent independent hydrology study shows the impact of various pumping scenarios on Gull Lake levels.

The results of a hydrology study, facts about Prussian carp and the proposed filtration system are available on youralberta.ca for you and your community to review and respond to before August 30, 2024.

A link to a survey and the open house schedule can also be found at: www.alberta.ca/gull-lake-stabilization-engagement, as well as the results of a hydrology study, facts about Prussian carp and the proposed filtration system.

Survey responses are due before August 30, 2024.

The Government of Alberta is committed to open and transparent engagement to ensure interested Albertans can share their opinions, views, and concerns in advance of the water licence application.

If you have any questions, please email AGI.GullLakeStabilizationProject@gov.ab.ca.



Scan the QR code to take the survey.
Survey responses are due before
August 30, 2024

DEADLINE EXTENDED | Nominate a Lacombe County Farm Family by AUGUST 30 for Farm Family of the Year Award

Lacombe County and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce are partnering for a second year on the Farm Family of the Year Award, aiming to recognize the exceptional achievements and contributions of ranch and farm families within our community. The winners of this esteemed award will be announced at the 2024 Chamber Gala in October.

"The Farm Family Award provides a unique opportunity to honour the invaluable contributions made by ranch and farm families in Lacombe County," said Reeve Barb Shepherd. "Their dedication and innovation continue to drive the agricultural sector forward, thus ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. We are excited to celebrate their accomplishments."

The Farm Family of the Year Award acknowledges excellence in technical farm production and sustainability practices, family farm business management, agricultural industry involvement, and community and rural citizenship. This recognition highlights the remarkable accomplishments of ranch and farm families who have made significant contributions to the agricultural sector.

Visit www.lacombecounty.com/farmfamily to access the nomination form and to find full details on the award criteria.

About the Nomination Process:

The nomination period for the Farm Family Award is from June 14, 2024, until **August 30, 2024**. Nominations can be submitted in person or by email to communications@lacombecounty.com. Eligible nominees must be Lacombe County producers whose primary source of income is agriculture.

Nominees must demonstrate a profound commitment to one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. Achievements and/or Innovations in Technical Farm Production:** Recognizing those who have made remarkable advancements in agricultural technology, techniques, or methods.
- 2. Sustainability Practices:** Honoring individuals who have implemented sustainable farming practices, contributing to the preservation of natural resources and the environment.

- 3. Family Farm Business Management:** Celebrating families who have exemplified excellence in managing their farm businesses, showcasing exemplary leadership and strategic decision-making.
- 4. Agricultural Industry Involvement:** Acknowledging individuals who have actively participated and contributed to the agricultural industry, sharing knowledge and fostering growth.
- 5. Community and Rural Citizenship:** Recognizing farm families who have made outstanding contributions to their local communities and exemplify strong rural values.

Nomination forms must be completed in their entirety and submitted no later than August 30, 2024. For more information, please email communications@lacombecounty.com or call (403) 782-8959.

INTRODUCING | Lacombe County's *Success Grows Here!* films

Building on the strong foundation of economic development set by Lacombe County's Municipal Development Plan, County Council adopted the *Success Grows Here! Lacombe County's Economic Development Strategy* in early 2023. This strategy aims to enhance business retention and attraction efforts in the County.

A key initiative of the "Success Grows Here!" strategy was the creation of promotional videos to highlight Lacombe County's appeal as a great place to work, live, and play. Lacombe County used grant funding from Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) to produce ten short videos showcasing the County's unique attributes.

This project was planned to produce 1-2 short videos featuring interviews and other methods to high-

light different aspects of Lacombe County. The six themes that were focused on are:

1. Welcome to Lacombe County
2. Agriculture in Lacombe County
3. Four Seasons in Lacombe County
4. Recreation in Lacombe County
5. Living in Lacombe County
6. Doing business in Lacombe County

These themes collectively illustrate how "Success Grows Here!" in Lacombe County.

As these videos are released to their target audiences, we invite everyone to celebrate Lacombe County's success and growth.

You can watch these videos on the Lacombe County YouTube channel, Lacombe County LinkedIn page

and other social media platforms. Help Lacombe County spread the word, because Success Grows Here!

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LacombeCounty>

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/lacombe-county>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/LacombeCounty/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/lacombecounty/>

X (formerly Twitter)

<https://x.com/LacombeCounty>



SAFETY FIRST

Stealth vehicle in County Peace Officer fleet

Lacombe County is taking another step forward in enhancing road safety with the introduction of a stealth vehicle in our CPO Services fleet. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to reducing high-risk driving behaviors and aligns with our Traffic Safety Plan and the Vision Zero initiative, which aims to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities on our roads.

Residents may notice this new vehicle in their communities, and we want to assure you that its primary purpose is to promote safety, not to increase traffic tickets. By targeting areas with high complaints and risky driving behaviors, this stealth

vehicle will help us create safer roads for everyone in Lacombe County. We're focused on making our community a safer place to live, work, and visit, and this is just one of the ways we're working towards that goal.

The stealth vehicle initiative was able to move forward under our current Capital Replacement budget which saw another patrol vehicle at end of life. Through this process we are able to maximize resource use and further enhance the capabilities of our Peace Officer department contributing to enhanced road safety.



RCMP AND RURAL CRIME WATCH BBQ

The Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch group and Blackfalds RCMP invite you to their community BBQ (complete with a Bouncy Castle for the kids)

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

11:30 am-1:30 PM

Blackfalds RCMP Detachment

FREE!! Donations being accepted for Victim Services



Rail Safety Tips

Talk to your family about crossing railway tracks safely. Follow these tips to keep your family safe!

STOP AT ALL RAILWAY CROSSINGS

When approaching a railway crossing, slow down and be prepared to stop.

LOOK BOTH WAYS FOR TRAINS

At passive crossings, there are no lights or bells to warn you of approaching trains, be extra careful.

LISTEN CAREFULLY FOR TRAINS

If you're in a loud machine, open your window or door to better hear approaching trains.



Students across the province will be heading back to school in a few weeks. Lacombe County reminds drivers of a few safety tips which will make the return to school a safe one for everyone!

- Be on the lookout for children and students walking to school as you pull out or back out of your garage and driveway.
- Be alert and mindful that during dim mornings or dark evenings, it can be difficult to see pedestrians.
- **Remember, it is illegal to pass a school bus when it's red lights are flashing red. Drivers on both sides of the road must remain stopped until the flashing red lights are turned off.**
- Drivers need to slow down in school zones and be particularly alert for students during school hours, especially when dropping off and picking up children from school.

MIRROR CORNER



2024 Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. The fee is \$15.00 for an altered dog and \$25.00 for an unaltered dog. After February 28, 2024, 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/en/living-here/animal-control.aspx.

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.-12 p.m.

Booking Mirror Community Hall

Call Lisa 403-788-3890 or call Mike Carr 403-788-3778 (Home) or 403-357-8239 (Cell) for hall information.

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, audio books, DVDs, games, and puzzles.

Hours: Wednesdays 1-5 PM
2nd & 4th Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM

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.



ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MIRROR

- Alix and Area Community Resource Centre
- Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre



Wellness Services

Massage Therapy
Acupuncture
Holistic Practitioner
Mental Health Therapy
Nursing Foot Care

Partner Feature

Family Resource Network
Adult Learning
Bashaw Regional Wellness Initiative
Alix Dance Club
Well Mannered Mutts



Social Services

Food Bank
Information & Referral
Resource Navigation
Meals on Wheels
Form Support
Seasonal Programs
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
Senior's Week
Volunteer Appreciation
Winter Wishes
Joy of Giving
Coats for Kids, Santa's Anonymous, Fill A Fridge
Mitten Tree
Angel Tree
Tools for School

Please call either office for details on further programs available to Mirror.



Bay 1 & 2, 5008 50 Ave,
Alix AB
403-396-3369



4909 50 Street,
Bashaw, AB
780-372-4074

All Ages Welcome

Connecting Clans
Community Events
FREE Weekly Veggies
Puzzle Exchange
Tech Support

Child, Youth & Family

Cub Crew
Moms & Tots
Rainbows
Family Wellness
After-School Programs
Safety Week
Summer Fun
Swimming Lessons
Youth Outings
Baby Clinic

Senior & Adult

Wise Owls
Senior Fun
Lifeline
Home Support
Cooking Connections
Senior Outings
Pickleball
Fitness Fun
Transportation
Healthy Families

Stay in the LOOP with the new RAVE communication platform for RCMP advisories

WHAT IS RAVE?

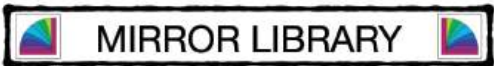
RAVE is a web based communication platform that RCMP officers are mandated to fan out real time alerts to community members in Alberta. Alerts are operational and educational in nature. They might look like BOLOs (Be On the Look Out), Crime Prevention, Victim Services, and District reports. Alerts are sent via email, text message or phone call – preference is on the account user.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

This communication can strengthen partnerships between volunteers associations and police. Community members can assist police and be a useful resource to their local detachment and their respective community. RAVE will also be a useful educational tool for Crime Prevention and Victim Services information. Information is trusted and received in real time.

LEARN MORE

Learn more about RAVE, how to opt in, and other frequently asked questions at <https://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/l/rave>.



FRN Preschool Time
Tuesdays @ 10 am



ENVIRONMENT

Lacombe County Environmental Stewardship Award now open

Over the past three years, Lacombe County has shone a light on remarkable individuals and groups with the Environmental Stewardship Award, celebrating their dedication to ecological conservation on their properties within the county.

NEW FOR 2024: This award, previously limited to individuals, is now open to community non-government organizations as well.

Nomination Process:

- **Open Period:** July 15, 2024, to September 30, 2024.
- **How to Nominate:** Submit nominations in person or via email to jberry@lacombecounty.com. Include full contact information of the nominee and a detailed description of their environmental efforts.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Must be a resident/organization in Lacombe County.
 - Recipient can only win once.
 - Nominations must be submitted by September 30, 2024.
 - Forms available at www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward.
- **Award:** A one-time cash prize of \$1,500 will be awarded, recognizing significant contributions to environmental stewardship.


About the Environmental Stewardship Award:

The Environmental Stewardship Award is part of Lacombe County's commitment to environmental sustainability. In 2021, the Environmental Community Engagement Program was launched, encompassing educational and sustainability initiatives. This program was extended by the Council in 2023 due to its success.


Past Winners:

- **2023: Ward Nelson** - Notable for planting over 2000 trees and implementing solar-powered livestock watering systems.
- **2022: Joan Olafson** - Continued stewardship of 80 acres encompassing wetlands, forest, and streams.
- **2021: Sharon and Rick Wiebe** - Developed a community garden, off-site watering systems, and other sustainable projects.






Nominations OPEN
July 15 - September 30



How to Nominate?
Fill out the form (located on our website). Submit in person or email jberry@lacombecounty.com



Criteria
Resident OR organization in Lacombe County.
Can only win ONCE.

REMINDER: Winter Storage permits required on re-serve lands

The storage of select, seasonal items, may be authorized on County reserve lands from September long weekend (Sept.1/24) to May long weekend (May 18/25). Winter storage may proceed in locations where the integrity of the environment is not compromised.

Items approved for storage must have a unique identifier affixed or the item(s) may be removed. The storage of ice fishing huts and storage sheds will not be permitted. Stored items without County registration may be removed and disposed of at the County's sole discretion.

Applications must be submitted on an annual basis for the storage of items through the following application: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/special-use-of-reserves.aspx>.

Calls or questions may be directed to jberry@lacombecounty.com or 403-782-8959.



NOTICE: RESERVE LAND INSPECTIONS September & October

Lacombe County staff will be conducting inspections of reserve lands throughout the County in the months of September and October.

Inspections are completed to ensure the use and management of County reserves remains consistent with [Policy RC\(8\): Use and Management of County Reserve Lands](#).

STAY IN THE KNOW!

<https://subscribe.lacombecounty.com/Subscribe> to receive emails on:



- News/Announcements
- Events
- Council Meetings
- Safety Alerts
- Construction
- Notifications
- OR...Subscribe to Individual pages of interest



OPERATIONS



Join the **Recycling Roundup!**

Get ready to bring your recyclables for free:
**ELECTONICS * PAINT * TIRES * USED OIL MATERIALS * HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Alix/Mirror Transfer Station

September 21, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:45 PM
40319 Range Road 231

Bentley Transfer Station

October 5, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Eckville Transfer Station

October 19, 2024
8:00 AM - 11:45 AM
3219 Township Rd 400

Don't get left in the dust!

If you missed the May 15, 2024 deadline, don't worry! You can still get a fall application for Dust Control. 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.



Ratepayer's 2024 cost-shared rate for one application is \$1.82 per lineal meter, to a maximum of 200 meters. **If you require more than 200 meters**, the additional will NOT be cost shared.

Please contact us if you would like to get on the list for fall applications **before August 9, 2024**.

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

NOTICE | Road Construction

Lacombe County is notifying residents of an upcoming road construction project starting on August 12, 2024

Range Road 22-4 (Mirror to Hwy 601 for 4.5 miles).

Construction started on Monday, August 12 and is expected to take +/- 8 weeks to complete (weather permitting).

Please drive with caution around construction crews, and obey all signs.

Notice of Road Construction Completion

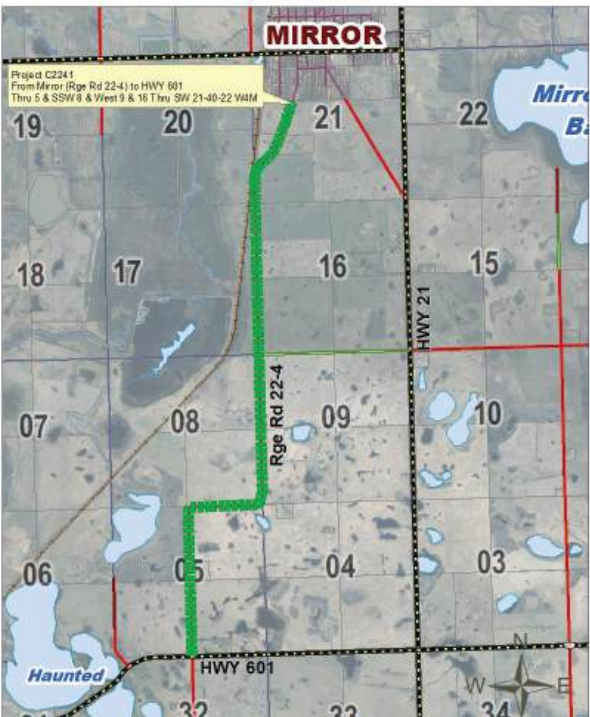
Pursuant to Municipal Government Act M-26.1 534(1) Lacombe County hereby provides notice to any person having an interest in land that is adjacent to lands which Lacombe County has constructed a public road.

Persons entitled to compensation from the municipality for loss of or the permanent lessening of use of that person's land caused by the public work are advised to make a claim within 60 days after this notice is published.

The following are complete as of August 12, 2024:

Project Number	Description
C2622	Rge Rd 26-2 West 14 & 23-41-26 W4M From Milton Road north to Twp Rd 41-4
C4105	Twp Rd 41-0 South 2-41-1 W5M From Rge Rd 1-2 to Rge Rd 1-2
C3946	Twp Rd 39-4 South 25-39-23 W4M & 30-39-22 W4M From Highway 601 to Rge Rd 22-5
BF 1454	Twp Rd 4-1 (Bridge Replacement) NW 12-41-4 W5M Over Medicine River

For more information, please contact:
Brandon Maier, Manager of Operations
(403) 782-3567



AGRICULTURE

ATTENTION COUNTY RESIDENTS:

MOWING PROGRAM

Please be mindful of what is left in the county ditches and move debris completely away or into the fence line. This will help prevent damage to the mowing equipment.

THESE ITEMS COULD INCLUDE:

- ✓ Fence Wire
- ✓ Telephone Wire
- ✓ Large Rocks
- ✓ Posts
- ✓ Any material that may cause damage

THANK YOU!

www.lacombecounty.com
403-782-8959

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FOR RENT

Pasture Sprayers

Lacombe County Agriculture Services Has
Pasture Sprayers for County Residents to Rent



RENTAL RATE - \$50.00/DAY

DEPOSIT - \$200.00 (deposit refundable when sprayer returned in good condition)

- ❖ Pull type - 400 gallon water capacity, 20 gallon/acre coverage
- ❖ Designed for spraying range and pasture in rough terrain
- ❖ Has additional hand gun system and fence line spraying nozzle
- ❖ Simple to operate
- ❖ Can be pulled by trucks OR tractors

ALUS UPDATE | Watering ideas for grazing success

By Ken Lewis, ALUS Coordinator

As I write this, we're about to head into a mid-July hot spell. It's times like this that the importance of livestock watering in a grazing operation becomes even more top-of-mind.

This spring, our friends at the "Alberta Agri-Systems Living Lab" hosted a webinar called Watering Ideas for Grazing Success.

In that webinar, I gave a talk on the lessons learned, key considerations, tips and tricks and unique pasture watering scenarios that I've witnessed over the years.

Topics we looked at include:

- Pros and cons of different water sources
- Options for energy sources, to move water to the trough
- Pumping considerations
- Things to think about regarding pasture water pipelines
- Things to consider about troughs

- Unique systems
- Lessons learned.

Jenna also gave a talk on the different programs out there right now, that are cost sharing with producers on livestock watering systems for grazing operations. With these programs, farmers and ranchers can apply for as much as 100% of the costs of watering and fencing infrastructure. In her presentation, Jenna highlighted:

- ALUS
- OFCAF (On Farm Climate Action Fund)
- S-CAP (Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership) Water Program
- S-CAP RALP (Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Program)

The Alberta Agri-Systems Living Lab folks recorded the webinar and its free to watch any time.

Visit: agrisystemslab.ca/resources to find this video (scroll down the page) and many other great videos on different topics.

If you'd like to learn more about the information in the video,

please contact Ken at 403-505-9038 or klewis@rdcounty.ca or Jenna Dell at 403-392-4616 or jdell@rdcounty.ca



During the 2024 Ag Farm & ALUS tour on August 8, participants were able to see an onsite watering system.



to watch the
YouTube video

The importance of fall weed control

There is still time left to control those problem weeds you've been struggling with all summer. Fall presents an excellent time of year to make progress on removing stubborn perennial weeds – especially Canada thistle or pesky dandelions.

With the cooler fall season temperatures coming in, grass finally has a chance to recover from the heat stress of summer. You can encourage good grass competition during this time, which in turn will help choke out any lingering weeds. Fertilizing, aerating, top dressing, reseeding, and proper mowing height can help a lawn setting. With pastures, rotational grazing, proper stocking rates, seeding/overseeding, and nutrient adjustments contribute to a good healthy grass stand. Essentially, any activity that can help encourage your grass to build up a healthy root reserve of nutrients to last it through the winter and

to be well prepared for spring weather.

Another thing to keep in mind as you might be deadheading, pruning or removing built up dead or dying material, is the proper disposal of yard waste. Whether it be weed flowers or seed heads, diseased branches and leaves, or just general plant material, be mindful of how and where you might be transporting these undesirables, as they can cause issues if they aren't dealt with properly.

Lastly, a fall herbicide application can be an extremely effective technique for resolving perennial weed concerns before they become a problem next growing season. Make sure to use a registered, selective herbicide for best results.

If you have any questions, please call the Lacombe County Agriculture department at 403.782.8959.



Intro to Suicide Prevention for Ag (Virtual Workshop)



AgKnow's upcoming **Intro to Suicide Prevention for Ag** workshop will be held on September 10, 2024 in honour of World Suicide Prevention Day.

Recent Canadian research confirms that 1 in 4 farmers have had thoughts of suicide in 2021, much higher than in the general Canadian population. Farmers are believed to be at high risk for suicide because of isolated working conditions, access to means, high levels of financial risk and uncertainty, seasonality of work, and lack of access to support.

This agriculture-specific suicide awareness and prevention workshop will provide participants with a general understanding of suicide risk in the community and workplace.

The trainer will provide information, tools, resources, and sample scenarios relevant to the agriculture industry. After this workshop, participants will have the basic tools to know how to prepare, respond, inform, and debrief when interacting with a person with thoughts of suicide in the community or their workplace.

This virtual workshop will be led by Danielle Ostafichuk, who has deep roots in the region and is committed to fostering well-being and mental health within small towns and farming communities. If you need more information, please email us: hello@agknow.ca

Cost: \$65.00 CAD
Register at: www.agknow.ca/events/sept10-intro-to-suicide-prevention

GRAIN BIN SAFETY

Most grain bin entrapment and engulfment incidents happen during unloading. Flowing grain acts like quicksand, leading to potential entrapment and suffocation.

GRAIN ENGULFMENT HAPPENS VERY QUICKLY.
In just four or five seconds, an adult can sink hip-deep in flowing grain and cannot free themselves without help. Entrapment and engulfment also happen when farmers fall through encrusted grain or have encrusted grain fall on them. Most victims do not survive engulfment.

PROPER ENTRY AND PREVENTION

Keep grain in good condition to eliminate the need for grain bin entry. Avoid grain entrapment by staying out of grain bins.

If staying out of the bin is not possible, follow safety measures and preplan entry procedures:

- Develop safe work procedures that cover confined spaces, lockout/tagout, and personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Plan for the entry and for potential emergency situations.
- Never work alone. Always work with a spotter who does not enter the bin and is trained in emergency response procedures.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of a grain entrapment:

- Stop the flow of grain by powering down equipment (augers, chutes, etc.).
- Call 911 (or direct local emergency number).
- DO NOT attempt to rescue an entrapped victim.
- Lock out powered-down equipment.
- Monitor and reassure the victim that help is on the way.
- Have someone wait for help to arrive and direct them to the victim.

Every farm should have an emergency response plan in place before an emergency occurs. This includes first-aid training, equipment, duties and roles and communication during any emergency on the farm, including grain entrapment.

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Our assessors carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

IT'S HARVEST SEASON



STAY **ALERT** | STAY **PATIENT** STAY **SAFE**



BE RAIL SMART

STOP. LOOK. LISTEN.
LIVE.

Trains are always much closer than they appear. Look, listen and be ready to stop.

RAIL SAFETY TIPS

1 • SPEED MISPERCEPTION

Because of their size, trains appear to be much farther away and travelling much slower than their actual speed. Don't be fooled!

2 • TRAINS CAN'T STOP QUICKLY

The average train needs at least 2 km to stop. Trains can stop, but they can't stop quickly!

3 • TRESPASSING

Taking a shortcut across the tracks or being on railway property is illegal, and trespassers can be seriously injured or killed.

4 • WEIGHT RATIO

An average freight train weighs over 5,500 tonnes. Compare that to a car, which weighs about 1.5 tonnes. A train hitting a car is like a car hitting a pop can.

5 • RAILWAY CARS

Stopped railway cars can move at any time. If you're on one or near one when it moves, you could lose a limb — or worse, your life.

6 • TUNNELS AND BRIDGES

Tunnels, bridges, and trestles are designed only for trains. Trespassers can be seriously injured or killed.

7 • OVERHANG

Trains can carry loads that are wider than the railroad cars themselves. They can have chains, straps or other equipment that may extend outside the car. If you are standing too close, you could get hit.

8 • ANY TIME IS TRAIN TIME

Trains do not always run on schedule. They can run at any time, on any track and come from either direction.

9 • CN POLICE NUMBER

Together we can help save lives! If you witness any unsafe situation near a railroad, please call **1-800-465-9239**.

10 • SAFETY PLEDGE

Act today. Take the pledge at mysafetypledge.com.

RAIL SAFETY TIPS

FOR FARMERS

1 • STAY ALERT WHERE FARM FIELDS CROSS TRACKS

Farm crossings often have no warning lights, bells, or signs. While stopped, look in each direction carefully for approaching trains, moving head and eyes to see around obstructions such as mirrors, windshield pillars and implements. When approaching a crossing, open your cab window, turn off radios and fans, remove headsets and listen carefully for oncoming trains.

2 • REMEMBER TRAINS CAN'T STOP QUICKLY

Because of their size, trains appear to be much farther away and travelling much slower than their actual speed. Don't be fooled. Stop safely and no closer than 5 metres from the nearest rail.

3 • KNOW YOUR EQUIPMENT

Some farm machinery isn't easily transported across tracks. Never try to cross with low-slung equipment — it could get lodged in the rails. Make sure there is enough room on the other side of the tracks to fully clear without stopping.

4 • SECURE TOWING EQUIPMENT

Secure hitch pins with a pin key to prevent towed machinery from dislodging over rough farm crossings. Watch wagons and other equipment while crossing to make sure nothing dislodges or falls onto the tracks.

5 • IF YOU GET STUCK, GET OUT

If you stall or get stuck on the tracks, get out of your vehicle immediately and move 30 metres away. Call CN Police or 911 and let them know a vehicle is on the tracks.

6 • CN POLICE NUMBER

Safety is a shared responsibility. If you witness any dangerous or unsafe situations near a railroad, please call **1-800-465-9239**.

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024

Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
1	84/24	Leonard & Julia Boser	NW 01-41-24-W4M	Attached Garage	Approved
2	85/24	Buit Dairies Ltd.	SW 02-41-01-W5M	Dwelling, Third <i>Ag Employee</i>	Approved
3	86/24	Veldhuisen Construction	Lot 9 Block 1 Plan 172 0385 (Wilson's Beach Estates, Gull Lake)	Dwelling, Single Detached w/Attached Garage and Veranda	Approved
4	87/24	Josh Stahl	SE 20-39-24-W4M	24 replacement dwellings 8 new dwellings	Approved
5	88/24	Dan & Krista Woolf	Lot 1B Block 1 Plan 092 4847 (Silver Springs, Sylvan Lake)	Home Based Business, Major <i>Renewal, Xtreme Machines</i>	Approved
6	89/24	Amanda Nolan	NE 28-38-25-W4M	Dwelling, Second <i>Replacement</i>	Approved
7	90/24	Ryan Vanak	Unit 6 Condo Plan 162 2594 Lot 5 Block 1 Plan 102 3182 (Wild Rose Commercial Park)	Custom Manufacturing	Approved
8	91/24	Rolling H Farms Inc.	Pt.SE 29-39-01-W4M	Addition to Existing Residence	Pending
9	92/24	Grant Andres & Bailey Pask	Pt. NE 11-40-27-W4M	Outdoor Storage <i>Renewal, Affordable RV Storage</i>	Approved
10	93/24	Rick Trachy	Bays 6&7 Block 1 Plan 982 4780 (Burbank Industrial Park)	Automotive Equipment & Vehicle Services <i>Blackfalds Automotive Collision Centre Ltd.</i>	Approved
11	94/24	Duane Hecht	NW 03-40-24-W4M	Minor Business and Trade <i>Renewal, Expansion Duane's Trucking Ltd.</i>	Pending
12	95/24	Scott (David) Anderson	SW 03-40-28-W4M	Attached Covered Deck	Approved
13	96/24	Lorenz Hofer	NW/SW/SE 05-40-28-W4M	Dwelling, Third <i>Ag Employee</i>	Approved
14	97/24	Katherine Fawcett & Karen Marriott	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 022 1496 (NW 31-41-26-W4M)	Dwelling, First <i>Replacement Residence</i>	Approved
15	98/24	Victor & Karen Park	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 242 xxxx (NW 10-41-01-W5M)	Dwelling, Temporary Family Care <i>Second Residence</i>	Pending
16	99/24	Taylor & Felicity Snow	Lot 1A Block 1 Plan 092 9672 (NW 08-41-01-W5M)	Dwelling, First <i>Replacement Residence w/Attached Garage & Covered Deck</i>	Approved

Do you have
questions about
subdivision or
development
activity?

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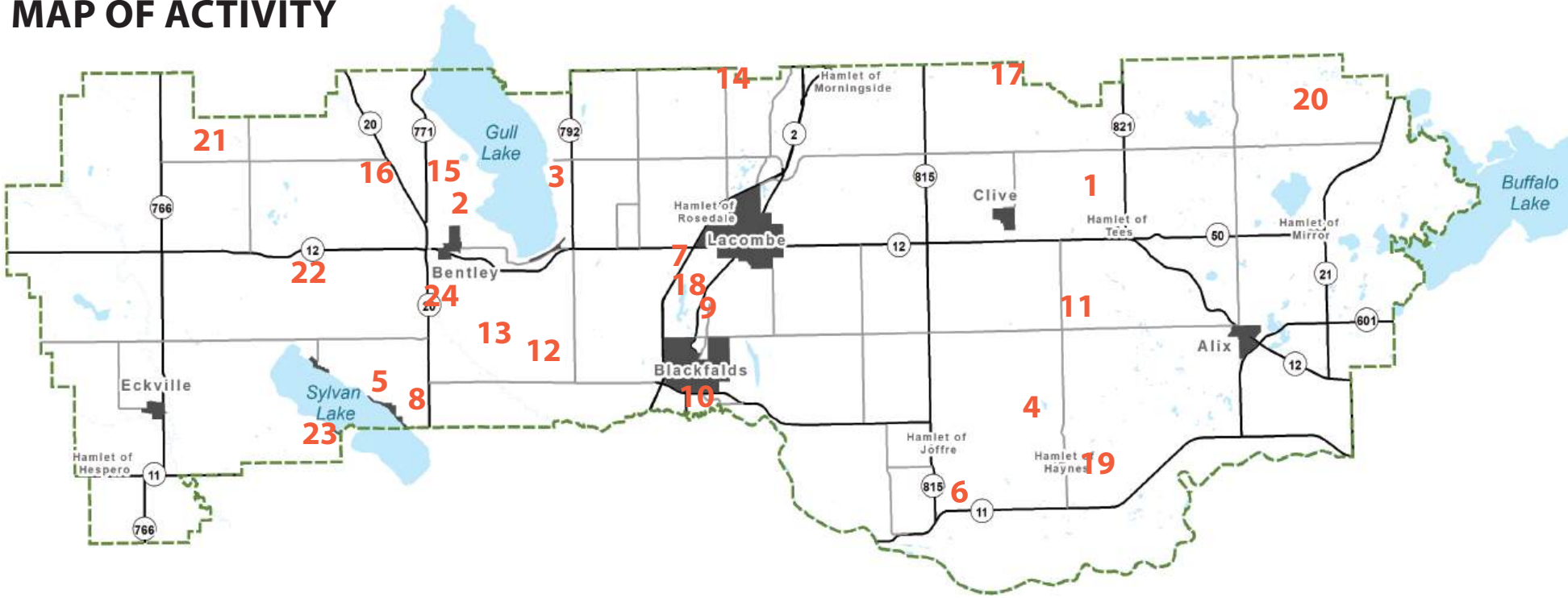
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MAP OF ACTIVITY



17	100/24	Havana Homes Corp.	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 162 3026 (NW 32-41-24-W4M)	Dwelling, First w/Attached Garage & Covered Deck	Approved
18	101/24	Paul White	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 862 0260 (NE 15-40-27-W4M)	Accessory Building 4,800 ft² Dry Storage Building	Pending
19	S-019-24	Nick Leshar	NW 34-38-24-W4M	Fragmented Parcel	Approved
20	S-020-24	Clifford & Rebecca Buelow	SE 29-41-22-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
21	S-021-24	Brent & Nancy Hansen Kevin & Erica Duberville	SW 24-41-03-W4M	Boundary Adjustment	Pending
22	S-022-24	William Juuti	NE 22-40-02-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Pending
23	S-023-24	Rocky & Julie Downton	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 092 4467 Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 092 4467 (E 1/2 15-39-02-W5M)	Boundary Adjustment	Pending
24	S-024-24	761714 Alberta Ltd.	Pt. SW 15-40-1-W5M	Fragmented Parcel	Pending



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MESSINGER MEATS

Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence!



This September marks a significant milestone for Messinger Meats as they will celebrate the 20th anniversary of serving central Alberta with its provincially inspected slaughter and meat processing plant.

Situated in the quaint hamlet of Mirror, approximately 30 minutes east of Lacombe, Messinger Meats has become a cornerstone in the local community and beyond. Mercedes and Joe Messinger, the passionate duo behind Messinger Meats, embarked on their Canadian journey with a rich background in butchery and hospitality. Having owned a butcher shop bistro in Germany, their ambition and curiosity led them to explore a new life in Canada. In 2000, the Messinger family, consisting of Mercedes, Joe, and their three children, settled in Innisfail, Alberta for a year. The next four years were spent in Red Deer.

The Provincially Inspected Slaughter and Meat Processing Plant in Mirror was established in 2004. This shop evolved into Messinger Meats Mirror Crop, Artisan Butcher Shop, which has operated successfully ever since. Messinger Meats is a family-run business with nine dedicated employees. Together with their daughter Vanessa they face all the challenges that arise.

Its services encompass custom beef processing and retailing, offering quarter, half, and full beef, pork, sausage, and custom meat boxes and cuts. Joe

especially made a name for their sausages. All recipes are his secret and only fresh meat and natural spices are used. The Gluten, Lactose, Sugar and Filler FREE sausages are a best seller.

Over the past decade, Messinger Meats has focused on supplying the renowned Italian Centre Shops, which have three locations in Edmonton, another location in Sherwood Park, and a location in Calgary.

From 2017 to 2023, the Messinger Meats Family successfully operated "The Artisan Butcher Shop & Bistro" in Red Deer. The Messinger family's dedication to excellence and community involvement extends beyond their business. They are

known for supporting numerous charities, including The Mustard Seed, Pregnancy Care Center, and Ride for Dad, just to name a few.

One of Messinger Meats's many things to be proud of is its extensive customer base, which stretches across Alberta. They see customers from Fort McMurray to Lethbridge and many stops in between. Their commitment to quality and community has made them a beloved fixture in the local food industry. Messinger Meats prides itself on offering only the best to its customers.

They focus on regeneratively farmed beef raised by Peony Farm near Lacombe, established by the Den Oudsten family in 1987. Peony Farm's holistic approach to raising cattle ensures the highest quality and health-driven meat choices. The cattle are fed a diverse blend of plants, resulting in nutrient-dense beef that Messinger Meats has exclusively retailed since 2004.

The philosophy behind Messinger Meats' success is rooted in inspiring people to instill a love for healthy foods in children. Mercedes and Joe believe in involving children in meal preparation and teaching them the importance of choosing nutrient-rich, local food. They advocate for shopping locally, visiting farmers' markets, and learning about where food comes from. This approach promotes a holistic, healthy lifestyle and creates lasting memories, nourishment for the soul and a deep appreciation for

quality food later in life. Messinger Meats ensures that quality meat is just a step away from your plate.

Their products can be conveniently ordered through their website or over the phone at (403) 597-6863.

To ensure Messinger Meats continues to serve their customers in Red Deer and the area, weekly pick-up is available at their pick-up location, Top Tomato, Center 76 in North Red Deer.

In celebration of their 20th anniversary, Messinger Meats is offering a special meat box, available for order on their website: www.messingermeats.ca.

You had better take a moment to check it out.

As they celebrate this milestone, Messinger Meats continues to be a testament to dedication, quality, and community spirit. Here's to 20 years of excellence and many more to come!

They like to extend their heartfelt THANK YOU to their solid and ever growing customer base. You are appreciated.

- Website: www.messingermeats.ca
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/messingermeats/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/messingermeats/>



Planning Services

Frequently Asked Questions



If you reside in the agricultural area (Agricultural 'A' District) and are considering starting a business, this information is for you! Businesses in the agricultural area often provide critical services to our local rural community and are an integral aspect to sustaining our rural community.

The agricultural area of Lacombe County offer a range of opportunities for entrepreneurs to establish home-based businesses or minor trades, all while maintaining the rural charm that makes this region unique. Understanding the different types of businesses you can operate and the regulations involved is key to successfully starting your venture.

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

Lacombe County recognizes the potential for residents to run businesses from their homes, especially in the agricultural area. There are two types of home-based businesses that you can establish: a minor home based business or a major home based business.

Minor home based business: This type of business is ideal for those looking to operate on a small scale. A minor home based business are businesses located inside a home or accessory building, no client visits to the property, no additional employees other than the residents of the dwelling, and no outdoor storage, meaning all materials, equipment, and products must be located within the home or accessory building, with

no exterior advertising. This option is perfect for those running online businesses or other ventures that don't require much in-person interaction or additional infrastructure. No development permit is required for a minor home based business.

Major home based business: If your business model involves client visits, hiring up to two non-resident employees, or the need for outdoor storage, then you'll need to apply for a development permit. A major home based business is a discretionary use that can be approved by a development officer who will review your application to ensure it meets the necessary requirements. This option provides more flexibility for growing businesses that require a slightly larger operation than what is allowed under the 'major home based business' use.

MINOR BUSINESS OR TRADE

For those looking to establish a larger operation, a minor business or trade might be the best fit. This type of business allows for up to six non-resident employees and often requires more substantial facilities or operations than a home-based business. Because of its larger scale, this type of business requires a development permit that must be approved by the Municipal Planning Committee (MPC). The MPC will review the application, considering factors such as the impact on the surrounding area, traffic, noise, and infrastructure.

REQUIREMENTS

One important stipulation for any business in the agricultural area is the requirement of a dwelling on the property. This means that whether you are planning to operate any of the business uses described above, you must reside on the property where the business is located. This requirement helps maintain the integrity of the agricultural area and ensures that the area remains primarily residential and rural in character.

Other requirements are outlined in the Land Use Bylaw. Lacombe County Planning Services would be delighted to help you plan your business idea and discuss any other applicable requirements with you.

Lacombe County is committed to supporting local entrepreneurs while preserving the rural lifestyle that makes this area so special. Whether you're looking to start a small home-based business or a larger trade operation, understanding the County's regulations and requirements is crucial for a smooth and successful start. For more information on how to get started, contact the Lacombe County Planning Services at 403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com.

This article serves as a starting point for residents interested in contributing to the local economy while enjoying the benefits of living in Lacombe County's beautiful agricultural area.



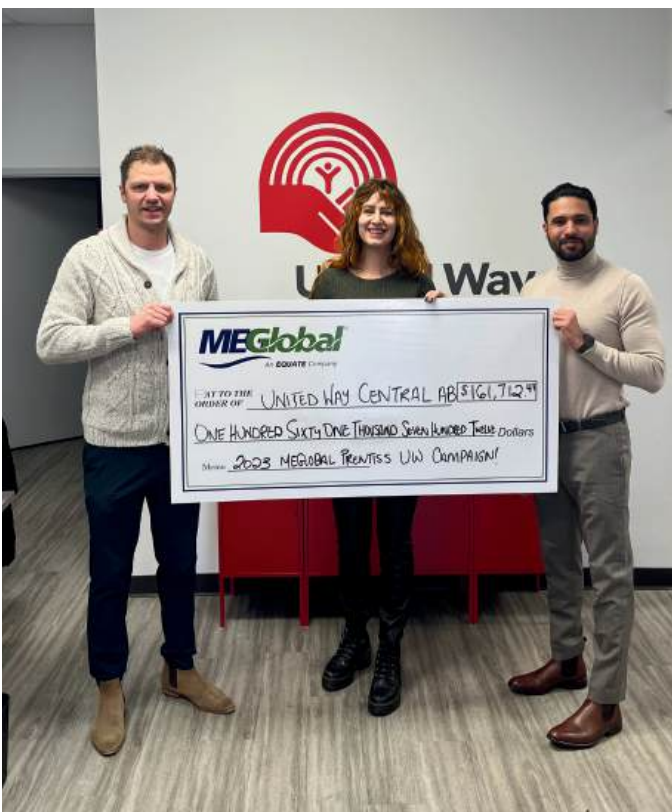


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Making a difference through commitment & community

MEGlobal gives back through local community investment and employee volunteerism, supporting organizations in Central Alberta that enhance and build sustainable communities. These include Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre, United Way of Central Alberta, Beyond Food Hub, Blackfalds FCSS, Clive School, Lacombe Ag Society, Lacombe FCSS Backyard Friends Dinner, Lacombe Fish & Game Association, Lacombe Composite High School and the Lacombe and District 4-H Beef Show and Sale, Red Deer Food Bank and Red Deer Christmas Bureau.

MEGlobal Athletic Park: The MEGlobal Athletic Park is a first-rate facility for sport and entertainment events in Lacombe, Alberta. It contributes to the health and economic prosperity of the entire region.

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CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY. | Alberta is increasing public awareness to stop dangerous invasive species from entering the province

Alberta is zebra and quagga mussel free and wants to keep it that way. Reports of invasive species are increasing across Canada and the United States, as tiny mussels can be easily spread through boats and other watercraft. They can rapidly damage waterways and infrastructure, destroy habitats and can cause hundreds of millions in damages.

Alberta is launching a multi-phase campaign to increase awareness of the dangers of invasive mussels and how to keep them out. This long weekend, all boaters are encouraged to avoid big fines and keep the province safe by cleaning, draining and drying their gear and stopping at inspection stations.



A few invasive mussels can rapidly damage boats, ecosystems and infrastructure (Credit: GOA)

"We're asking for all Albertans' help in keeping our province invasive mussel free. It's up to all of us to remain diligent and do our part so these invasive species stay outside our borders. They may be tiny, but the environmental and financial damage they would cause if introduced is massive, so let's keep 'em out," said Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

Alberta wants to use every tool possible to prevent damage from aquatic invasive species, which can cause huge damage to native fisheries, water quality, irrigation infrastructure and habitats.

This summer, Alberta set the largest fines in North America, raising the fines. Fines for failing to stop with a trailered boat at an open inspection station are now \$4,200, and for failing to remove a bilge plug when transporting a watercraft on a roadway are \$600. To help educate boaters, Alberta's government is now launching a multi-phase public awareness campaign.

Billboards highlighting increased fines are now live at key locations across the province, with a social media and online campaign rolling out throughout the summer. We are launching this campaign before the long weekend to ensure all Albertans and visitors going boating this summer are aware of the increased fines, stop at all mandatory watercraft inspection stations, and clean, drain, dry their gear before entering our province.

This campaign will also include retro graphics inspired by the successful Rat Control campaign and will be displayed on posters which will be distributed across the province, social media, digital advertisements, and inspection stations to help reach as many people as possible.

Alberta is stepping up its border defense. Along with the highest fines in North America and public awareness campaign, the government also launched a new Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force and increased the number of inspection stations, added more inspectors, and is keeping stations open as long as possible.

QUICK FACTS:

- As of July 24, Alberta has inspected more than 5,500 boats and other watercrafts, nine of which were confirmed positive for invasive mussels. The boats were all entering Alberta from other provinces in Canada or the United States, including a sailboat travelling from Ontario, a ski boat travelling from Manitoba and a boat coming from Arizona.
- The increased 2024 Aquatic Invasive Species Watercraft Inspections and Decontamination Program:
 - o Expanded the number of fixed inspection stations to seven and launched a new roving crew.
 - o Increased the number of dedicated watercraft inspectors to 50, from 35 last year.
 - o Started opening stations in April, with all stations now open through the September long weekend, and many extending beyond this period.
- Always follow these steps to help prevent the

spread of aquatic invasive species and diseases:

1. CLEAN:

- Inspect and clean all watercraft, trailer and gear after every adventure.
- Remove all mud, sand, water and plant traces before leaving the shoreline.
- Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat, kayak or canoe and gear on dry land away from storm water drains, ditches or waterways. Do not use a local carwash – if invasive species are present, you could unknowingly introduce them as the water from the carwash is released into the environment.

2. DRAIN: On land, before leaving the water body, drain all water from

- internal compartments (for example: ballasts, bilges and livewells)
- bait buckets
- coolers
- life jackets and other gear
- Raise and lower outboard engines several times to ensure all water has drained out.
- Drain non-motorized watercraft by inverting or tilting the watercraft, opening compartments and removing seats if necessary.

3. DRY

- Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry.
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.



Billboards are now being displayed near many inspection stations to stop invasive mussels (Credit: GOA)



Social Needs Assessment and Prioritization

Community Survey



We need your input!

Through community engagement, focus groups, and workshops, the following social priorities have been identified for Lacombe in the coming 3-5 years.

- Community action on mental health and addictions
- Community support for families
- Getting around and community access
- Healthy homes and neighbourhoods

We all have a role to play to help make Lacombe the best possible place to live and raise a family. We would like your ideas and input.





To participate in this community survey.

Survey closes September 2, 2024

For more information on the project please visit:
www.lacombe.ca/SocialNeeds



For more information, please contact FCSS at (403) 782-6637

Social Needs Assessment and Prioritization



Community Conference

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

11:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Lacombe Memorial Centre
 Lunch Provided!

We need your help to generate **actions and **strategies** for the following four community priority areas:**

- Community action on mental health and addictions
- Community support for families
- Getting around and community access
- Healthy homes and neighbourhoods




For more information on the project please visit:
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For more information and to register, please contact FCSS at (403) 782-6637

Keep an eye on fire activity this summer

As we approach the peak of summer, Alberta is expected to experience hot and dry conditions that significantly increase the risk of wildfires. With temperatures rising and precipitation levels expected to drop over the coming week (as of the time of publishing), it's crucial for all residents and visitors to stay informed and take necessary precautions to prevent wildfires.

The Government of Alberta and Alberta Wildfire continuously monitor fire conditions and issue fire bans, restrictions, and advisories as needed. These measures are vital for protecting our forests, wildlife, and communities. It is everyone's responsibility to stay updated on current conditions and adhere to these regulations to help mitigate the risk of wildfires.

There are several ways you can stay informed about current fire bans and wildfire information:

- **Alberta Fire Bans** website (albertafirebans.ca). This site provides a comprehensive and up-to-date map showing the status of fire bans, restrictions, and advisories across the province. It is an essential resource for anyone planning outdoor activities, whether it's camping, hiking, or simply enjoying nature.
- The **Alberta Wildfire** app is available for download on both mobile devices, offering real-time updates and notifications on wildfire status and locations. You can also follow Alberta Wildfire on social media platforms such as Twitter ([@AlbertaWildfire](https://twitter.com/AlbertaWildfire)) for the latest news and information. These channels are regularly updated with crucial information on wildfire conditions, safety tips, and emergency procedures.
- **Alberta Emergency Alert** app/[website](#): Personal preparedness is everyone's responsibility. Emergencies and disasters can occur anywhere, at any time. It is your responsibility to ensure you are prepared if an emergency or disaster occurs. Emergency alerts are issued to provide you with

critical information about an immediate threat, where it is occurring, and what action you need to take.

- [Lacombe County Website](#)/Social Media: Lacombe County strives to keep our local fire information current for residents and visitors.

As of June 18, there was a Fire Advisory in place for Lacombe County. With hot, dry conditions in the long-term forecast, this could change quickly, so use any of these tools to stay in the know!

Remember, even if there are no active fire bans in your area, it is important to practice fire safety at all times. Ensure campfires are fully extinguished before leaving them unattended, avoid using fireworks or incendiary devices in wooded areas, and report any signs of wildfire immediately to local authorities.

By staying informed and vigilant, we can all play a part in protecting Alberta's beautiful landscapes and communities from the devastating impacts of wildfires.

MOBI-CHAIR RENTAL!

The Mobi-Chair is available at no cost. Recommended use for individuals with disabilities or impairments that require the use of the Mobi-Chair including, but not limited to, those in wheelchairs, with motor disabilities and those who cannot swim

• **On-Site Registration:** Users will fill out rental forms and waivers with on-site personnel at Sandy Point Beach.

• **Location:** The the Mobi-chair will be securely stored outside the garage during operating days for public visibility. Access is granted ONLY through Lacombe County staff

If you need assistance renting the Mobi-Chair, staff are onsite to help you.:

- Look for them on the beach
- Knock on the garage door (west of the bathrooms)



Mobi-Chair Operating Days and Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday
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Special Availability on
Mondays of long weekends



Calling Grain Producers in the Canadian Prairies!

Are you a grain producer in the Canadian Prairies? If so, you are invited to participate in a research survey that will be collecting data on the adoption of winter wheat and ultra-early seeding of spring wheat in the Canadian Prairies. This survey will take approximately 15 to 30 minutes.

To participate in this study you must be

- 18 years old or older
- A grain producer in the Canadian Prairies

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in completing the survey, please go the link below or use your phone camera on the QR code.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/LkNoQwSBMjehAWez8>



The Adoption of Winter Wheat and Ultra-Early Seeding of Spring Wheat in Canadian Prairies

Pro00130833

Principal Investigator: Jacey Toerper

If you have any questions please only contact Dr. Linda Gorim at gorim@ualberta.ca or Jacey Toerper at toerper@ualberta.ca to protect your confidentiality.



Water Conservation Conversation!

The **Water Conservation Conversation** provides simple tips and resources for saving water. We will have these posted on our website, too, at www.lacombecounty.com/drought.



WATER CONSERVATION | LET'S MAKE IT A COMMUNITY EFFORT!

As residents of Lacombe County—whether you're a farmer, living in one of our hamlets or rural subdivisions, or enjoying life by the lake—water is a vital resource that we all depend on. The changing climate and increasing demand for water make it more important than ever to use this precious resource wisely. By working together and adopting better water conservation practices, we can ensure that our community thrives now and in the future.

EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY ON WATER CONSERVATION

One of the most effective ways to promote water conservation is through education. By sharing knowledge and raising awareness, we can inspire others to take action.

Social Media Campaigns: Share tips on reducing water usage—like fixing leaks and using water-efficient appliances—through platforms like Facebook and Instagram. Highlight your own conservation successes to inspire others.

Collaborate with Local Schools and Organizations: Partner with schools, environmental groups, or local businesses to promote water conservation initiatives. Educational programs in schools can help instill good habits in the next generation, while collaborations with local organizations can amplify your message and reach a wider audience.

REVIEWING AND PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR'S WATER USAGE

As the year draws to a close, it's an excellent time to review your water usage and make plans for the year ahead. By analyzing this year's water consumption and savings, you can identify areas for improvement and set goals for next year.

Assess Your Current Water Usage: Start by looking at your water bills, irrigation logs, or any other records of water usage. Compare this data to previous years to see if your conservation efforts are making an impact. Identify patterns in your usage and areas where you could potentially reduce consumption.

Evaluate the Success of Conservation Measures: Reflect on the water-saving measures you implemented this year. Did you install low-flow fixtures, reduce irrigation, or invest in more efficient appliances? How much water did you save, and what was the impact on your water bill? Use this information to determine which strategies were most effective and worth continuing.

Set Goals for Next Year: Based on your assessment, set realistic water conservation goals, like reducing irrigation or installing rainwater collection systems.

Plan for Drought and Water Shortages: Consider developing a drought management plan that outlines how you will reduce water usage during times of shortage. This plan could include actions like prioritizing essential water uses, adjusting irrigation schedules, or switching to drought-tolerant crops.

A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

Water conservation is a collective responsibility that benefits all residents of Lacombe County. Whether you're a farmer ensuring your crops thrive, a homeowner maintaining your garden, or a lake resident enjoying our natural beauty, every drop counts. By educating others and planning our water usage carefully, we can protect this invaluable resource and secure a sustainable future for our community.

Together, we can make a difference—one drop at a time.

Visit our website to find more Water Conservation tips:
www.lacombecounty.com/drought.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 11, 2024

2025 OPERATIONS HEAVY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL PURCHASES

The annual fleet evaluation and capital purchase process has identified a need to replace seven pieces of County equipment.

By resolution of Council, the County Manager was authorized to tender and award for the purchase of the seven pieces of equipment at an estimated cost of \$4,215,000 and to dispose of the existing units at an estimated trade-in or private sale value of \$865,000. The difference between the purchase of the numbers and the sale of the old units, in the amount of \$3,350,000 will be funded from the Fleet and Equipment Reserve.

RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE POLICY REVISION

Council approved updates to Policy AD(24) Respectful Workplace. The Respectful Workplace policy is the directing document of Lacombe County's harassment and violence prevention plans.

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Council was provided with a Summer 2024 update by the Drought Management Committee which included information about the current drought situation in Alberta and implementation of the Drought Management Plan.

LACOMBE COUNTY SUCCESS GROWS HERE! FILMS

Council viewed 10 videos that have been recently created to promote Lacombe County to various audiences for multiple purposes. The videos will be used on social media platforms and can be used at different trade shows and events to showcase Lacombe County. Production of the videos was funded through the Rural Economic Development Microgrant.

2023 TAX SALE (PUBLIC AUCTION) FOLLOW-UP

On November 24, 2023, the County held its annual tax sale via public auction. This auction, held in accordance with section 418 of the Municipal Government Act, involved three property titles with outstanding (for more than two years) property taxes. The subject properties are located in Mirror and vary in location, services, and zoning. No bids were received at the auction for any of the properties.

In accordance with section 424 of the Municipal Government Act, the County has the authority to have these properties transferred into the name of the County if no one purchases the properties through the tax sale process. By resolution of Council, Lacombe County will acquire title to the following properties:

Lots 14-17 Block 4, Plan 7159AI; Lots 16-18 and 20, Block 13, Plan 7159AI; Lot 13, Block 13, Plan 7159AI and offer them for sale in accordance with Municipal Government Act.

LACOMBE COUNTY/EAGLE BUILDERS PARKING LOT – OPENING

The new proposed date for the official opening of the new parking lot adjacent to the Eagle Builder's main office in the Aspelund Industrial Park is September 12, 2024 or September 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

MEGLOCAL SITE TOUR

Lacombe County Council will tour the MEGlobal site on October 2, 2024.

COMMUNITY AGGREGATE PAYMENT LEVY REGULATION REVIEW

The current CAP Levy Regulation expires on December 31, 2024. As such, Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) is engaging with the Alberta Sand and Gravel Association (ASGA) to discuss possible changes to the CAP Levy Regulation. As part of this negotiation process, RMA is inviting member municipalities to share their experiences with the current CAP Levy Regulation and any possible regulatory changes that may be required. This input will

help guide RMA's approach to the negotiation process.

A letter to Rural Municipalities of Alberta expressing Lacombe County's 1) experiences with the Community Aggregate Payment (CAP) Levy Regulation and 2) position with respect to changes to the CAP Levy Regulation, was endorsed by Council.

BYLAW NO. 1418/24 PILOT PROJECT (GOLF CARTS)

The Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors signed a Ministerial order on June 14, 2024, creating the Pilot Project (Golf Carts) regulation under the Alberta Traffic Safety Act. As such, the Pilot Project (Golf Carts) Regulation authorizes a participating municipality to pass a bylaw permitting registered users the opportunity to operate a golf cart on public roadways lawfully.

Council moved first, second, and third readings of Bylaw No. 1418/24, a bylaw of Lacombe County authorizing the operation, regulation, and control of vehicles on highways and municipal lands in Lacombe County.

Council also moved first, second, and third readings of Bylaw No. 1419/23, a bylaw of Lacombe County authorizing the establishment of fees for various services, supplies, information, applications, and appeals provided to the public.

The County Manager was directed to develop a Golf Cart Program allowing the use of registered golf carts on designated routes within Lacombe County Residential Lake Districts.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RADON SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS

Pam Warketin, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (CARTS) provided Council with a presentation regarding the Take Action on Radon initiative as well as general information about recent radon test results in Lacombe County.



Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at www.lacombecounty.com/council

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.

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AROUND THE COUNTY



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Programming

It's not too late to sign up for the Summer Reading Program! ★

The program runs from July 2nd to August 9th.

Kids & teens can track the minutes that they read per day & earn prizes & enter draws. While adults can take part in a reading bingo & enter into a draw!

**For more program information check out our website & social medias*

Borrowing

Our library card gives you access to a variety of services, eResources such as eAudio, eBooks, eMagazines & more!

Hours

Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm
Monday	10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 8 pm
Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm

Contact

403-885-2343
www.blackfaldslibrary.ca
 Eagle Builders Centre 5302 Broadway Avenue, Blackfalds, AB T0M 0J0

Visit us on our website & social medias




TD Summer Reading Club

Make a **SPLASH** at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre

5429 53rd Street, Lacombe AB

What's Happening at the pool:

- Fall swim lesson registration opens Aug 6, 2024 at 8:30 am
- The Kinsmen Aquatic Centre will be closed Friday, Aug 9, 2024 at 3:00 pm, re-opening Monday, Aug 12, 2024 at 6:00 am for the Lacombe Dolphins swim meet
- Register for the last 2 Try It nights, Sunday, Aug 18, 2024, 6:00-8:00 pm Water Baseball and Sunday, Aug 25, 2025, 6:00-8:00 pm Junior Lifeguard Club/ Lifesaving Sport.
- The Aquatic Centre will shut down Tuesday, Sept 3, 2024-Sunday, Sept 29, 2024, for annual maintenance.

For more information on the KAC schedule, pool rentals and advanced courses call 403.782.1277 or visit www.lacombe.ca/pool.



FALL ACTIVE LIVING FAIR

SEPT. 11~2024
4:00-7:30 PM

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If you are 55 or older - we invite you to join us!
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Summer Wellness Program



- **Wednesdays 10:45 to 11:45 am Chair Yoga - light movements - arrive at 10:30**

Wellness Mornings

Registration required for
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Never worry about falling or about your mobility level again. This class is designed to accommodate for those in wheelchairs, or who are concerned about their balance. The class is stretch-worthy while still being relaxing. It's the perfect balance for those looking for a yoga class that meets their mobility needs.

WELLNESS MORNING PARTNERS:

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 EDMONTON SENIORS CENTRE,



WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

Highlights

Have you heard of the Post Retirement Benefit (PRB)?

If you work while receiving your Canada Pension Plan (CPP) you may increase your retirement income with a lifetime benefit. To find out more on how this works and if you are eligible, visit Service Canada online or meet with our Resource Navigator for assistance.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp/cpp-post-retirement/eligibility.html>

Wellness Services Additions...

In recent months the service offerings at our facility have expanded! We are excited to announce: Moon Child Wellness & Energy Healing and Stettler Medi-Aesthetics. Visit their websites directly to learn more & book in Alix!

SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS

If you are needing extra support at home or with your daily routines, we may be able to help. Programming for older adults now includes Meals on Wheels, transportation to medical appointments and Wise Owls- basic home support and extended outreach services. Please contact us to learn more about fees, eligibility, how we can assist you and to arrange services.

Next Connecting Clans

Community Block Party + Registration Night
Monday, Sept 9, 6:30PM-8PM at the Centre.

Services Available

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

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Harvest Dinner
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US

WE ARE PLANNING THE **FALL** FREE EVENT
GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 25 FROM 3:30 TO 7:30 PM
BENTLEY AG CENTRE

If you are non-profit and would like to have an information table and/or contribute in any way to this annual event, contact 403-748-2160 or community@townofbentley.ca

Business are welcome to contribute as well, LET'S CHAT!

The School will also be holding their open house, so families can pop by both opportunities!

Do you know a group who could entertain? Please share the opportunity with them or let us know who to contact!

LAST YEARS' EVENT HAD OVER 400 PEOPLE ATTEND!

FOOD - MUSIC - KIDZ ZONE - TOUCH A TRUCK
VISIT WITH NEIGHBORS - MEET NEW ONES
LEARN ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!

This Event is in recognition of September 28th, National Good Neighbor Day

If you would like to volunteer to perform before our main entertainer on Good Neighbor Day please reach out!! All ages welcome to have some time on the stage!

Our Main Entertainer will perform from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

ALECIA AICHELE

BIO
Alberta/Nashville based artist Alecia Aichelle has always known that country music was her destined path. Informed she would never sing again after complications with throat surgery to remove a tumor on her thyroid gland, Alecia illustrated true resilience and fought all odds for a miraculous recovery. Her perseverance, combined with an intense love for music, is what fuels Alecia's passion as an artist. Whether it's her heartfelt lyrics combined with stunning piano melodies, or upbeat catchy vocals and guitar, Alecia's music reaches many audiences and venues. Alecia performs solo shows throughout Western Canada and Nashville as well as with her full band in Alberta.

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Mary C Moore Public Library (updated)
Overdue Book Club
 Last Tuesday of the Month at 7pm in the Read & Relax

 THE ISLAND OF MISSING TREES ELIF SHAFAR Jan 30	 No Two Persons Rachel Bauermeister Feb 27	 POSTCARD ANNE KEREST March 26	 TWO NIGHTS IN LISBON CHRIS PAVONE April 30
 THE MEASURE NIKKI ERLIC May 28	 Lord of the Flies William Golding June 25	 MACBETH HOBOWITZ July 30	 BLACK CAKE CHARMARINE WILKERSON Aug 27
 THE PRISON BOOK CLUB WILL WILSON Sept 24	 A Study for War Sarah Penland Oct 29	 REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES SHELBY VAN PELT Nov 26	Dec 10: 2024 Wrap-Up Party

*Dates listed are the 2024 discussion dates for the selected book.
 New members are welcome!
 Contact Kirstin for more information on this club:
 kbouwserna@prliblab.ca
 lacombelibrary.com/book-club



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Did you know?

County residents within 20 km of Lacombe can book the bus for errands & medical appointments.



A white Lacombe Connex van is shown parked on a street. The van has "Lacombe Connex" and a green cross logo on its side, along with the phone number 403-782-6637.

Please call 403-782-6637 for more information or to reserve your spot


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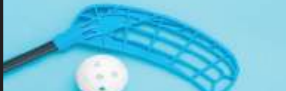
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GARY MOE AUTO GROUP
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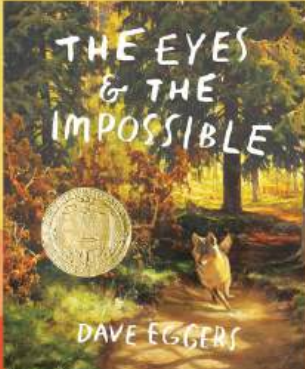
Check-in at the Information Desk to receive a wristband and borrow equipment.

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**MOORE STORIES:
PARENT/CHILD BOOK CLUB
AT MARY C MOORE LIBRARY**





We would love to have you join us!
This summer we are reading
The Eyes and the Impossible
by Dave Eggers

Meeting Aug 29 at 6:30pm

How it works: This club is for kids ages 8-12 and their parent(s). Meetings are on the last Thursday of every month at 6:30 (except July & December). Read the book together with your child, then meet with us for a fun book chat. All of the selected books are available for loan through our library. lacombelibrary.com/pcbc for more information
Program co-ordinator: Miranda miranda.cl@prl.ab.ca

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOUR DAY Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 County Council 9AM	13 County News Submissions due	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 County News Published	21
22	23	24	25	26 County Council 9AM	27	28
29	30	OCT. 1	2	3	4	5

Upcoming Events: October 1 (Committee of the Whole meeting), October 12 (County Council & MPC meeting), October 14 (Thanksgiving - Office Closed), October 26 (County Council & MPC meeting)

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		Planning Services - 403-782-8389	
		Community Services - 403-782-8959	
		Operations - 403-782-8379	
		Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567	
General			
After Hours Emergency Answering Service		403.357.1210	
Administration Fax		403.782.3820	
Public Works Fax		403.782.5356	
For Service Requests, see our website - or phone the switchboard at 403-782-6601			
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