



County News

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Lacombe County Environmental Stewardship Award Now Open

Lacombe County is shining a spotlight on outstanding individuals who exemplify the essence of environmental stewardship. The Environmental Stewardship Award recognizes those who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to conserving and sustaining the environment on their properties within Lacombe County.

The Environmental Stewardship Award nomination process is open to the public, encouraging everyone to put forward deserving candidates who embody the spirit of environmental stewardship. A committee will review nominations and select a recipient based on their contributions. Self-nominations are not permitted. The nomination period runs from July 15, 2023, to September 15, 2023. Individuals wishing to nominate someone deserving are invited to submit their applications in person or via email to jnakonech-ny@lacombecounty.com.

A judging panel will choose the winner of the Environmental Stewardship Award and will receive a well-deserved one-time cash recognition of \$1,500, recognizing their outstanding efforts in environmental stewardship.

Eligibility

- The nominee must be a resident and practicing environmental stewardship within Lacombe County
- Can only be a recipient of the award once
- Nomination forms need to be submitted before September 15, 2023 and are available on the Lacombe County website: www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward.

About Lacombe County's Environmental Program

The Environmental Stewardship Award aligns with Lacombe County's overarching commitment to supporting residents in their journey toward environmental sustainability. The county takes pride in empowering individuals to make informed decisions prioritizing natural systems, communities, and the well-being of future generations. In 2021, the County introduced the Environmental Community Engagement Program, a comprehensive initiative that replaced the previous Environmental Improvement Grant program. This three-year program encompasses a wetland education program, the esteemed Environmental Stewardship Award, and a resident environmental sustainability program.

Past winners include:

- **2022:** Joan Olafson, who carried forward her father's legacy of being a steward over their home quarter (located seven miles northwest of the City of Lacombe), including 80 acres of wetlands, forest, and spring-fed streams surrounding 74 acres of agricultural land.
- **2021:** Sharon and Rick Wiebe, who completed a number of projects on their property (located south of Blackfalds), including establishing a community garden that uses rainwater and compost from vegetable waste generated by the garden, as well as developing an off-site watering system to isolate cattle away from sensitive areas, planting trees to replace fallen/windblown trees, creating a bird habitat, and landscaping around their property with an emphasis on pollinators.

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Lacombe County receives \$30,000 from the Northern and Regional Economic Development program

Lacombe County is pleased to announce that they are a successful recipient of a new grant offered through the Alberta Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade (JET). The Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) program provides grants to Alberta municipalities, non-profit organizations and Indigenous communities for projects that leverage regional resources to build capacity for sustainable economic development and diversification.

"Alberta's government is committed to creating opportunities for economic growth and diversification in all corners of the province," said Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade Matt Jones. "We are pleased to support Lacombe County through the NRED program to strengthen economic development in the region by supporting their business attraction, retention and expansion plans."

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WHERE PEOPLE ARE THE KEY

Publication Mail Agreement No 43726064

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

DID YOU KNOW? Special Event Insurance

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If you are holding an event at one of our community halls, we recommend taking out special event insurance to protect you from any accidents that could occur.

Weddings | Bridal Showers
Family Reunions | Sporting events
Birthday Parties



Rental locations are programmed in so renters can go onto the Instant Risk Coverage (IRC) website and select the location they wish to use.

Learn more at: www.lacombecounty.com/halls

DID YOU KNOW?: Instant Risk Coverage (IRC) is an online platform that a third-party renter can go onto, complete the information, and get a policy in place for their event. The nice thing about it is that rental locations are programmed in so, a renter can actually just go on and select the location they wish to use. IRC automatically adds Lacombe County as an Additional Insured and a Certificate of Insurance is automatically sent to the County when coverage is placed.

If you're hosting event - wedding, bridal shower, family reunion, etc. - make sure to take out special event insurance to protect yourself from any accidents that could occur.

Learn more at <https://www.lacombecounty.com/halls>.

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Lacombe County receives \$30,000 from the Northern and Regional Economic Development program

"This program will allow us to double our economic development investment. There is no doubt that any opportunity to leverage our resources with government funding will allow for a more significant local impact," said County Manager Tim Timmons. "We appreciate the ministry's support of our proposal and look forward to the projects we can activate through this funding."

The full request of \$30,000 was approved, with the funds being used to undertake exciting new initiatives, building on the recently completed Economic Development Strategy, 'Success Grows Here!' The County's application centred around two of the NRED program's focus areas:

- Business Supports
- Economic Development Capacity Building

Improving the overall well-being of the County's business community will contribute to long-term economic sustainability. Additionally, we will highlight the County's assets, as well as current and future development opportunities for investors to secure consistent and significant investment dollars.

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Securing 10,000 Alberta homes to high-speed internet

The governments of Alberta and Canada are partnering to invest more than \$96 million to connect over 10,000 homes across the province to high-speed internet.

High-speed internet has become a daily necessity, yet Albertans in rural and remote parts of the province still have issues receiving reliable internet access. From education to health care and agriculture to small business, connectivity will help Albertans interact with the global marketplace, innovate for location solutions and help diversify Alberta's economy.

The combined federal and provincial funding will deliver high-speed internet to more than 2,000 Indigenous households and more than 40 rural communities across Alberta. Construction work has started in 26 communities, with others to follow.

"Improving access to high-speed internet is the key to unlocking the potential in these communities across Alberta. I'm happy to note that construction work has begun in some communities. I look forward to continued work with the federal government to connect more communities until we achieve our goal of connecting every single Albertan to high-speed internet by 2027," said Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation

This latest funding allocation is part of Alberta's historic joint commitment of \$780 million with the federal government to improve access to high-speed internet in rural, remote and Indigenous communities. In September 2022, Alberta's government joined the federal government in announcing \$70.6 million to connect 10,000 Alberta households, bringing Alberta fami-

lies and communities closer to being able to rely on stable internet connectivity.

"This investment is a game-changer for rural Albertans and Indigenous communities. These investments in connectivity will ensure that thousands of households can access the tools and resources they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world. Access to reliable, high-speed internet will provide better education, health and economic opportunities, and will ensure that rural and Indigenous communities are full partners in Alberta's growing economy," said Gудie Hutchings, Federal Minister of Rural Economic Development

These projects will not only bring improved internet access but will also help continue Alberta's economic momentum by creating jobs and injecting money into Alberta's economy.

Quick facts

Twenty-six communities will benefit from ongoing construction work, including Gull Lake South, Rimbey and Bluffton. Within three years of achieving universal coverage and adoption of services, the following economic outcomes are expected:


- Up to \$1.7 billion in annual GDP growth.
- Up to five per cent GDP growth in the agricultural sector resulting from adoption of agricultural technologies.
- Up to 40,000 Albertans without access to a primary health-care provider may have improved access to telehealth, and the cost to deliver those services will be reduced.
- More than 120,000 students will have improved access to remote education.

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER

TAX DEADLINE: AUG. 31

Combined property assessment and tax notices were mailed in June. If you have NOT received yours, contact the County at 403-782-6601.



Pay your property taxes BY AUGUST 31, and avoid any late tax penalties!
Learn more at www.lacombecounty.com/taxes.

Checking in with our neighbours



NOVA Chemicals hosted Lacombe County Councillors and staff last month at our Joffre manufacturing facility. NOVA shared updates on the work happening in Manufacturing West and our 2030 vision. This meeting takes place on an annual basis to discussed areas of mutual interest and projects happening at the Joffre facility.

RCMP
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

ONLINE CRIME REPORTING

is now available



Report it online!

✓ YOU CAN FILE A REPORT IF:

- You have lost something that costs less than \$5000
- Someone has stolen something from you that costs less than \$5000
- Someone has vandalized your property or vehicle and it will cost less than \$5000 to repair it
- The crime happened within the jurisdiction of the Alberta RCMP
- Thefts over \$5,000 are accepted from oil, telecommunications, and utility companies

✗ YOU CANNOT USE ONLINE CRIME REPORTING IF:

- There is a witness or suspect
- There are lost or stolen items involving personal identity, firearms, licence plates or decals

All crimes reported online to the Alberta RCMP will be followed up with a phone call from a police officer within five business days.

[HTTPS://OCRE-SIELC.RCMP-GRC.GC.CA/ALBERTA](https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta)




 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada

ATTENTION:

Notification of Access for County Assessors

Lacombe County municipal Assessors will be visiting properties throughout the municipality this year to verify property information to ensure accurate and equitable assessments – we appreciate your cooperation in doing so.

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.

SAFETY FIRST

JOIN US | County looking for paid-on-call firefighters



Lacombe County is conducting a County-wide recruitment campaign for paid-on-call firefighters to serve throughout Lacombe County – specifically in the Alix, Clive, Bentley and Eckville departments.

“Lacombe County recruits throughout the year, as needed,” explained Drayton Bussiere, Lacombe County Fire Chief. “We are looking for some new faces to join our dedicated fire team who provide this crucial first response service for our communities.”

Specifically, Lacombe County is looking for day-time available, paid-on-call firefighters in those communities. This would make an ideal opportunity for self-employed individuals, individuals who work and live in these communities, or individuals at home looking for a rewarding way to be part of the community.

“Like many departments across the province, it’s hard to find volunteers in rural communities who can help when called,” he said. Bussiere added that many of them work in larger centres, which means they aren’t available for calls during the day.

While often called volunteer firefighters, Bussiere wants to highlight that these individuals are paid, while responding to calls and during training.

“We expect our firefighters to take time out of their schedules, both for training and when attending calls, and we will reimburse them for their commitment to safety,” he explained.

Some of the basic requirements for volunteer firefighters are:

- To be 18 years of age or older
- To have a valid class 5 driver’s license
- To be physically fit
- To live in the response area.

For a full list of the requirements and responsibilities, visit the Lacombe County website: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/fire-services.aspx#Recruitment>.

Alberta RCMP Traffic Services

Keeping roads and highways safe for all Albertans is a vital part of the Provincial Policing mandate. RCMP take great pride in providing professional and effective traffic enforcement on all roads and highways outside of municipal boundaries. Through public education and strategic enforcement plans, Traffic Services continues to positively impact the safety of those travelling Alberta’s highways.

INTEGRATED TRAFFIC UNITS

RCMP have been working toward safe highways for many years to ensure Albertans receive the best traffic service in the most efficient and effective manner. This enforcement effort contributed to a reduction in collisions and increased compliance rates.

PUTTING TOGETHER THE PIECES

When police attend a complicated collision scene and need to know what happened and how, they call upon specialized RCMP members of Traffic Services. Collision analysts are highly-trained police officers with an extensive range of skills. By using aerial photos and collision scene data, analysts reconstruct the collision using computer programs to produce drawings or animations of the crash. By blending the

experience of interpreting physical marks left at collision scenes with science and technology, members can conclude how fast a vehicle was going, which side of the centre line it was on, or even who was driving the vehicle, ultimately concluding who is at fault and how a similar collision might be avoided in the future.

ROVING TRAFFIC UNIT

Traffic Services also contribute to reducing crime in Alberta communities. Highly trained members make up Traffic Service’s Roving Traffic Units (RTU). These units patrol the province’s highways, detecting and reducing criminal activities that can often be linked to organized crime. Increasingly, organized crime groups are using roads and highways to transport contraband goods like drugs, guns, cigarettes, stolen property and cash. The public rarely hears about the role RTUs play in fighting organized crime because often their seizures are a part of larger, ongoing investigations. RTU have successfully confiscated large quantities of drugs, reducing the illicit drug supply. While their work may rarely make the headlines, Traffic Service units and their canine helpers make a significant contribution to the provincial and national battle against organized crime.

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FIRE PITS:

THE DO'S AND DON'TS FOR SAFE BURNING
IN LACOMBE COUNTY



1. Ensure your fire pit/BBQ is constructed of bricks, concrete block or heavy gauge metal (or other suitable non-combustible material).
2. Be at least 3.3 metres (10 feet) away from buildings, property lines or other materials that could catch fire.
3. Supervise your fire at all times until it is entirely extinguished (this includes hot ashes and smouldering embers)
4. Use proper fuel such as wood, charcoal, manufactured fire logs, fireplace pellets, propane or natural gas.
5. Watch our website or social media pages for fire bans.
6. Keep a pail of water nearby, and use it to extinguish the fire.
7. Be a kind neighbour - ensure your smoke is going UP and not blowing into someone’s property

Questions? Call 403-782-8959 and speak with the County Fire Chief

MIRROR CORNER

Presented By
MIRROR LIBRARY

Program is free!

Wednesdays in July & August!
Starts on July 12th!

Summer Kids Program

See you 3pm at the Mirror Library!
Activities for Kids Ages 3 to 8
including readings, crafts and games!
Everyone is welcome!



REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
Wednesdays 1 to 7 and 2nd & 4th Saturdays from 10 to 2.
Follow us at: facebook.com/booksinmirror



LOTS FOR SALE Deadline: August 14, 2023

Lacombe County is listing for sale multiple lots within the Hamlet of Mirror. Particulars of the properties are as follows:

Lot(s)	Block	Plan	Details
1-4	10	7159AI	13,520 sq. ft. Hamlet Commercial 'C-H' District with water and sewer servicing
5-10	10	7159AI	20,280 sq. ft. Hamlet Commercial 'C-H' District with water and sewer servicing
9 & 10	13	7159AI	7,120 sq. ft. Hamlet Industrial 'I-H' District with no water or sewer servicing
37	40	0728572	7,183 sq. ft. Hamlet Residential 1 'H-R1' District with water and sewer servicing
1-5	88	7159AI	30,000 sq. ft. Hamlet Residential 1 'H-R1' District with no water or sewer servicing

All properties will be sold on an "as-is" basis.

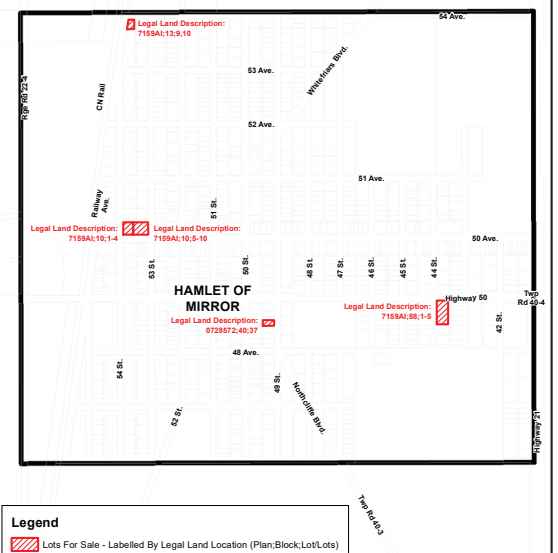
The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept any proposal which may be considered in the best interests of the County.

If interested, please submit your proposal in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal - Mirror Property. Attn: Amy Bates." All proposals must include a 10% refundable deposit.

Proposals will be received at Lacombe County Administration Office until 4:30 PM on Monday, August 14, 2023.

For more information, contact:
Amy Bates, Lacombe County
Email: abates@lacombecounty.com
Phone: 403-782-6601
Fax: 403-782-3820

PROPERTY SALE MAP (Hamlet of Mirror)



2023 Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. 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/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.- 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.

Hours: Wednesdays 1-7 p.m.
2nd & 4th Saturday,
10AM - 2PM

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@ccwireless.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.

ENVIRONMENT

Alberta Government: Water Pumping Program

Provides assistance to producers in securing adequate water supplies for domestic, livestock or agricultural purposes.

OVERVIEW

For a nominal fee, a producer or group of producers can rent pipe and pumping equipment as outlined from the department to fill dugouts or other suitable catch basins from nearby water sources.

- any full-time Alberta agricultural producer experiencing water shortages for domestic and livestock use has priority for equipment use
- equipment and pipe is sent from dispatch locations to the pumping site
- technical assistance is provided for proper operation

Agricultural Water Specialists can also be contacted, if you require recommendations on constructing or maintaining a safe / secure water supply by phoning:

310-FARM (3276).

OUTLINE YOUR REQUEST

Be prepared to provide the necessary information to apply for equipment use:

The Water Pumping Program Equipment Rental Application and Contract contains the legal Terms and Conditions and is available on the Alberta Government's website (<https://www.alberta.ca/water-pumping-program.aspx>)

SUBMIT APPLICATION

Mail your application and payment cheque to:

Water Pumping Program
Irrigation and Farm Water Division
Room 206, 7000 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6

Website: www.agriculture.alberta.ca/payment

AFTER YOU APPLY

A coordinator or driver for your area will contact you to coordinate equipment delivery arrangements shortly before your equipment request date.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Applicants should be aware that a temporary diversion license(s) is usually required to draw water from rivers, streams or permanent bodies of water such as lakes or sloughs.

Applicants are encouraged to contact their local Regional Support Person (Water) of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas for information on obtaining this license.

RURAL WATER

There are 151 water co-operatives throughout the province (Alberta Federation of Rural Water Co-operatives). Many formed in the 1960s and 1970s to provide water service to their immediate area, offering advice or technical assistance.

Alberta Environment and Protected Areas is involved in water quality and water licensing issues.

For more information, contact Alberta Agriculture at 310-FARM or go to <https://www.alberta.ca/water-pumping-program.aspx>.

Prussian Carp

CARASSIUS GIBELIO



3X

Females can spawn up to three times in one year, making them prolific invaders.

Once established, they can be **very difficult** to get rid of.

24 HOURS

The amount of time prussian carp can survive out of the water.

DON'T LET IT LOOSE

If you catch a Prussian carp, **keep it and kill it. Do not release it.** Then call the Hotline 1-855-336-BOAT. Never release fish from your aquarium or pond.



Alberta was the first jurisdiction in North America to have an invasive Prussian carp and can be found around the main stem and tributaries of the **Bow, Rosebud, Red Deer and South Saskatchewan Rivers.**



Prussian carp impact native fish populations by out-competing them for food and habitat, as well as spreading disease and pathogens.



It is not known what caused the invasion of "wild goldfish", however it is suspected to have been **intentionally released.**



Intentional release of invasive species is illegal and could lead to jail time and/or substantial fines.

Alberta

Prussian Carp is a harmful aquatic invasive species. It has been found in local lakes & rivers. The species invades aquatic ecosystems & poses severe threats to aquatic habitats & native fish. If you catch one - keep it and KILL it! Do NOT release it! Call 1-855-336-BOAT (2628).

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.



Monday
July 24, 2023



9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Lacombe County Admin Building
(Highway 12 & Range Road 27-4)

TO REGISTER:

CALL: 403-782-8959

EMAIL: jmakus@lacombecounty.com



OPERATIONS

CONSTRUCTION SEASON REMINDER

Please drive carefully and obey ALL signs and speed limits during construction. If you have questions or concerns regarding any project, please contact the Operations department at 403-782-8379.

All notifications and maps can be found at lacombecounty.com.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE | Range Road 1-2 (Aspelund Road to Twp Rd 39-2)

Notification of Municipal Works for road construction on Range Road 1-2 from Aspelund Road south 2 miles to Township Road 39-2. Roadwork started July 4, 2023 and is expected to take 5-weeks to complete (weather permitting).

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

Summer Grading Program in Lacombe County

Summer has arrived! With the warm and dry weather, gravel roads will see increasing washboard, and we are working on reducing that problem as we speak.

In a dry year, the biggest issue with gravel roads is washboard. This can be a difficult problem to address since the road can be graded one day, but the washboard returns in a short time frame. More grading does not necessarily fix the problem since working up loose material creates ideal conditions for the washboard to recur quickly. Washboard is often created by the acceleration or stopping action of vehicles, making washboard more prevalent at intersections on hills. Drivers can help reduce the problem by slowly accelerating away from the intersection or slowing down as much as possible before braking when coming up to an intersection.

Weather, changing traffic patterns, and public expectations will always challenge the road system, and the gravel roads will always be a work in progress.

In wet years the washboard is less prevalent, but other issues arise such as wheel rutting, lack of gravel on some roads, culverts and drainage concerns, and soft spots appear.

On average our grader

district size is approximately 135 miles (216 km), and we have eight grader districts. They will average 10 miles of grading per day, so it takes about 13.5 work days to get around their district.

We try to grade the gravel roads once every 2.5 weeks, but numerous factors will affect that schedule.

- Roads with larger traffic volumes or heavy traffic require more attention.
- Dust control – the grader operators prepare each site for calcium, so their regular schedule is delayed
- Gravel crew in their area has the same effect
- Rain will push back the schedule

A road that has been adequate for local traffic for many years may be impacted if a new business or industry is installed along that road

Gravel – Roads are graveled approximately once every three years.

Despite the many challenges of keeping gravel roads in good summer driving condition, we have systems and procedures in place to keep these roads as safe as possible. While driving gravel roads this summer, please obey the speed limit and be vigilant for washboard and soft spots.



Don't get left in the dust!

If you missed the May 12, 2023 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 2023 cost-shared rate for one application is \$1.72 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 4, 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

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)

AGRICULTURE

Celebrating Excellence in Agriculture: Lacombe County in search of the 2023 Farm Family Award recipient

Lacombe County and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce have partnered for the prestigious Farm Family 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 2023 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 Deputy Reeve John Ireland. "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 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.

About the Nomination Process:

The nomination period for the Farm Family Award is from June 16, 2023, until August 18, 2023. 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 18, 2023. For more information or assistance, please contact communications@lacombecounty.com or call (403) 782-8959.

All about pre-harvest management strategies



Harvest management strategies are important to consider as crops

transition into later stages of growth and development. Pre-harvest aids, such as the use of a glyphosate and/or desiccant, in combination with other key management strategies like optimal spray/swath timing, are extremely beneficial when implemented accurately. Growers can maximize the yield value of their crop, while also limiting restrictive factors including variable crop development throughout a field, late tillering, and late flushes of weeds, by the appropriate use of pre-harvest glyphosate and desiccants.

Pre-harvest glyphosate and desiccation are often difficult to differentiate, leading to confusion as to how each strategy benefits a crop. Pre-harvest glyphosate, unlike available desiccation products, is a tool that should be used to control and limit the prevalence of late emerging or perennial weeds.

Growers choosing to spray pre-harvest glyphosate should ensure that their cereal

crop has reached a 30% moisture level or lower throughout their field. This coincides with what research scientists suggest is physiological plant maturity. Two key identifiers for optimal glyphosate application timing are first, a yellowing peduncle (the area of the stem below the head), and second, kernels that are firm and can be indented by a thumb-nail, namely hard-dough stage.

Growers seeking to achieve both desiccation and weed control at the same time can consider pairing glyphosate with a saflufenacil based product such as "Heat LQ". Importantly, growers can avoid maximum residue levels (MRLs) in their harvested grain by spraying at optimal timing (full crop maturity) and delaying harvest until ideal conditions are met.

Pre-harvest aids are often optimized by delaying, rather than pushing for early application and risking damage to the crop (kernel shrinkage and augmented glyphosate residue).

Desiccants offer growers the ability to appropriately achieve optimal and efficient harvest timing, while also controlling certain crop limitations like late-season weed emergence and variable crop development/growth. Desiccants are, by definition, a contact herbicide that when sprayed will achieve both plant death and rapid dry-down mainly

in broadleaf crops. Desiccants are often applied to a crop to mitigate loss relating to uneven growth due to the chemical's ability to achieve total crop dry-down quickly. As well, desiccants are a quality weed management tool that can be employed pro-actively to minimize weed presence for the following growing season.

Difficult weeds, such as late-emerging, glyphosate tolerant, canola, can be efficiently removed using a desiccant product. Most notably, desiccants accelerate the harvest process, acting as an aid for growers especially during a year marked by poor growing conditions (uneven maturing crops). Desiccants do not serve as a crop maturing tool but are rather a product that increases the rate of crop dry-down once a certain point of maturity has been reached in a field.

In the case of canola desiccation products like "Reglone Ion" or "Bolster II", spray timing is delayed to the point that 90% of seeds on the main stem have transitioned from green to brown/black. 90% seed color change ensures that the desiccant product can efficiently work to dry-down and achieve pod and stem kill within seven to ten days after application.

Pre-harvest strategies are extremely valuable when employed properly. In the case of a pre-harvest glyphosate application, late-emerging and perennial weeds can

be pro-actively controlled prior to harvest and for the following growing season. To a similar extent, desiccation products are useful not only as a rapid dry-down/harvest aid, but also as a management tool for late weed flushes and variable growth. There are so many uncertainties and uncontrollable variables when it comes to farming. In a year marked by less than ideal early moisture levels, pre-harvest aids can be a valuable tool to effectively manage a difficult crop.

We hope that everyone has a safe and successful harvest this season!

**Submitted by Jonathan Ericson
Central AB Co-op (Lacombe)
Junior Agronomist**

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Registration Deadline: August 31, 2023

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August 19 & 20, 2023

Alberta Open Farms Days is an incubator for agri-tourism and rural sustainability. We bring Albertans together through educational and experiential agricultural-based initiatives to learn about where your food comes from. As well, some of Alberta's most talented chefs and rural communities will be hosting a memorable series of farm to table culinary events that will be held around the province using Alberta farm products.

Visit <https://albertaopenfarmdays.ca/ofd-farms/> to find farms in the area (and across Alberta) who are participating in Alberta Open Farm Days!

ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS



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



RENTAL RATE - \$50.00/DAY

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- ❖ 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
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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

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SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

June 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision <i>(otherwise pending)</i>
1	82/23	Dayne Johnson	Lot 5 Block 3 Plan 062 6692 (Lakeview Meadows)	Sign (Johnson Spring & Trailer)	Approved
2	83/23	Kevin Liner	SE 13-41-03-W5M	Dwelling w/Attached Garage (Second Residence)	Approved
3	84/23	Michael & Shelley Land	SE 28-41-03-W5M	Dwelling (Modular Home)	Approved
4	85/23	DTIC Inc.	Lot 1 Block 2 Plan 042 1375 (Pt. NW 23-40-28-W4M)	Sign (Joe's Golf)	Approved
5	86/23	Border Paving Ltd.	Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 042 0320 (Pt. N 4-41-27-W4M and Pt. SW 4-41-27-W4M)	Sand & Gravel Pit (Renewal, Expansion)	Approved
6	87/23	County of Wetaskiwin No 10	SE 21-41-27-W4M	Sand & Gravel Pit (Renewal, Expansion)	Approved
7	88/23	Roger and Sylvie Proulx	Unit 125 Condo Plan 202 1689 (DeGraff's Resort, Gull Lake)	Covered Deck	Approved
8	89/23	Border Paving Ltd.	SW 21-39-27-W4M	Sand & Gravel Pit (Renewal, Expansion)	Approved
9	90/23	James Merriman	Lot 1 Block 2 Plan 962 0524 (NE15-39-3-W5M)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage RV Bay & Covered Deck	Approved
10	91/23	Henry Jaffary	NE 16-39-26-W4M	Dwelling w/Attached Garage	Approved
11	92/23	Travis Rundell	NW 7-40-23-W4M	Accessory Building	
12	93/23	Allen & Janis Bickford Jonas & Hayley Henry	NW 13-40-1-W5M	Dwelling w/Attached Garage	Approved
13	94/23	Spencer Zelinka	NW 32-39-26-W4M	Minor Business and Trade (Renewal, Accessory Building)	
14	95/23	Ken & Marlene Vanderwekken	SW 15-41-26-W4M	Home Based Business, Major (Stone Willow Veterinary Services)	Approved
15	96/23	Rod & Brenda Snopek	SW 18-41-23-W4M	Home Based Business, Minor (Home Office)	Approved
16	97/23	Gerald & Kellie Berg	Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 202 1405 (SE 15-41-26-W4M)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage Deck, Veranda & Detached Garage	Approved

**Do you have
questions about
subdivision or
development
activity?**

Contact Us:

**Lacombe County
Planning Services**
(403) 782-8389
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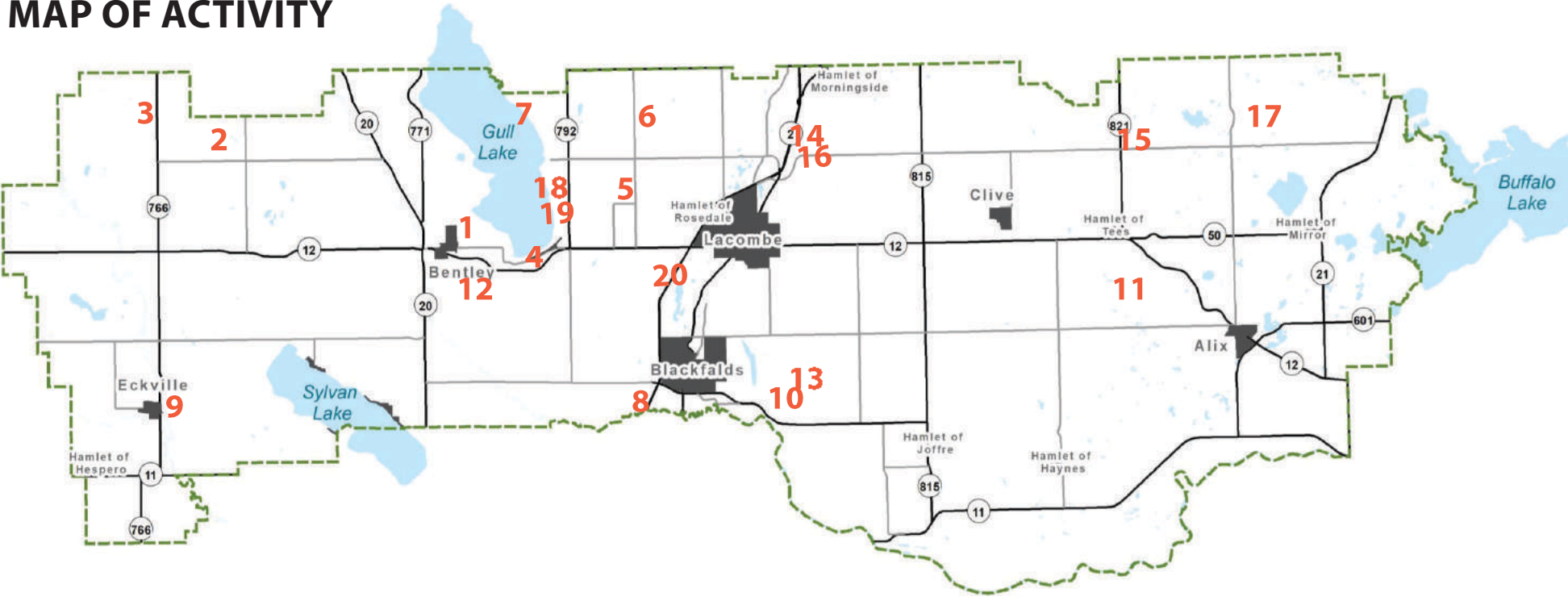
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Planner / Development
Officer

Nicklas Baran
Junior Planner

Allison Noonan
Planning Services
Administrative Assistant

Daniella Gonzalez
Planning Services
Receptionist

MAP OF ACTIVITY



17	98/23	Ryan & Jo-Ann Andrew	NE 13-41-23-W4M	Dwelling (Replacement Residence)	Approved
18	99/23	Baptist Union of Western Canada	NW 02-41-28-W4M	New Cabin	Approved
19	100/23	Rehoboth A Christian Association	Lot D Plan 4508NY (NW 2-41-28-W4M)	Addition to Existing Cabin	Approved
20	101/23	Richard & Denniece Crout	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 862 0260 (Pt. NE 15-40-27-W4M)	Range-Road Enterprises Ltd & New Storage Building	



No Subdivision Applications Received in June, 2023

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission (LRWSC) Transfer Stations Hours of Operation

Bentley Transfer Station
NE-22-40-01-W5M
(403)748-3961
Thursday & Friday 9:00am to 4:45pm
Saturday 1:00pm to 4:45pm

Spruceville Transfer Station
NW-29-40-27-W4M
(403)782-2828
Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00am to 4:45pm
Saturday 8:00am to 11:45am

Prentiss Landfill/Transfer Station
NW-07-40-25-W4M
(403)782-5300
Monday to Saturday 9:00am to 4:45pm

Eckville Transfer Station
NW-34-39-03-W5M
(403)746-5740
Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00am to 4:45pm
Saturday 8:00am to 11:45am

Alix/Mirror Transfer Station
NW-24-40-23-W4M
(403)788-2365
Thursday & Friday 9:00am to 4:45pm
Saturday 1:00pm to 4:45pm

All transfer stations are closed on the following statutory holidays:
New Years Day, Thanksgiving, Good Friday, Remembrance Day,
Christmas & Boxing Day.

SHOW US YOUR GARDEN & YARDS!

Lacombe County is searching for photos of beautiful gardens and yards in Lacombe County.

If you would like to share photos of YOUR garden or yard, and maybe some tips for new gardeners, please contact Nicole at communications@lacombecounty.com. Submissions will be shared online and in the County News.

Children's Farm Safety Day 2023



On June 14, we had the pleasure of hosting 350 students from local schools as part of our annual Farm Safety Day. This event teaches kids the many hazards that exist on the farms they live on or visit, with the goal of preventing unnecessary accidents!

We could not run this event without the support of our presenters (many of which are County staff) and our generous sponsors. (And our County Councillors for cooking up some delicious burgers!!) THANK YOU ALL!!





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Farm Safety Day 2023

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YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LACOMBE COUNTY

WE HAVE ANSWERS



Lacombe County's economic development initiative aims to attract growth and investment to our local economy to enhance the quality of life of our rural residents, increase the County's assessment base, and provide additional opportunities and connections for County residents and businesses.

What is economic development?

Economic development is regarded as a set of policies that results in an improvement in the economic wellbeing of a community.

In Lacombe County, our economic development initiatives are focused around retaining existing businesses in the County while also providing room for new businesses to establish. This ensures there are employment opportunities and essential goods and services easily available in our rural community. Economic development in Lacombe County includes protecting large tracts of agricultural lands from premature loss and fragmentation, since the agricultural industry is the primary form of business in the County.

How does Lacombe County create a friendly business environment for new and existing businesses?

Lacombe County has a long history of promoting economic development through the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw. For instance, the County provides opportunities for individuals to start home based businesses in a fashion that is sensitive to the surrounding development context. For larger industrial and commercial requirements, the County's planning documents have identified strategic lands where large-scale developments can be considered, subject to a rezoning application which considers community feedback and applies the County's development standards. There are many developed and serviced commercial and industrial lots for sale in the County available for new businesses!

In early 2023, the County adopted its Economic Development Strategy which puts forth a framework through which economic development can be considered and prioritized by the County. The Strategy highlights various initiatives that the County can tackle to help retain existing businesses while attracting new businesses to the County.

Lacombe County has a simple, easy-to-follow, and transparent development approval process that

further enhances a business' ability to set up in the County.

What County initiatives promote existing local businesses in the County?

The County publishes an Ag Business Spotlight every month that promotes agriculture-related businesses in the County to increase their exposure. The County has also started a Business Spotlight for non-agriculture businesses as well.

The County is also a member of regional and province-wide organizations that seek to promote existing businesses in Central Alberta.

The Economic Development Strategy outlines various new initiatives for the County to work on in the short-, medium-, and long-term to better serve our local businesses. The County will begin work on this in the upcoming years.

If you have any ideas for the County, let us know at planning@lacombecounty.com or 403-782-8389.



EXPERIENCE PRENTISS ROAD

AUGUST 19, 2023

ELLIS BIRD FARM | SUNFLOWER VALLEY FARMS

On AUGUST 19, admission to Sunflower Valley Farms is just \$10/adult & under the age of 16 is FREE. All admission that day will be donated to Ellis Bird Farm. The Sunshop will be open offering multiple local vendors at the sunflower farm.

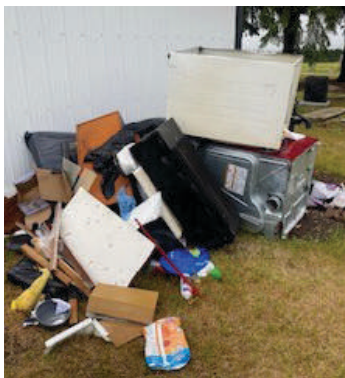
Ellis Bird farm will have crafts for kids, sunflower themed along with birds, nature, café and so much more!

Gilby-Kalmu Cemetery deals with trash dumped on site

On Father's Day (June 18) a truck load of trash, including appliances, was dumped at the Gilby-Kalmu Cemetery.

Due to this recent vandalism, and incidents in the past year, there will now be locks on the cemetery gates.

If anyone has any information, please call Gord at 403-350-9390.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LACOMBE COUNTY

SPOT *light*

SUNFLOWER VALLEY FARMS

If you are looking for high quality, locally grown seeds for your bird feeder, keep Sunflower Valley Farms in mind! Sunflower Valley Farms produces a variety of seed crops for the wild bird seed market while also providing the public an opportunity to visit and appreciate the gorgeous sunflower blooms! The farm is owned and operated by Kole, June, and Kevin Lundie, and is located a few minutes east of Lacombe, on Range Road 26-0 and Township Road 41-0, in Lacombe County!

Kole Lundie's family has farmed these lands for over 100 years! Since 2020, Kole has been in search of new agricultural opportunities and researched the benefits of growing bird seed crops such as sunflowers, flax seeds, and canary seeds. This ultimately led to the birth of Sunflower Valley Farms!

The addition in crop species helps Kole increase his farm's crop diversity and provides more options for crop rotations. Kole rotates the areas used for sunflowers and will not use the same site for another 4-5 years. This means every year, the location of the sunflower patch changes. The farm will continue to grow their traditional

crops such as malt barley, canola, and peas; though Kole is looking to expand the number of acres dedicated to the bird seed crops. The business is also in search of more land for future expansion.

Sunflower Valley Farms' products can be found at the Gull Lake Honey Company, Ellis Bird Farm, and Alix Home Hardware.

In addition to growing crops for the commercial market, Sunflower Valley Farms also features an agri-tourism side where visitors are welcome to visit the farm in late summer while the sunflowers are blooming. This gives the visitors an opportunity to take Instagram-worthy photos while learning about and appreciating the importance of agriculture to our society.

Sunflower Valley Farms also leverages the generosity of their amazing visitors to raise funds for local charities such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District, Saving Grace Animal Society, and the Lacombe Food Bank. The business looks to continue expanding its agri-tourism offerings through additional events and activities that can also continue to contribute positively to the local community.

Kole noted that Lacombe County is an excellent place to do business, especially as it pertains to agricultural endeavors. He believes that Lacombe County is the best county in Alberta for agri-tourism opportunities and development due to our diverse landscapes, strong family farm-oriented agriculture industry, and collaboration between various partners to foster a strong rural connection.

Kole Lundie is passionate about sustainable agricultural practices and is the chairperson for ALUS Lacombe County, which strives to provide ecosystem services for farmers. He continues to use his business and platform to spread awareness on where food comes from to foster greater public appreciation for agricultural and nature systems.

Check Sunflower Valley Farms out on social media!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sunflowervalleyfarms/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sunflowervalleyfarms/?hl=en>



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 8, 2023

SOUTHEAST BENTLEY AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

To prepare for and attract future development, the Town of Bentley and Lacombe County have partnered and have successfully received an Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant for the purpose of undertaking studies and plans related to the development of the lands southeast of Bentley. The main deliverable of this project is the Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan which will outline a framework for future subdivision and development of NW and NE-23-40-01-W5M.

Council was provided with an overview of the Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan, and it was received as information by resolution of Council. A public meeting will be held on June 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Blindman Valley Ag Centre to seek public input and feedback regarding the project.

CENTRAL ALBERTA AGRITOURISM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Council was provided with an overview of the recently published Central Alberta Agritourism Development Strategy. The Agritourism Development Strategy was created with the intent to offer strategic direction to advance Central Alberta toward its vision of becoming

recognized as the premier agritourism destination in Alberta.

SYLVAN LAKE REGIONAL WATER/WASTEWATER COMMISSION – BYLAW 14 REVIEW

Lacombe County, as a member of the Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Commission (SLRWWC), has been given the opportunity to comment on the proposed updates to Bylaw 14, the Commission's Operations and Services Bylaw. Council was provided with an overview of the proposed updates. A letter will be forwarded to the Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Commission stating that Lacombe County has no comments or concerns regarding the proposed revisions to the bylaw.

RC (9) FUNDING REQUEST – CITY OF LACOMBE

The City of Lacombe Arts Endowment Fund has submitted a Policy RC(9) funding request to host a children's arts and craft event as part of Lacombe Days. The request is for County funding in the amount of \$2,150 to partially cover the cost of art and craft supplies, fees, advertising, wages, and an Arts

Endowment Donation. Council approved \$2,055 in funding to the City of Lacombe Arts Endowment Fund to support the Creation Station event.

COUNCIL-TO-COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE VILLAGE OF ALIX

In response to an invitation from the Village of Alix to participate in a Council-to-Council meeting to discuss inter-municipal matters, a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023. The draft agenda for the meeting was provided to Council for input.

LACOMBE LAKE WATER LEVEL – PRESENTATION BY ANITA ALEXANDER, ROBERT ALEXANDER, & ROBERT ENNS

Lacombe Lake property owners Anita Alexander, Robert Alexander, and Robert Enns provided a presentation on the Lacombe Lake water level, highlighting evidence of high water levels causing damage and disruption to lands around the lake. By resolution of Council, the presentation was received as information. Administration will consider this information as part of a report and recommendation for presentation at a future Council meeting.

Lakeside Social Workers group celebrate 100-years

Twenty-five Lakeside Social Workers current and past members gathered on June 14, 2023 at the Ellis Bird Farm to celebrate 100 years as an active community organization. President Brenda Loden and Vice-president Doreen Hainsworth welcomed Special Guests Don and Bev Montgomery representing the Lakeside Recreation Society and Councillor Brenda Knight from the Lacombe County who brought congratulatory messages. A lovely message from Myrna Pearson recalled many years of collaboration with LSW during her time as Site Manager at Ellis Bird Farm.

Good wishes were also received in letters from MP Blaine Calkins and former MLA Ron Orr. Karen Waldo read two special poems in memory of past members. A display of memorabilia was highlighted by two beautiful Autograph Quilts created by members in the 1940s and prized by present members. A power point slide presentation covering many LSW activities over the years was enjoyed and those in attendance had a chance to look through albums which stirred wonderful memories. Recent members and old timers renewed acquaintances and several items of interest to LSW were raffled. The afternoon concluded with High Tea by Milly Oak Catering.

In recognition of 100 Years Lakeside Social Workers has contributed to the recent Community Halls Exhibit at the Lacombe Museum and very successful Garage Sale Fundraiser has been held. Watch for them in the Lacombe Days Parade on July 15. Thank you for the ride, Lacombe Vintage Machinery Club! A commemorative sign has been erected at the Lakeside Hall.



Standing (L-R) Brenda Loden, Lydie Drost, Linda Guilbault, Audrey Brown, Ineke Dirks, Coba Verberg, Marg Woodrow, Nancy Graves, Joan Kiist, Diane Podolas, Tracy Wiersma, Jan Pocock, Arlene Rust, Sharon McKeage, Karen Waldo, Dorli Scheifele, Doreen Hainsworth, Janet Haarstad.

Seated (L-R) Anne Sisson, Maureen Pocock, Doris Luymes, Betty Adams, Rita Smith, Jean Otto, Minke Breukelman.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 22, 2023

143 HEALTHCARE CONSULTING SERVICES PRESENTATION

At the June 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Stacey Strilchuk of 143HealthCARE Consulting Services provided an overview of the services offered by 143HealthCARE Consulting and an update regarding the current healthcare landscape and the work being done to support primary care, specifically for rural Albertans. By resolution of Council, this presentation was received for information.

REQUEST TO PAVE RANGE ROAD 2-4

At the June 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council was provided with a comprehensive review of Policy RC(8) Use and Management of County Reserve Lands. By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to prepare a report regarding amendments to the policy for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

BOAT LAUNCH AT GULL LAKE OR SYLVAN LAKE

At the June 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council was provided with a presentation on Anderson Park Boat Launch and Sylvan Lake Boat Launch. By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to send a request to the Provincial Government for financial support for the Sylvan Lake Boat Launch, as a preliminary step in moving the project forward.

NEW ROAD PAVING

At the June 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, a discussion was held regarding the potential for paving the D & M Road (RR 27-5) between Twp Rd 41-0 and Twp Rd 41-2 due to increased traffic volumes and dust concerns. A discussion was also held regarding recent traffic counts on other roads within the County that have seen increased traffic volumes.

By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to prepare a report and proposal regarding new road paving projects based on traffic volumes for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

REQUEST TO PAVE RANGE ROAD 2-4

Subsequent to a petition received in August 2022 regarding the paving of Range Road 2-4 from Highway 11A to Township Road 39-4 (TWP Rd. 39-4) and further to discussions held at Council meetings in August and October 2022 regarding the matter, recently updated traffic count information has prompted the topic to be revisited by Council.

The County Manager was directed to prepare a report for consideration at a future Council meeting regarding the development of a Transportation (New Pavement) Master Plan for the entire County. The request to pave Rand Road 2-4 will be deferred at this time, for consideration as part of the Master Plan.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UP FUNDING REQUEST

On December 22, 2022 a house in Mirror was destroyed by fire. In preparing for clean-up of the site, the presence of asbestos was identified. In accordance with Occupational Health and Safety requirements, remediation will be required and is the responsibility of the County, given the state of ownership of the property. By resolution of Council, the County Manager was authorized to contract Ask Environmental for remediation work at the subject property at a cost of \$46,445.

TAX PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST

Vantage Point Resources Inc. has requested an allowance to pay its 2023 property taxes over a six-month without incurring penalties. Council defeated a resolution to approve the proposed tax payment plan.

2024 OPERATIONS CAPITAL PURCHASES

The annual fleet evaluation and capital purchase process has identified a need to replace 15 pieces of County equipment.

By resolution of Council, the County Manager was authorized to tender and award for the purchase of the 15 pieces of equipment at an estimated cost of \$4,528,000, and to dispose of the existing units at an estimated trade-in or private sale value of \$1,106,000. The difference between the purchase of the numbers and the sale of the old units, in the amount of \$3,422,000 will be funded from the Operations Equipment Reserve.

PALM BAY ENCROACHMENT

Council reviewed the specifics of the encroachment from Lot 3 within the Palm Bay Subdivision onto adjacent Lacombe County Environmental Reserve Lands as well as the request by Mr. Stoute (property owner) and Mr. Jardine (real estate agent) to consider issuing an encroachment agreement for the alterations and encroachment in question.

A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Encroachment License Agreement with the owner of Lot 3, Block 1, 914MC (Palm Bay) for the structures, landscaping, and other items placed on the environmental reserve adjacent to the subject property was defeated by Council.

By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to order the reclamation of the environmental reserve encroached upon by the owner of Lot 3, Block 1, 914MC (Palm Bay), with such reclamation to be completed within one year of notice.

EN (10) RURAL CRIME WATCH POLICY REVISION

At the June 8, 2023 Council Meeting, Councillor Kreil presented a notice of motion regarding amendments to Policy EN(10) Rural Crime Watch Policy. Councillor Kreil proposed, and it was approved by resolution of Council, that the County Manager revise the said policy to include eligibility for crime prevention initiatives (i.e. restorative justice programs) and present the revised policy for consideration at a future Council meeting.

MOBILE VENDORS AT SANDY POINT

Frank Wilson of Delta Land Co. Inc. has expressed concern with mobile food trucks operating at the beach and boat launch at Sandy Point RV Resort and is requesting that Delta Land Co. be the only authorized provider of food and beverages on-site.

This request, as well as considerations for changes to the mobile vendor policies, will be considered as part of the 2023 Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw matrix review.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF HALF MOON BAY REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT AMENITIES

In response to a request from The Summer Village of Half Moon Bay (SVHMB), and by resolution of Council, Lacombe County provided consent for the SVHMB to

construct a pickleball/sport court and pathway on the described property, in addition to the previously identified future use of a wastewater lift station.

BYLAW NO. 1387/23 MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN & BYLAW 1388/23 LAND USE BYLAW

Council

Bylaw No's. 1387/23 Municipal Development Plan and 1388/23 Land Use Bylaw were given first reading by Council on April 13, 2023. A public hearing was held on May 11, 2023, and Council adjourned the public hearing without closing it, to place the matter on a future Council meeting agenda.

By resolutions of Council, the public hearing for Bylaws 1387/23 and 1388/23 was reconvened and then closed. Council approved resolutions to remove the proposed amendments regarding the number of dwellings on Agricultural 'A' District parcels. Bylaws 1387/23 and 1388/23 received second and third reading and were passed.

SUNALTA POWER PRESENTATION

Council was provided with a presentation from Jacob Goldmann of Sunalta Power regarding the development of solar facilities on Brownfield sites. Council received the presentation for information and directed the County Manager to prepare a report for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC CORRIDORS DISCUSSION

Representatives of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors attended the meeting to discuss common issues and concerns relevant to Lacombe County.

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 & Minutes can be found on our website at www.lacombecounty.com/en/our-government/agendas-and-minutes.aspx



Paid Parking Program

REMINDER: the Paid Parking Program is in effect from May - September at the following locations



Sandy Point Beach

\$3/hour
OR
\$15/day for parking at Sandy Point Beach.



Boat Launches

\$10/day to launch only
\$20/day launch and park
Applies to:
Sandy Point Boat Launch
Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch



Annual Pass

- \$120/year Sandy Point Beach Parking
 - \$160/year Boat Launch & Parking
 - \$80/year Boat Launch ONLY*
- (*doesn't include parking)

Questions? Prepay? Visit www.lacombecounty.com/paidparking

GOLF CARTS & ELECTRIC SCOOTERS - Road Use

DID YOU KNOW



Golf carts and electric scooters are classified as prohibited miniature vehicles under the Traffic Safety Act and Lacombe County Bylaws.

This means that golf carts and electric scooters are strictly prohibited on any highway, including ditches and sidewalks alongside the roadway.



Miniature vehicles may only operate on private property or in relation to electric scooters, where Alberta Transportation has issued a permit with the approval of the municipality.

Failing to obey these rules may not only result in costly fines, but their operation poses a risk to your safety and others.

For more information refer to these links:

GUIDE TO SMALL VEHICLES:
MICROSOFT WORD - SMALL_VEHICLE_BOOKLET_FINAL.DOC (ALBERTA.CA)

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Beach / Boat Launches Paid Parking Program: PAYMENT OPTIONS



Online parking payments for BEACH and BOAT LAUNCH



Lacombe County's Paid Parking Program came into effect on May 1 at the Sandy Point Beach Parking Lot, and the Sandy Point & Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launches.

For details/questions on the parking program, visit <https://www.lacombecounty.com/paidparking>

PARKING PAYMENT INFO

There are four ways that you can pay for parking:

1. Park with the app: Download the HotSpot Parking App on your smartphone to set up an account.
 - Create an account
 - Tap the "Parking" icon
 - Enter the 4-digit code on the sign
 - Choose your length of stay
 - Pay
2. Park with the Fast Tap signs: Use your smartphone to scan the QR code on the signs in our parking lots and pay
 - Scan the QR code with your

- phone's camera
- Enter your license plate number
- Choose your length of stay
- Pay with Apple Pay or Google Pay
3. If you don't have a Smartphone: You can pay online at home (home computer, laptop, iPad, etc.) before your visit.
4. Lacombe County Administration Building: You can also pay for parking in-person at the Lacombe County Administration Building during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm).

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO guarantee that you will get a parking spot if you pay for parking from home or at the County office so, please be sure to arrive early.

I'M HAVING TROUBLE PAYING FOR PARKING. WHO SHOULD I CALL?

If you are having problems with the HotSpot app or Fast Tap option, please contact Hot Spot Support Team DIRECTLY at 1-855-712-5888 or email support@htsp.ca.

You can also learn more about the company and how Hot Spot works, or find technical support online, at www.htsp.ca.

Lacombe Museums host inaugural Treaty 6 flag raising in celebration of National Indigenous People's Day

On June 21st 2023, the Lacombe Museums hosted their first-ever Treaty 6 Flag Raising ceremony as part of the National Indigenous People's Day Celebration. This momentous occasion marks a significant step forward in recognizing and honouring the diverse Indigenous cultures that contribute to our shared heritage. Members of the community, the Lacombe Museums, and City Council were in attendance.

The Lacombe Museums extend their sincere gratitude to the individuals and organizations that have played a vital role in making this day possible, especially Terri Smallboy and Guide Fleury.

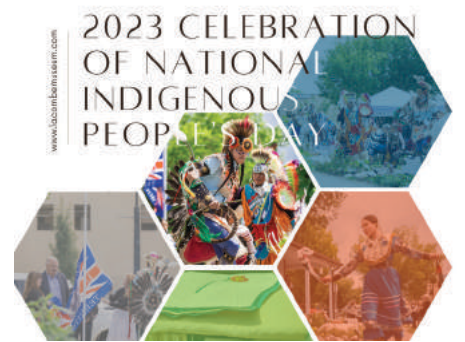
The Treaty 6 Flag Raising ceremony holds immense

significance, symbolizing a commitment to fostering understanding and appreciation for Indigenous traditions and histories. The Lacombe Museums were delighted to welcome friends and guests from Maskwacis, creating an opportunity for attendees to deepen their knowledge and connection with Indigenous cultures. The event was a cultural celebration that showed off the beauty of traditional dance, singing, and drumming. The celebration began with a blessing of the Treaty 6 flag and Michener House site.

While the Michener House Museum is currently closed for a large Reimagination Project aimed at enhancing the sharing of Lacombe's diverse stories, its

interpretation, and the stories it shares, visitors were encouraged to partake in the festivities and explore the Heritage Gardens, a space which highlights the history of the region from the last ice age. The event ended with the sharing of a National Indigenous Peoples Day cake and tea, fostering a spirit of community and connection.

This event was supported by a variety of community sponsors, including FORTIS Alberta, the City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, and the Government of Canada's Celebrate Canada Grant.



Lacombe County Residents: DID YOU KNOW?

Lacombe Connex rides are available to seniors and others unable to access regular transportation because of mobility, age or illness. Connex buses are wheelchair accessible.

WHERE CONNEX TRAVELS:

Connex provides transportation within the City of Lacombe and to Lacombe County rural residents **within a 20 km radius** of the City of Lacombe.

Please Note: Connex **DOES NOT** provide transportation to/from other municipalities within Lacombe County.

COST:

County Trips – Local round trip is \$20.00 (from a rural residence to City of Lacombe)

Medical round trips to Red Deer - \$50.00 plus \$7.50 (Local County trip)

Medical appointments outside of Red Deer Region - \$50.00 per hour

Group or non-medical trips - •\$75.00 per hour

Evenings & Weekends on special request and availability.

BOOKINGS:

Please call 403-786-9000 and leave a message**

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

****Bookings should be made at least 24 hours in advance and are based on space and schedule availability.**

For more information on the Connex transportation service, contact Lacombe Connex at 403-786-9000 or 403-782-6637 or visit

<https://www.lacombecss.net/programs-and-services/seniors/lacombe-connex/>



Lacombe Connex is offered through Lacombe & District FCSS in partnership with the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County.

JOIN US AT AgTalk

A peer support platform for those who work, live and play in agriculture.

POWERED BY togetherall



AgTalk is a safe and anonymous space, powered by Togetherall, where producers, ranchers, and anyone connected to the agricultural industry can connect, share experiences, and receive support from others who truly understand.

What makes AgTalk powered by Togetherall so special?

- **24/7 Monitoring:** AgTalk is closely monitored by experienced clinicians who ensure the platform remains a safe and supportive environment for everyone involved.
- **Peer-to-Peer Support:** Connect with like-minded individuals who live, work, and play in agriculture, sharing insights, stories, and challenges.
- **Safe & Anonymous:** AgTalk provides a judgment-free zone where you can discuss sensitive topics openly, without revealing your identity.

Ready to join AgTalk? It's easy!

Simply visit domore.ag/agtalk to register and become part of this incredible community.



Bentley & District Ag Society

Town & Country Fair August 8 - 13th, 2023

Salute to 60th Anniversary of the Bentley Fair & Rodeo Parade:
Organized by the Sunset Hills Riding Club

Thursday, August 10		Friday, August 11	
10:00 am	Museum Open	7:00 am	Pancake Breakfast
1:00 pm	Parade	10:00 am	Museum Open
2:00 pm	Bench Show	10:00 am	Bench Show
3:00 pm	Junior Rodeo	12:30 pm	Bench Show Presentations
		6:00 pm	Rodeo



Saturday, August 12		Sunday, August 13	
7:00 am	Pancake Breakfast	10:00 am	Church Service
9:00 am	Kroozin' West Show & Shine	10:00 am	Museum Open
10:00 am	Museum Open		
11:00 am	Bentley Fire Department BBQ		
11:00 am	Bentley Library Petting Zoo		
2:00 pm	Bentley Farmer's Market		
6:00 pm	Rodeo		
9:00 pm	Cabaret Dance		
10:15pm	Fireworks		
Dusk	Drive-In Movie		



For dates and times of all events. www.bentleyagsociety.com Like us on 



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Lacombe & District
Family and Community
Support Services



TOOLS for SCHOOLS

Donate or Apply Online
403-782-6637 lacombefcss.net

Through the support of community donors and corporate sponsors, we continue to meet the needs of children and youth in our community.

APPLY OR DONATE ONLINE

APPLY IN JULY!



Donate Today!

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Smash Bros. Tournament

August 26-27

- \$3,000 in prizes
- Smash Bros. Ultimate
- Smash Bros. Melee
- Splatoon 3
- And many side brackets

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- News/Announcements
- Events
- Council Meetings
- Safety Alerts
- Construction Notifications

OR...subscribe to individual pages of interest



More details, including registration, at <https://www.start.gg/tournament/lacombe-dome-anarchy-splatfest/details> (or by scanning the QR code above).

Bentley Stay & Play

Located in the basement of Town Office

We **WELCOME** all Families/Caregivers
with children 0-6 and older children on PD days

Fridays
9:30 to 11:30

Contact Community Services 403.748.2160
OR our facilitator Miss Carolyn
403.704.3315 parentingproactively101@gmail.com

2023

CASINO NOW OPEN!

THE TRACK on 2 INC.
Horse Racing & Event Centre

The Track On 2 - Where you can always bet on the excitement of the race!

BENTLEY BOUTIQUE

Use west entrance beside bay door.
Bentley Long Term Care Facility
4834 - 52 Avenue, Bentley

Open Tues/Thurs 10-12 & 1-3

Items for all ages & sizes.

Next to new clothing donations welcome!

Volunteer Coordinator
Sandy
403.318.0270

Bentley Community Services
403.748.2160

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2:15 p.m. MT
5:15 p.m. MT

Note: Post Times may be modified based on weather conditions

MAILING ADDRESSES for tax notices

If your address has changed - OR IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO RECENTLY MOVED TO LACOMBE COUNTY - ensure Lacombe County has the up-to-date information!

Call 403-782-6601 or email info@lacombecounty.com.

We also recommend **updating the title of your property with Alberta Land Titles**. You can obtain a form from us, by calling 780-427-2742, or online <https://www.alberta.ca/land-titles-overview.aspx> (under Change of address and name).

The Track On 2 is family friendly inside and out (except for the casino floor), and is located at the intersection of Highway 12 and QEII. During racedays, they have activities for kids of all ages. Attendees will enjoy free admission and parking, as well as lots of options for food.

www.gulllakecentre.ca

Summer Camps

Summer is calling!

Discover camps for kids ages 5-18,
just 15 minutes outside of Lacombe.

Sign up now at gulllakecentre.ca

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

Services Offered

- Laundry
- Kitchen
- Bathrooms
- Living Rooms
- Dusting
- Mopping
- Vacuuming
- Meal prep assistance

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- anniversaries
- celebrations of life

- meetings
- weddings
- exercise classes

Visit www.lacombe.ca/lmc or call 403-782-6668

Home of Anna Maria's Cafe, Mary C. Moore Public Library, Lacombe & District FCSS and the Lacombe & District Chamber of Commerce.

Need financial assistance with room rentals?
See if you qualify at lacombe.ca/grants

AROUND THE COUNTY



Open:
Mon. & Wed. 10am - 8pm
Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 10am - 6pm
Sat. 10am - 5pm
Sun. 1pm - 5pm

We have a lot of exciting free programs for all from babies to adults. Check out our socials for our current program calendars and pop up events.

Memberships are free at The Blackfalds Public Library for Blackfalds and Lacombe County residents!

@BLACKFALDSLBRARY



Located in the Eagle Builders Centre
5302 Broadway Avenue
403-885-2343

Summer Reading Program Activities!

July 24 @ 10:30 (30 min) All Age Story Time @ 11:00 - 1:30 pm - Oculus Quest, Code-a-pillar, crafts and activities in the program room
July 25 @ 10:30 (30 min) - Baby & Toddler Time @ 11:00 - 1:30 - Oculus Quest, crafts and activities in the program room
July 27 @ 11:15 (30 min) - Music & Movement class @ 2 - 4:30 - Crafts and Activities in the Program Room. Drop in.
July 28 @ 2 (92 min) - Movie - The Super Mario Bros.
July 31 @ 10:30 (30 min) - Baby & Toddler Time @ 11:15 (30 min) - All Age Story Time
Aug 1 @ 10:30 & 11:30 - Medicine River Wildlife Centre @ 3:30 (1 Hr.) - Lego Club
Aug 4 @ 2 (107 min) - Movie - Moana
Aug 8 @ 10:30 (30 Min) - Baby & Toddler Time
Aug 11 @ 2 (113 min) - Movie - Zathura

Check our socials for more!

Mary C Moore Public Library

Card Making Workshop

Make your own greeting cards using a variety of stamping and paper crafting techniques. Registration required. Call or email to register.

403-782-3433 miranda.cl@prl.ab.ca

Fee is \$10/5 cards

SATURDAY
AUG 12

9:00am-12:00pm
Kinsmen Room (LMC)



WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

SUMMER 2023

Baby Clinic Summer Update: During July and August there will be no clinics, to book routine child immunizations. Please call: Stettler Health Unit, 403-742-3326.

Summer Day Camps-

Join us for fun themes, free activities and community adventures for ages 5-18, 1PM-4PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from July 4- August 31! No registration required, meet at the Community Connections Activity Centre (Bay 2).

Rock Ninja: Monthly Prizes in July and August!-

Get out in the community and bring the rocks you find back to the Centre, for a chance to win. Draws will be on the last Thursday of the month!

Sign-up for Swimming Lessons: July 17 to 21 or August 14 to 18 -

Swimming lessons for children and youth ages 5+ at Stettler Rec Centre... Cost: \$90 per child for the week (Includes Lessons and Bussing). Drop-off at 9:45AM daily at the Centre and return by 1PM.

NEW! Cub Crew (Community Connections)-

Join us this summer for some parent/ child adventures, ages 0-6, older siblings welcome. Every Thursday in July & August from 10AM-12PM and *Extra days on select Tuesdays, 11AM-12PM* (July 4, 11, 25 & August 1, 8). Contact if you plan to attend, frnlacombe@gmail.com or 403-896-3915.

Connecting Clans: Summer Plans-

The next events are on July 31 (Kickball) and August 28 (Back to School Block Party), 6:30PM-8:30PM, all ages are welcome!

Check out the lineup of Adult/Senior Outings and Youth trips this summer!

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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www.alixcrc.com



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AT THE LIBRARY



MARY C. MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY
LACOMBE, ALBERTA

What:

- A Six Session Introduction to Dungeons and Dragons

Who:

- Teens aged 13+
- Beginners as well as experienced players welcome

Where:

- Kinsmen Program Room above the library

When:

- July 22 & 29; August 5, 12, 19 & 26
- Six Saturdays in July and August
- 3-5PM

Other Details:

- No supplies needed
- Registration required: Sign up via the link on Facebook and our website, or at the circulation desk
- Free!
- Space limited to 7 players for this intro session



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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

AROUND THE COUNTY



LINCOLN HALL RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Kathy Kamlah has been our dedicated custodian for 32 remarkable years and her husband Tony has been by her side serving with her, all the way. We express our sincere gratitude and admiration for Kathy and Tony's unwavering dedication, which has left an indelible mark on the Lincoln Hall and the surrounding community.

Throughout their tenures, Kathy and Tony's commitment and passion have been a driving force behind our community hall's success. They have been instrumental in fostering a welcoming and inclusive space that has brought people together, creating cherished memories and forging strong connections.

As Kathy and Tony embark on a new chapter of their life, we wish them endless joy, relaxation, and fulfillment. May their retirement be filled with the serenity they deserve and the countless blessings they have earned.

Thank you, Kathy and Tony, for 32 years of unwavering dedication and selfless service. You have made an indelible impact, and we will forever hold a special place for you in our hearts.

JULY & AUGUST

MARY C. MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adult & Family Programs

JULY 4 MCMPL Book Club: discussion meeting <i>Migrations</i> 7pm Read & Relax Area in the Library	JULY 6 Family Craft Night 6:30pm in the Kinsmen Room	JULY 8 LEGO in the Library 10:30 am *Drop-in* For Families Kinsmen Room	JULY 11 & 25 Adult Summer Craft Club 2:30 pm OR 6:30pm Kinsmen Room	JULY 13 Book Talk: NF Club discussion meeting: <i>Precious Cargo</i> 7pm Read&Relax Area in the Library
JULY 21 Nailed It! Paint Night 6:30pm in the Kinsmen Room	AUG 1 MCMPL Book Club: discussion meeting <i>Paris Apartment</i> 7pm Read & Relax Area in the Library	AUG 3 Family Craft Night 6:30pm Windchimes in the Kinsmen Room	AUG 8 & 22 Adult Summer Craft Club 2:30 pm OR 6:30pm Kinsmen Room	AUG 10 Book Talk: NF Club discussion meeting: <i>Finding the Mother Tree</i> 7pm Read&Relax Area in the Library
AUG 12 Cardmaking Saturday 9am-noon in the Kinsmen Room	AUG 23 Family Movie Matinee 3pm in the Kinsmen Room	AUG 31 Where the Wild Books Are: Book Club The Living Home: discussion meeting 6:30pm Read & Relax	Summer Reading Challenge: for Adults and Teens. More info available at the library or email miranda.cl@prlab.ca . Ends Sept 1st Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for Teens: Saturdays 3-5pm July 22: Aug 26 in Kinsmen Room. Contact Kirstin Monthly Programs: Library Spice Subscription: ready for pick up mid-month, for registered subscribers Knit and Stitch: This is a drop in club for knitters, crochet-ers, and other makers every Monday at 11am OR 7pm in the Library *All children's and adult craft programs require pre-registration unless otherwise noted	

More information on these programs on our website: lacombelibrary.com
 Program Coordinators:
 Miranda miranda.cl@prlab.ca Kirstin kbouwsema@prlab.ca
 call us 403-782-3433

MUSIC in the park

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM
 AT THE ECHO STAGE, LACOMBE MEMORIAL CENTRE

JUNE 7: RANDI BOULTON	JUNE 14: FLAT IRON JAZZ BAND
JUNE 21: STRINGS GALORE	JUNE 28: MEMPHIS MAFIA
JULY 1: BLUEPRINT	JULY 5: FLASHBACK FREDDY
JULY 12: ALECIA AICHELE	JULY 19: FUNHOUSE
JULY 26: THE ROJO'S	AUGUST 2: BOOTS & THE HOOTS
AUGUST 9: BOBBY GOSSE	AUGUST 16: SQUIDJIGGER
AUGUST 23: KAYLA WILLIAMS & THE YACHT DADDIES	AUGUST 30: TAP9

VISIT LACOMBEPAC.COM FOR MORE INFO

2023 CHAMBER AWARDS

This year, as part of the annual Chamber Business Awards we would like to celebrate the best businesses in Bentley, Clive, Eckville!

Do you have a favourite local business?

This could be:

- Your favourite Bentley, Clive, or Eckville store
- A company with the friendliest staff
- A business that does a lot for the community
- A company that has a great reputation, reaching beyond Central Alberta,
- A local company that is a leader in its field

NOMINATE Farm Family of the year through Lacombe County

Nominations will be open NOW until midnight on Friday, July 7th 2023

To nominate a business please either go to www.lacombechamber.ca or drop an email to info@lacombechamber.ca

The winner will be announced at the Chamber Gala on Friday, October 20th

Root for your Community...

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Reasons to VOLUNTEER

- Develop skills and confidence, gain work experience
- Meet new people, network, and help others
- Influence your community, find purpose and fulfillment
- Connect your family with the community
- Enrich your mental and physical wellbeing

For more information visit:
www.lacombe/volunteer

GET YOUR KIDS IN HOCKEY

The KidSport Oil Country Hockey Assist Program wants to get kids out of the stands and onto the ice by alleviating the costs associated with playing hockey! Eligible families will get their registration fees covered and gain access to no-cost equipment through Sport Central. #SoALLKidsCanPlay

LEARN MORE AT KIDSPORTHAP.CA

AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	AUG 1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Heritage Day (OFFICE CLOSED)	8	9	10	11 County News Submission Deadline	12
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20	21	22	23	24 County Council 9AM	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	SEPT 1	2

Upcoming Events:

September 4: Labour Day (Office Closed) September 14: County Council September 28: County Council
September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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!

100-YEAR FARM FAMILY RECOGNITION



Lacombe County celebrates the contributions of local farm families who have worked in Lacombe County through generations with the 100-Year Farm Family program.

To get your sign, contact Lacombe County (403-782-6601). Participants will have the option of sharing the history of their farm through the County News and social media channels.

Follow us online, and stay up-to-date on Lacombe County news, events and other information!



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Community Services - 403-782-8959

Operations - 403-782-8379

Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

General

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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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Call 403-782-6601
to speak with the
County Manager
or with a Lacombe
County Director

Council

Home

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