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Farewell from Reeve Barb Shepherd

A reflection on 12 years of learning, leading, and sisterly lessons in government.

When I was elected to Lacombe County Council in October 2013 to represent Division 3, I had no idea how much I would learn — or how little I really knew about local government.

To the residents of Division 3, thank you for placing your confidence in me for the past 12 years. It has been a privilege to serve and represent you.

LEARNING TO FIND MY PLACE IN THE FAMILY OF GOVERNMENT

If I could describe municipal government in one phrase, it would be: the little sister in a family of three.

At the top, the federal government — the “big sibling” who makes the grand decisions and often gets the attention. In the middle, the province — the “big sister,” who sets most of the rules, takes the lead on big-picture issues, and sometimes forgets to check in with her younger sibling. And

then there’s us — municipalities — the little sister who does her best to keep the household running smoothly.

We’re responsible for the roads and bridges people drive on every day, the water that flows in and out of many of our industrial and commercial parks, and the parks and playgrounds that families enjoy. We collect property taxes, not just for ourselves, but also for education, senior housing, and policing on behalf of our “big sister.”

But unlike our older siblings, we can’t borrow for our operating needs or run a deficit. Our allowance — property taxes — has to stretch to cover it all. And even when we cry, pout, or plead for change, we’re often reminded who makes the rules. Sometimes, we get a pat on the head. Other times, we’re told to “figure it out.” Over the years, I’ve learned that sometimes being the little sister means learning to work twice as hard to be heard.

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Municipal Elections 2025 | What you need to know and why your vote matters!

Lacombe County residents will head to the polls this fall as part of Alberta’s municipal election on Monday, October 20, 2025.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

The official list of candidates is posted on the Lacombe County website. Be sure to visit www.lacombecounty.com/elections for the most up-to-date information, voter requirements AND to view Candidate Profiles (new for this election).

ELECTION DAY VOTING STATIONS

Election Day is October 20, 2025. There is a possibility that not every division in Lacombe County will necessarily have an election this year, for example, if only one person is running for office in a division.

Once nominations close and candidates are confirmed, we will share a complete list of Election Day voting stations.

You can find this information:

- On the Lacombe County website (www.lacombecounty.com/elections)
- On our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)
- In local newspapers
- On Page 3 of the County News

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to vote in the election if:

- You are at least 18 years old,
- You are a Canadian Citizen, and
- You reside in Alberta, and your usual place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day.

VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

All registered voters are required to show valid government issued identification containing the voters name and photograph.

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Farewell from Reeve Barb Shepherd (cont. from front)

GROWING PAINS AND TOUGH LESSONS

One of those “big sister” moments came when the Province required all municipalities — urban and rural alike — to develop Intermunicipal Collaborative Frameworks. These agreements were meant to define how neighbours would “play nice in the sandbox” by sharing services and revenue. For Lacombe County, that meant 15 separate agreements.

Like any little sister, we rolled up our sleeves and got it done — on time and in good faith — even as many others across Alberta struggled to meet the deadline.

Then came the issue of unpaid property taxes from oil and gas companies. When our big sister sided with industry, it left many rural municipalities struggling with millions in unpaid taxes. While Lacombe County was fortunate compared to others, the experience was a reminder that the family dynamic doesn’t always feel fair — and that even when you’re right, sometimes the bigger sibling’s voice carries louder.

The debate about creating a provincial police force was another example of this sibling push and pull. Over the past 12 years, I’ve seen the relationship between municipalities and the RCMP improve dramatically. County Council now meets regularly with K Division leadership and local detachments — something that would have been unthinkable years ago. Perhaps, in this case, big sister’s idea had some merit.

And then there’s fire protection — something municipalities aren’t even required to provide under the Municipal Government Act, yet nearly all do. It’s a vital, costly, and increasingly complex service. Our firefighters are no longer volunteers, but “paid on-call” professionals who meet provincial standards and face strict rules for training and equipment. Once again,

big sister sets the bar, and little sister works tirelessly to meet it — because keeping our residents safe matters most.

WHAT I’VE LEARNED FROM FAMILY

Through it all, I’ve learned that being the “little sister” has its advantages. We’re close to the people we serve. We’re nimble. We adapt quickly. And we care deeply about doing what’s right for our communities.

I’ve had the privilege of working alongside councillors who share that same commitment — people who debate passionately, listen openly, and, in the end, come together for the good of the whole family. We haven’t always agreed, but we’ve always respected one another and focused on what unites us rather than what divides us. That’s the true strength of local government.

To my fellow councillors — past and present — thank you for the collaboration, the challenges, and the camaraderie. I’ve learned so much from each of you.

GRATITUDE FOR THE TEAM BEHIND THE SCENES

To the incredible staff of Lacombe County — thank you. You’re the unsung heroes who make it all work. Every day, you show up ready to serve, solve problems, and take on challenges — even when you’re the ones answering for decisions you didn’t make.

Whether you’ve been here for decades or just joined the team, I see the same dedication and pride in every corner of the organization. You are the reason the County continues to thrive.

THE JOURNEY AND THE JOY

The past 12 years have been some of the most challenging, rewarding, and fulfilling years of my

life. Serving as Reeve for the past four years has been an incredible honour.

One of my greatest honours has been celebrating the Farm Family of the Year recipients—families who truly embody the heart and spirit of rural Alberta. This award holds special meaning for me, as it offers the opportunity to connect with the people who form the backbone of our community.

Chairing nearly 100 meetings certainly tested my patience (and my stamina!), but it also gave me opportunities I’ll cherish forever. This includes representing the County to receive the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 4 Friends of Education Award in November 2024 for our support of the Wolf Creek Public Schools (WCPS) social worker and School Resource Officer (SRO) programs, hosting international ambassadors on a bus tour of Lacombe County, attending the opening of the Burns Nature Park.

And as fate would have it, my final event as Reeve was the grand opening of Dairy Innovation West — a project six years in the making, and a perfect reminder that great things take time, teamwork, and trust.

THANK YOU, LACOMBE COUNTY

As I step away from municipal life, I do so with deep gratitude — for the lessons learned, the people I’ve met, and the memories made.

Being the “little sister” hasn’t always been easy. But it’s made us resilient, resourceful, and I’m proud of the role local government plays in shaping our everyday lives.

Thank you, Lacombe County — for letting me be part of this family. It’s been an honour to serve you.

— Barb Shepherd
Reeve, Lacombe County



NOTICE OF ELECTION & Requirements for Voter Identification

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

Local Jurisdiction: **LACOMBE COUNTY**, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given:

A. That an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office	Number of Vacancies	Electoral Division Number
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 1
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 3
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 4
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 5
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 6

Voting will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 10 AM and 8 PM. Voting stations will be located at:

County Division 1	Alix Community Hall (5008 - 49 Ave., Alix) Haynes Hall (Haynes Road (SE 4-39-24-W4))
County Division 3	Blackfalds Community Centre (4810 Womacks Rd., Blackfalds) Joffre Skate Building (36 Railway Ave., Joffre (SE 13-41-25-W4))
County Division 4	Kozy Korner (5024 - 53 St., Lacombe) Morningside Hall (4914 - 50 St., Morningside (NE 35-41-26-W4))
County Division 5	Gull Lake Hall (25 Lakeview Ave., Summer Village of Gull Lake) Lincoln Hall (Sec. Hwy. 792 (Lincoln Road) (NW 24-41-28-W4)) Woodynook Christian Reformed Church (40104 Range Rd. 281)
County Division 6	Wellness and Community Connections Centre (4725 - 43 Street, Sylvan Lake) Forshee Hall (Rge Rd. 2-0 (NE 25-41-2-W5)) Blindman Valley Ag Centre (5202 - 53 St. Close, Bentley)

In order to vote, you must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

For a complete list of Voter Eligibility Identification Requirements please visit www.lacombecounty.com.

DATED at Lacombe County in the Province of Alberta, this 23rd day of September 2025.



Michelle Eadie, Returning Officer
returningofficer@lacombecounty.com
403-872-7143
www.lacombecounty.com

Do you have outstanding 2025 taxes?

November 30 deadline fast approaching; 10% penalty will be applied to all unpaid taxes

An additional 10% penalty will be added on December 1 for all taxes unpaid after November 30, 2025.

The November 30 deadline and penalty are not applicable to property owners currently enrolled in the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP).

How can I pay my taxes?

Tax payments are payable to Lacombe County 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 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
 - Deposited in the envelope mailbox located at the road entrance to the County office (do not submit cash).
- **Through Your Financial Institution:** Payments can be made at most financial institutions through internet or telephone banking.
 - Set up Lacombe County as a bill payee using roll number for taxes, utility account number for utilities.
 - Each roll and utility account number needs to be set up individually, or payments may be misapplied.
- **Electronic funds transfer (EFT):** Businesses, please contact the office if interested in paying by EFT.
- **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 (TIPP) will see their payment adjusted, annually in May to reflect the new tax rates for the current year.

You can pay your bills through the teller service, bank machine, internet or telephone.

Please Note: To ensure your payments are credited to your account, please remember to include the top "tear-away" portion of your assessment and tax notice, or provide your 10 Digit Tax Roll Number with your payment.

If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Lacombe County.

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Samples of common identification:

Alberta Drivers Licence, Canadian Passport, Canadian Citizenship Card, Canadian Forces ID card, Veterans Health Care ID card, First Nation Membership card, Métis Nation of Alberta Citizenship card.

All non-registered voters will be required to complete a statement of elector eligibility and show valid government issued identification containing a photograph, name, and current physical home address. If unable to produce government issued photo identification, you'll be required to provide valid ID with your name and address (showing your physical home address), such as a bank statement, personal cheque, mortgage statement, income tax assessment or vehicle ownership/registration.

WHY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS MATTER

Municipal governments play a direct role in your daily life. They are responsible for services such as road maintenance, snow removal, water distribution, municipal planning and development, fire services, parks and trails, bylaw enforcement, and property taxes. The decisions made by the County Council shape the future of our communities and affect how services are delivered.

By casting your ballot, you are helping to choose the leaders who will make decisions about the services and infrastructure you rely on every day. Your vote ensures your voice is heard in shaping the future of Lacombe County.

Fire Prevention Week

Celebrating the people who make up the Lacombe County Fire Service

Lacombe County is incredibly proud of the dedicated men and women who make up our Fire Services. These volunteers and staff members are always ready to respond — whether it's to a structure fire, a vehicle collision, or another emergency — often putting themselves in harm's way to protect others.

Their commitment doesn't end there. Throughout the year, our firefighters invest many hours into training, ensuring they

have the skills and knowledge needed to respond safely and effectively when the call comes.

On behalf of Lacombe County Council, staff and community, thank you for your professionalism, courage, and dedication to serving our communities. Your efforts make Lacombe County a safer place for all of us.

ALIX FIRE DEPARTMENT



L-R: Cody Niehaus, Chief Corrie Anderson, Ian Andrews, Gordon Schmidt, Katte Felt, Eric Sani, Justinn Moen.

Missing: Quinten Plunkett, Jill Hillman, Alan Zimmer, Lt. Cody Kromm, Trish Verveda, Angela Duffin, Sarah Mansell, Colin Fedun.

BENTLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT



Back Row L-R: Celine Leikeim, Allan Hutchison, Ian McLaren, Thomas Jasonson, Chris McLaren

Front Row L-R: Trinity Dojahn, Stephanie Anderson, Cayla Kenyon

Missing: Brian Kasper, Stephen Lush, Ty Schneider, Erin Vert, Jeff Vert, Jonathan Weeks, Curtis Dojahn

CLIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Back Row L-R: Scott Van Dijk, Clay Duffy, David Dubourt, Tanner Mast

Front Row L-R: Dwayne Rowley, Riley Sharp, Cody Zaytsoff, Chief Steve Zaytsoff

Missing: Delaney Fellhauer, Tye Fellhauer, Monte Zaytsoff, Daryl Friesen, Riley Mast, Shelby Krochak, Jordan Damberger, Kory Brooks, Kevin Tomy

ECKVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Back Row L-R: Stuart Carde, John Philips, Ryan Dixon, Scott Finkbiener, Jordan Ramsay, Jordan McKinnon, Dominic Hoven.

Front Row L-R: Halyn Campeau, Brett Burak, Vanessa Buziak, Kimberly Dyrland, Ian McLaren.

Missing: Ryan Pregoda, Don Smyth, Logan Dyrland, Sabrina Philips, Aaron Klippenstein, Josh Cretien, Ryan Krook

SAFETY FIRST

We want YOU! Consider being a firefighter

As the school year begins and with Fire Prevention Week approaching, Lacombe County is putting out a call for new paid-on-call firefighters to bolster its fire departments. The need is especially pressing in the communities of Alix, Eckville, Bentley, and Clive, where daytime coverage is essential.

Dave Bain, the Manager of Fire and Emergency Services for Lacombe County, emphasizes the importance of local involvement, noting that having a strong, community-based fire service is crucial to maintaining safety and rapid response times.

Interested in giving back to your community, being part of a well-trained team, and taking on an exciting challenge? Consider joining Lacombe County's fire services as a paid-on-call firefighter. This role offers a unique opportunity to make a real difference in your community while developing valuable skills and working alongside a dedicated team.

Lacombe County's fire services rely on individuals who can respond quickly to emergencies and to increase the number of trained members to meet the growing demands of the community. The County is particularly interested in recruiting people who are available during the day when many current members are unavailable due to work commitments outside their communities.

The County encourages individuals available during daytime/school hours to consider joining the fire services. This includes:

- Individuals who work from home
- Stay-at-home parents
- Freelancers
- Remote employees
- Entrepreneurs running a home-based business

Their participation could provide a valuable boost to our local fire departments.

Requirements to become a paid-on-call firefighter include:

- Being 18 years of age or older
- Holding a valid class 5 driver's license
- Maintaining physical fitness
- Living or working within the response areas in/around Alix, Eckville, Bentley, or Clive

In addition to these requirements, **paid-on-call firefighters are expected to attend at least 50% of the scheduled training sessions and be available to respond to 25% of the emergency calls.**

For those interested in making a difference in their community, more details and the full list of requirements and responsibilities can be found on the Lacombe County website: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/firefighters>. You can also email lcfs@lacombecounty.com to get more information or to express your interest in signing up.

Lacombe County Fire Services urges residents to know the risks of lithium-ion batteries

October 5-11, 2025 is National Fire Prevention Week, and this year's theme is "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." It highlights how important it is to buy, charge, and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely.

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day — smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few — are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this type of battery.

If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. To reduce these risks, look around your home — it's important to know which devices are powered by them. "Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they're just about everywhere," said (your name, title).

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign helps people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach."

BUY ONLY LISTED PRODUCTS.

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets important safety standards.
- Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

CHARGE DEVICES SAFELY.

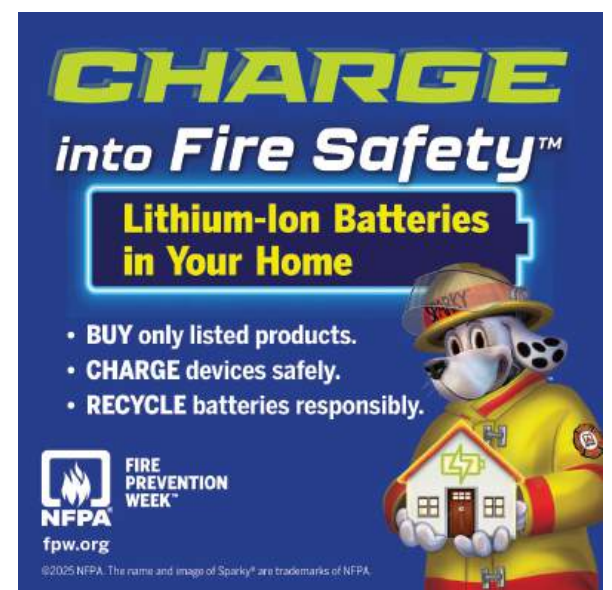
- Always use the cords that came with the product to charge it. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.
- Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

RECYCLE BATTERIES RESPONSIBLY.

- Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.
- **Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission accepts all batteries at our sites for recycling. Please ask the attendant where batteries can be safely placed. Do NOT place batteries in the Rubble Bins or the Compactor Hopper (see Page 22 for more details).**

Lacombe County Fire Service encourages all residents to be aware of their devices, follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach, and support this year's FPW theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™."

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and lithium-ion battery safety, visit fpw.org.



Celebrating Small Business Week in Lacombe County

Every year, in the third week of October, Canada recognizes Small Business Week. A national celebration that shines a spotlight on the hard-working entrepreneurs who power our communities. Organized by the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC), the week is dedicated to highlighting the vital role that small businesses play in strengthening local economies, creating jobs, and driving innovation across the country.

In Lacombe County, small businesses are the backbone of our rural economy. From family farms and home-based entrepreneurs to manufacturers, tradespeople, and tourism operators, these businesses fuel growth, create opportunity, and add to the character of our community. Small Business Week is an opportunity to pause and celebrate their contributions and to encourage residents to show their support.

This week, the Economic Development team is challenging everyone to support small and shop local. Take the time to visit your favourite small business, or accept the challenge to learn about another business you may not have known about within the County. Every purchase, visit, or word of encouragement makes a difference, not just for the business but for the entire community.

While we celebrate Small Business Week in October, Lacombe County's commitment to supporting local business continues year-round. Through the Business Recognition Program, the County proudly acknowledges businesses that have served the community for 10, 25, and 50 years. And for those just starting out, the County is always eager to help mark the beginning of a new journey with a ribbon-cutting celebration.



Small businesses are the heart of our local economy and a reflection of the people who live, work, and invest here. This week, and every week, Lacombe County celebrates the entrepreneurs, innovators, and dreamers who make our community stronger.

If your business is celebrating a milestone or is just getting started, reach out to Lacombe County's Economic Development team to learn more about how Lacombe County can help celebrate your success.



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MIRROR CORNER



SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MIRROR

WAYS TO ACCESS:

1. Stop in to the Mirror Community Library for a referral

2. CONTACT IN PERSON or BY PHONE EITHER

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

All Ages

Print/ Copy/ Fax & Technology Services
Community Services and Events
Volunteer Services
Wellness Services

Child, Youth & Family

School Setting Supports
Youth Summer Programs
Afterschool Program

Senior & Adult

Seniors In-Home Supports
Seniors Outreach Workers
Transportation to Medical Appointments
Adult Education and Career Planning

Social Services

Food Hampers
Information & Form Support
Assistance in Navigating Systems and Accessing Services
Meals on Wheels

In Alix:

FREE Weekly Veggies
Puzzle Exchange

In Bashaw:

Medical Clinic NOW OPEN!



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



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



Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror **NEW** Lacombe County has introduced a more flexible dog-tag licensing system for residents of Mirror. Any new licenses issued will be valid for the lifetime of the dog. Existing licenses will remain valid until renewal, at which point dog owners must obtain a lifetime tag under the new structure.

Lifetime license fees:

- \$25 – Dog that is both altered and microchipped
- \$75 – Dog that is either altered or microchipped
- \$150 – Dog that is unaltered and not microchipped
- \$15 – Replacement dog tag

If you receive a violation notice under the Dog Control Bylaw, you can pay it within 30 days to receive a 50% discount; after that period,

the full penalty applies.

To order your new tag or view full bylaw details, visit lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol or call 403-782-8959.

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 issues 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.

Mirror and District Museum

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

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: Wednesday 1-5 PM
2nd & 4th Saturday 11 AM - 3 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).

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.

OPERATIONS

ELLIS NATURE CENTRE

Do you have a box like this on your fenceline?

If you are a landowner hosting an ENC Mountain Bluebird nest box such as this one,

please contact us at 403-885-4477

or info@ellisnature-centre.ca. We are looking to update our information so that we can provide private landowners details regarding what it means to be a part of our seasonal mountain bluebird monitoring program. With changes in landownership, we may not have your contact information.

If you have any questions, please call us. Thank you for your continuous support towards bluebird conservation!



Ellis
Nature Centre

IMPORTANT BRIDGE RESTRICTIONS Highway 50 over Parlby Creek

Bridge Restrictions are in place on Highway 50 over Parlby Creek (BF 1423, near Tees) following a recent inspection by Alberta Transportation. The inspection found significant structural issues, including broken stirrups and concrete deterioration.

NEW RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE:

- Speed limit reduced – from 100 km/h to 60 km/h across the bridge.
- Load limits were revised, and updated postings are in effect on-site (heavier vehicles will be restricted).

Please slow down, follow posted signs, and plan your route accordingly when travelling through this area.



Tarp your load – Keep Lacombe County clean and safe

When heading to one of Lacombe County's Waste Transfer Stations, please remember to tarp your load.

While there is no bylaw requiring tarping in Lacombe County, we strongly encourage all residents to secure and tarp their loads—not only as a courtesy to others, but to help keep our community clean and safe.

WHY TARP YOUR LOAD?

Prevent roadside litter:

Unsecured waste can easily blow out of vehicles, ending up in County ditches and fields, harming the environ-

ment and increasing cleanup costs.

Protect other drivers:

Loose material falling off a vehicle can create serious hazards for others on the road.

We all have a role to play in preserving the beauty and safety of Lacombe County. Thank you for doing your part by securing your load.

For more information about Waste Transfer Stations, visit: <https://www.lrwsc.ca/>.

Fairview Cemetery Expansion Phase 1B

Construction on the Fairview Cemetery Expansion Project will resume this fall.

Construction in the northeast section of the cemetery will include:

- Installation of concrete grave runners
- Placement of benches for reflection and rest
- Softscaping (plants) to enhance the natural setting
- Creation of a scattering garden

Graveside services will continue to take place throughout the project, with the project slated to be completed by summer 2026.



Log on to lacombe.ca/cemetery to learn more today.

ENVIRONMENT

PHOTO CONTEST



*Send us your pictures for the 2025
ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST!*

1st Place \$400 | 2nd Place \$200 | 3rd Place \$100

CONTEST RUNS FROM OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 31.

Rules and entry form are available online: www.lacombecounty.com.

QUESTIONS? Email jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com or call 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](#).

GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

EXPLORING THE PANTANAL WITH MYRNA PEARMAN

Join Myrna on a photographic journey through the world's largest wetland – the Pantanal in Brazil. From Jaguars to Jacanas, and from Toucans to Tapirs, learn about this remarkably interesting and diverse part of the world.



Saturday, November 15 @ 7:00 PM
Kinsmen Program Room, Mary C Moore Public Library, Lacombe, AB

Free
Door Prizes
Refreshments

Sponsored by the
Friends of the Mary
C Moore Public
Library



Myrna Pearman is a retired biologist as well as a best-selling author, enthusiastic nature photographer and writer, kayaker and backroads ramblers. She is a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, is the Resident Naturalist for Mother Nature's Seed, and is actively involved with the Red Deer River Naturalists.



Fall is the best time to test for radon

As the weather cools and we begin closing up our homes for the season, now is the perfect time to test for radon.

WHAT IS RADON?

Radon is a colourless, odourless, radioactive gas that comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It can enter homes through cracks in foundations, sump pumps, drains, and other openings. Because it is invisible and has no smell, the only way to know if your home has radon is to test for it.

WHY TEST IN FALL AND WINTER?

When our windows and doors are closed, radon is more likely to accumulate indoors. This makes the cooler months the most accurate time to test. Health Canada recommends testing for a minimum of three months between October and April.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Long-term exposure to high levels of radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada after smoking.

Testing your home is simple, inexpensive, and could protect your family's health.

HOW TO TEST:

- Purchase a do-it-yourself test kit (available online or at many hardware stores).
- Consider hiring a certified radon professional.

If high levels are found, mitigation systems are available and effective.

Protect your family this fall—make radon testing part of your seasonal routine.

For more information on radon and testing options, visit Health Canada's Radon webpage, or check out Alberta Lung Association or the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (CARST).

AGRICULTURE

Clubroot of Canola

What is it?

Clubroot is a serious soil-borne disease of canola, mustard, and other crops of the cabbage family.

Why is it of concern?

This disease is capable of significantly reducing yield, quality, and may destroy a crop if infestation is high enough.

How can it be spread?

Infested soil can be carried field to field by farm machinery especially tillage equipment, as well as wind and water erosion.

How long can it persist in the soil?

Resting spores are extremely long lived and may survive in soil for up to 20 years.

Best Management Practices

- Use Clubroot resistant varieties when growing canola in areas only where the disease is established.
- Use long rotation breaks (Three years or more) between canola crops.
- Practice good sanitation of equipment and machinery to restrict the movement of potentially contaminated soil.
- Use direct seeding and other soil conservation practices to reduce soil erosion.
- Minimize vehicle and equipment traffic to and from fields.
- Scout canola fields regularly and carefully. Identify causes of wilting, stunting, yellowing, and premature ripening.



INSPECTION NOTICE

Lacombe County Clubroot of Canola Inspections

Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board will be conducting random Clubroot of Canola Inspections as per County Policy AG(11) Clubroot of Canola.

With the increased spread of Clubroot of Canola within Central Alberta, canola growers must remain vigilant to limit the spread and minimize the economic impacts of Clubroot of Canola.

Symptoms include patches of premature ripening plants, shrivelled unfilled seed pods, and galls present on the plant's root system.

Swathing operations provide an excellent opportunity to scout for the presence of Clubroot of Canola, as well as sclerotinia, and blackleg. If you spot patches of prematurely ripened Canola in your field, take a minute to pull some standing plants or stubble and inspect the root system.

If you have any questions or concerns contact:

Mike Bates, Manager of Agriculture & Environmental Services, mbates@lacombecounty.com / 403.782.8959

Field to field yield to trains



Farm machinery operators need to stay alert where field and farmstead access roads cross train tracks. These farm crossings are largely passive (no warning lights, bells, gates or signs).

Stop safely at all farm crossings



- Because of their size, trains appear to be much further away and travelling much slower than their actual speed.
- Stop no closer than 5 metres from the nearest rail.
- While stopped, look carefully in each direction for approaching trains, moving head and eyes to see around obstructions such as mirrors, windshield pillars and implements.

Is it safe to go?

- Make sure there is enough room on the other side of the train track or tracks to fully clear without stopping.
- Make sure that any towed machinery does not become unhitched while crossing.
- Watch during the crossing that no loaded material becomes dislodged and falls onto the train tracks.



Remember!

- Some farm machinery does not transport well across farm crossings.
- Do not attempt a crossing with low-slung machinery that can become lodged on crossings.
- Before moving new machinery over farm crossings, make sure it can be safely moved over the crossing.





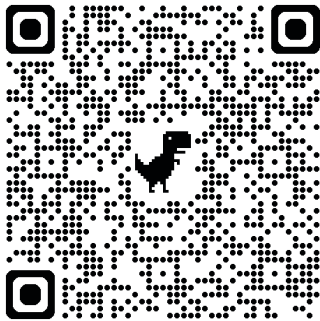



How to convert a low-yielding “Low Spot” in your field, to a \$100/acre/year (net) ALUS project

By Ken Lewis, ALUS Coordinator

Maybe this year, after an “average” rainfall season, you noticed again those low spots in your fields, that yielded poorly during harvest.

Those areas could be costing you money. Research continues to try to figure out just how much. For example, see the [work being done right now at Olds College](#) (Scan the QR code for details)



As research continues, you likely already know some of the marginal areas in your crop fields that cost you money.

You could decide to change these acres from marginal crop producing, to producing increased ecosystem services, apply to enroll them in ALUS, and get paid for them: up to \$100 / acre per year.

Some options to consider for these marginal areas include:

- Low spots that dry out in a few days / weeks: simply farm around them: turn off the equipment, drive around if you have to, leave a little “space for nature” (see photo). Or, if you need to, seed them to native (or tame) forage, that is tolerant of the soil and moisture conditions found there.



An ALUS-enrolled ephemeral wetland in a bean field in Red Deer County. This wetland is providing ecosystem services like water storage and infiltration, and wildlife habitat.

- Areas around permanent / semi-permanent water bodies that are often too wet / soft to get equipment in: seed them to native or tame forages, to create a buffer between your good cropland and the water body
- Planting native flowering plants for habitat / food for our native pollinators like bumblebees.
- Planting native trees and shrubs like willows to enhance habitat for wildlife.

If you want to do things like this with ALUS, you can also apply for 50% of the total value of “establishing” these projects. This means you could get 50% of the value back from ALUS, for seeding the forage, planting the trees, etc. This “establishment cost share” is over-and-above the ALUS annual payments.

To find out more, please call me at 403-505-9038 or email me at klewis@rdcounty.ca

Water Well Management for Well Owners

Get information and resources on how to manage and protect your water well. The key to a safe, secure water supply is proper well management - learn how at these free virtual workshops.

Workshop 1:

Getting to know your well

October 22, 6:30-8:00pm

Topics covered: Groundwater 101, How Your Well Works and Understanding your Drilling Report/Draw Your Well

Workshop 2:

Maintaining and managing your well

October 29, 6:30-8:00pm

Topics covered: Common Well Problems, Identifying Contamination Risks and Shock Chlorination

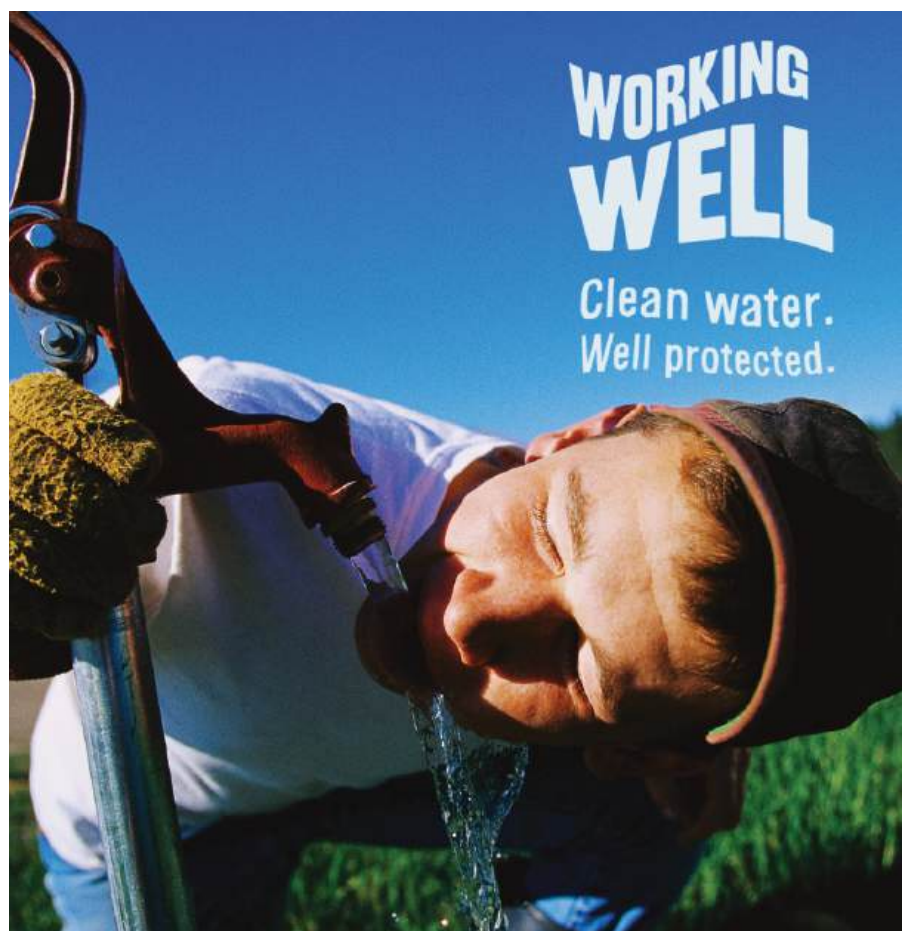
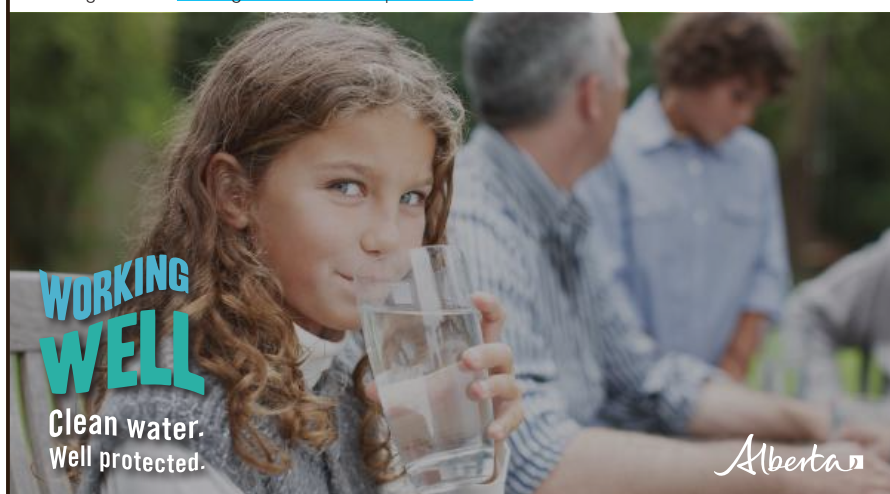
Workshop 3:

Sampling, testing and treating well water

November 5, 6:30-8:00pm

Topics covered: Taking Water Samples, Testing and Water Treatment Options

Register here: [Working Well - Resources | Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/working-well-resources)



Changes to the Agricultural Container Recycling Program

Agricultural Container Recycling

Lacombe Regional
Waste Services
Commission no
longer accepts the
<23L agricultural
containers
(Eckville, Alix/
Mirror, and
Prentiss).

Retailers in
Lacombe County
that will take your agricultural pesticide and
fertilizer containers for recycling are:



- **Central AB Co-op – Lacombe** 3407-52 Ave
Ph:403-782-2232
(Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Ag
Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)
- **Richardson Pioneer** – East of Lacombe
on Hwy 12 & Range Road 261 Ph:403-782-
3033
(Seed & Pesticide Bags, Ag Containers
<23L, Tote Bags, Totes and Drums)
- **Nutrien Ag Solutions – Bentley** 4801-52
Street Ph:403-748-3991
(Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Ag
Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)
- **Central AB Co-op – Eckville** 4828-50 Ave
Ph:403-746-2011
(Seed and Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Totes
and Drums, Ag Containers <23L)
- **Parrish & Heimbecker – Joffre Hwy**
Junction 815 & 597
Ph:403-588-7200
(Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Ag
Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)

LRWSC does not accept Agricultural Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, and Totes & Drums.

If your retailer will not accept your containers,
please call one of the above listed retailers to
inquire about accepting them for recycling.

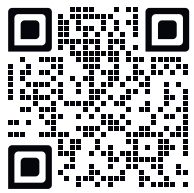
Large volumes of empty <23L agricultural
containers (>25 bags) can be arranged for on
farm pickup by calling Clean Farms at 877-622-
4460.

For further information, contact your agricultural
chemical retailer or LRWSC @ (403)782-8970.

**Legacy isn't just what you grow—
it's what you leave behind.**

Let's clean up Alberta, one bag of twine at a time.

cleanfarms **15 YEARS** **ALBERTA AG-PLASTIC RECYCLE IT!**

 **Alberta**
Government

The pilot project is led by the multi-stakeholder Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group; funds were granted by the Government of Alberta and are administered by Alberta Beef Producers.

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LACOMBE COUNTY

**STOP SIGNS
AREN'T A
SUGGESTION**

KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE FOR EVERYONE

ABOUT

Grain Bag and Twine Recycling in Lacombe County

Grain Bag Recycling



Details:

This service is offered free of charge to agriculture producers operating within Lacombe County. The grain bags will be rolled and collected on farm site for eventual delivery to a plastic recycling center in Alberta.

Requirements:

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

Twine Recycling



Details:

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

Requirements:

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



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

ATTENTION

Grain Bag and Twine Recyclers in Lacombe County

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

IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU RECYCLE RIGHT!!

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



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

YOUNG AGRARIANS BUSINESS MENTORSHIP NETWORK

Applications are open for the 2026 cohort! Apply by October 31, 2025

WHAT PROGRAM MENTEES RECEIVE:

- ✓ Up to 30 hours of one-on-one business mentorship with an experienced farmer over the course of a year
- ✓ Access to a farm business management webinar series with live Q&A sessions hosted by experienced farmers
- ✓ Resources, templates and sample documents to help you organize your farm business
- ✓ Promotion on the Young Agrarians website and social media platforms
- ✓ A community of support from fellow cohort members and BMN Program Coordinators



youngagrarians.org | business@youngagrarians.org

YOUNG AGRARIANS | Business Mentorship Network

Starting or growing a farm business can feel overwhelming—but you don't have to do it alone! The Young Agrarians Business Mentorship Network provides new and next-generation farmers that have been in business 1 - 10 years with practical, personalized mentorship to help build strong, resilient farm businesses.

If you're farming and ready to level up your business skills, this program is for you! Join the 2026 Business Mentorship Network cohort! What the Business Mentorship Network provides:

- 30 hours of one-on-one mentorship with an experienced farmer over one year
- A farm business management webinar series with live Q&A sessions hosted by experienced farmers
- Access to resources, templates, and sample documents to help you organize your farm business
- Promotion on the Young Agrarians website and social media platforms
- Access to a community of support of fellow cohort members and the BMN Program Coordinators

INTERESTED IN MENTORING? Are you a seasoned farmer who wants to share your knowledge and passion with new and young farmers? Your participation as a Business Mentorship Network Mentor can make a world of difference to a budding new farmer. Whether your background is in livestock, vegetable, fruit, grain, mushrooms, flowers, or bee production, your guidance and experience can support a mentee's educational journey into farming and put them on the fast track for success. This is a paid position, and training and tools are provided.

LEARN MORE at

<https://youngagrarians.org/business-mentorship-network/>

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

August 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025
Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
1	126/25	Jennifer Curtis	Lot 27 Block 3 Plan 856MC (Birch Bay, Gull Lake)	Addition to Log Cabin <i>Existing</i>	Approved
2	127/25	Lacombe County	Lot 9PUL Block 1 Plan 142 5114 (South Aspelund Industrial Park)	Sign <i>McLevin's</i>	Approved
3	128/25	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 192 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Cottage Model	Approved
4	129/25	BURNCO Rock Products Ltd.	NW 5-41-27-W4M	Sand & Gravel Pit <i>Renewal, No Change</i>	
5	130/25	Leonard Euren & Dana-Lynn Meissinger	NW 05-39-02-W5M	Dwelling, Second <i>Shop w/Residence</i>	Approved
6	131/25	Kennect Building & Design	SW 36-40-23-W4M	Dwelling, First w/Attached Garage & Covered Patio	Approved
7	132/25	Barney Beechinor	Lot 4 Block 1 Plan 242 2373 (Pt. SE 05-40-01-W5M)	Dwelling, Second <i>Mobile Home w/Covered Deck</i>	
8	133/25	Russell & Ryder McGrath	NE 30-40-03-W5M	Dwelling, Second <i>Mobile Home w/Deck Addition</i>	Approved
9	134/25	Josh & Janice Sargent	NE & SE 20-40-22-W4M	Home Based Business, Minor <i>JS Bussing Ltd.</i>	Approved
10	135/25	Steve Thompson	Parcel B Plan 1769NY (Pt. NE 23-40-27-W4M)	Minor Business and Trade <i>Renewal, Thompson Ditching</i>	
11	136/25	Wanda Christensen	Unit 137 Condo Plan 232 0356 (DeGraff's RV Resort)	RTM Home w/Covered Deck & Shed	Approved
12	137/25	Doug & Carol Klein	Unit 200 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	240ft ² shed	Approved
13	138/25	Ty & Shelby Lethbridge	NW 31-39-01-W5M	Home Based Business, Major <i>Renewal, Rainy Creek Marine</i>	Approved
14	139/25	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 102 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Cottage Model & 240ft ² Shed	Approved
15	140/25	Iron Horse Holdings Inc.	Lot 3 Block 2 Plan 882 0633 (Pt. SE 21-39-03-W5M)	Agri-Industrial <i>Butcher Shop, Carnivores</i>	Approved
16	141/25	Scott Sanderson	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 002 3000 (NE 13-39-25-W4M)	Dwelling, First <i>Replacement w/Attached Garage & Covered Deck</i>	Approved
17	142/25	Susan Holm	NW 16-39-01-W5M	Dwelling, Second <i>Replacement, Mobile Home</i>	Approved
18	143/25	Dalen & Jaycee Kolybaba	Lot 6 Block 1 Plan 182 1540 (SW-25-41-26-W4M)	816ft ² Detached Garage	Approved
19	144/25	Doug & Julie Will	Lot 1 Block 2 Plan 082 1351 (Pt. NE 11-40-27-W4M)	Dwelling, Second <i>Residence w/Attached Garage & Covered Porch</i>	

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

Contact Us:

**Lacombe County
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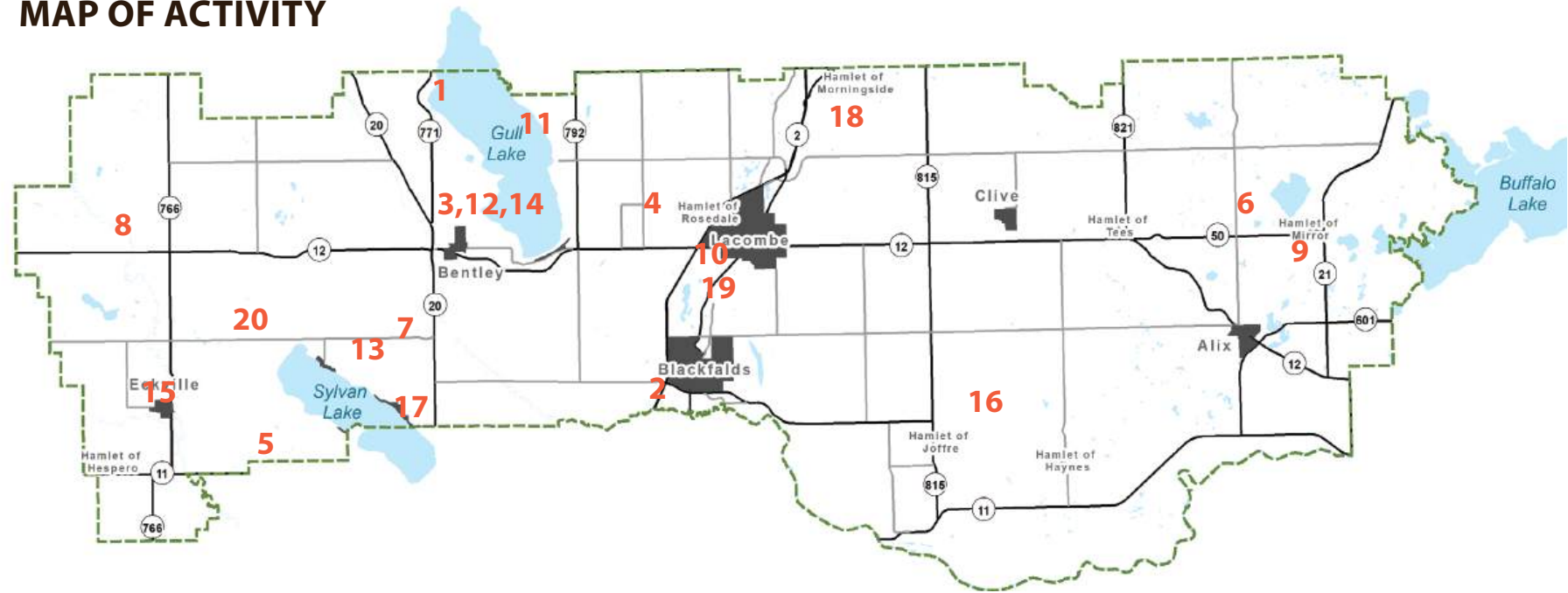
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MAP OF ACTIVITY



Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision <i>(otherwise pending)</i>
20	S-027-25	Connette Stein	NW 5-40-02-W5M	1st Parcel Out	

Central Alberta Foodgrains Growing Project

The local growing project completed its 30th harvest on its field northwest of Bentley along Highway 20 on Saturday, September 27.

Six combines harvested the 72 acre canola field in 2 1/2 hours. Two grain trucks supplied by Vision Truck Lines hauled the canola to the Richardson Pioneer elevator just east of Lacombe where it was sold.

The canola was graded #1 and the local project received a cheque in the amount of \$37,353.46. As well \$860.00 in donations was received on the Saturday.

Prior to the harvesting, a free lunch was provided to the volunteers and 100 people in attendance. The pizza lunch was provided by Decisive Farming. Farm Credit Canada and P&H contributed coffee and donuts. GEM Silage supplied water, plates, and tables.

The growing project started in 1996 by six Lacombe County farmers is one of the oldest in Alberta. Now in its 30th year, the local committee consisting of 12 members has had incredible support from farmers, landowners, agri-businesses, the media and donors.

Some Lacombe County farmers also donate a portion of some of their own crops and designate it to the local project at local elevators.

All funds gathered by December 31 are sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in Winnipeg to help feed hungry people internationally. For the year ending March 31, 2025, the Foodgrains Bank helped 1,176,111 people in 37 countries. Cash donations are eligible for an official tax receipt.

"We are already starting the process to secure

land for 2026," says committee member Doug Maas. "Some years the land is donated to us to grow a crop, and in some years we pay cash rent. We are appreciative of whatever the arrangement happens to be."

For more information on the growing project, call Doug Maas at 403-318-5733.



Kerry's Mechanical Celebrates 25 Years of Service in Mirror

From humble beginnings as a one-man operation to becoming a cornerstone business in Mirror, Kerry's Mechanical Ltd has celebrated 25 years of hard work, family commitment, and community service.

Kerry Andrew began his career as a heavy-duty mechanic, taking on odd jobs for anyone who needed a skilled hand. In 1999, while still working with Lacombe County, Kerry officially launched Kerry's Mechanical Ltd. His dedication, work ethic, and mechanical know-how quickly built a reputation for quality service, laying the foundation for the business that continues to thrive today.

The business truly began to expand in 2005 when Kerry and his wife Sandy welcomed their son Trevor into the operation. With Trevor's involvement came the addition of tire services, which opened the door to new opportunities. In 2010, the business joined the Integra Tire team, and by 2012 a new office was built to support the company's continued growth.

Today, Kerry's Mechanical is known for its expertise in heavy-duty and farm equipment repair, while also offering a wide range of services such as out-of-province inspections, insurance claims

and inspections, and commercial vehicle inspections (CVIPs). With a team of skilled staff, the shop has grown into a trusted, full-service facility serving farmers, families, and businesses across the region.

As Kerry and Sandy look toward retirement, the future of the business is in good hands. Their son Trevor, alongside his wife Jen, are preparing to carry forward the family legacy. With nearly two decades of experience already invested in the shop, Trevor and Jen are committed to ensuring that Kerry's Mechanical continues to provide the reliable, community-focused service it has been known for since day one.

At the celebration, Lacombe County Councillor Brenda Knight was delighted to present the 25-Year Business Recognition Award to Kerry and Sandy, honouring not only their years of service but also their friendship and true sense of community. This award is part of Lacombe County's Business Recognition Program, which celebrates local businesses that have contributed to the County's economic growth and community spirit over the years.

The 25-year milestone is not only a celebration of Kerry and Sandy's dedication but also

a recognition of the loyal staff, customers, and community that have supported them over the years. The future of Kerry's Mechanical is strong and stable, built on a foundation of family values, trusted service, and a lasting connection to the community of Mirror.



Planning Services

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Unsightly Properties

WE HAVE ANSWERS

It's October, which means pumpkins, costumes, and spooky decorations are popping up across Lacombe County! Halloween is meant to be fun and festive—but an unsightly property can scare your neighbours for all the wrong reasons. Unlike cobwebs on your front porch, an unkept yard or deteriorating building isn't festive.

This month, we're answering a common question we hear: What exactly is "unsightliness," and what are the County's rules around it?

WHAT IS CONSIDERED "UNSIGHTLY"?

Alberta's Municipal Government Act gives us the official definitions:

- **Unsightly structure:** A building or structure that shows significant physical deterioration.
- **Unsightly land:** Land that shows a serious disregard for general maintenance or upkeep.

In simpler terms, if a property looks neglected, unsafe, or harmful to the enjoyment and value of surrounding properties, it may be considered unsightly.

LACOMBE COUNTY'S RULES

Under the County's Land Use Bylaw, property owners are not allowed to keep an unsightly premise if it negatively impacts the enjoyment, value, or character of the surrounding area.

The specific rules depend on what type of area you live in:

Agricultural Areas

Because farms look different from subdivisions, the County recognizes that equipment and materials related to farming are normal. However, things like garbage piles, unsafe buildings, or dangerous objects on a yard site could be considered unsightly.

Residential Subdivisions & Hamlets

Neighbourhoods such as country residential subdivisions, lakeshore communities, and hamlets are held to higher aesthetic standards to maintain their character.

That means:

- No sea-containers or tarped structures in view
- No unlicensed or broken vehicles parked in plain sight
- No excessive building materials left out
- Yards and buildings must be kept neat, clean, and in good repair

Recreational Vehicle Resort Districts (R-RVR)

Places like Sandy Point RV Resort and Degraff's RV Resort are year-round recreational communities. The same standards as residential areas apply here: no sea-containers, tarped structures, visible debris, or broken vehicles. Yards and buildings should be well-kept.

In addition, each condo development has its own condominium board, which also enforces unsightliness rules alongside the County.

Commercial & Industrial Areas

In our business and industrial parks, there are specific site development guidelines in place. These regulate things like outdoor storage, screening/fencing, landscaping, signage, and building design. Following these guidelines helps ensure commercial and industrial sites remain functional while still looking presentable.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you're ever unsure whether your property might be considered unsightly, or if you want more details about the County's standards, our Planning Services team is here to help.

Call us at 403-782-8389

Email us at planning@lacombecounty.com

Let's keep Lacombe County looking its best—not just at Halloween, but all year long!

NEW BUSINESS ALERT | Clark's Country Kitchen Brings Heart and Home-Cooked Charm to Mirror

Mirror has a new place to gather, connect, and enjoy a home-cooked meal, thanks to Jason and Sarah Clark, the proud new owners of Clark's Country Kitchen.

Earlier in 2025, Jason and Sarah purchased Mae's Kitchen and officially reopened the doors as Clark's Country Kitchen. Though they still laugh about how it all started, Jason saw the "for sale" post one day and couldn't stop thinking about it. The idea quickly turned from a lighthearted conversation into a heartfelt venture they couldn't ignore.

Despite having no prior experience running a restaurant, the couple jumped in with enthusiasm and community spirit. "We just love the area and the people," said Sarah, who works in Bashaw with Bashaw and District Support Services (BDSS). "The support from Mirror and the surrounding communities has been incredible. It's great to see people traveling here just to visit us."

To celebrate their opening, Clark's Country Kitchen hosted a five-day grand opening from October 1 to 5, offering different lunch and dinner specials each day along with daily prize giveaways. The restaurant is now open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., closing only for Christmas Day.

Jason shared that the first few months have already been full of learning experiences, from figuring out delivery schedules to managing storage space. Still, he's eager to take the first year as an opportunity to learn, adjust, and grow. "We just want to experience everything, build relationships, and make this a place the community can call home," he said.

Lacombe County Councillor Brenda Knight was pleased to host the official ribbon-cutting celebration, recognizing Clark's Country Kitchen as part of the Lacombe County Business Recognition Program, which supports and celebrates new and long-standing businesses across the County.

With six employees (not including the owners), Clark's Country Kitchen is already becoming a welcoming hub for locals and visitors alike. Jason and Sarah take pride in giving back, offering discounts to several community-minded businesses and organizations as their way of saying thank you.



Jason and Sarah embody the true spirit of local entrepreneurship, compassionate, hardworking, and community-driven. They are wonderful examples of "Mirror First" business owners, and Lacombe County looks forward to watching them grow and thrive in the years ahead.

Disc golf course opens in Rosedale Valley

Lacombe County is pleased to support the new Rosedale Valley Disc Golf Course, which officially opened to the community this fall.

Earlier this year, County Council approved \$9,000 in funding for the Lacombe Disc Golf Association's Rosedale Valley project through the County's Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

Nestled in the parkland ecotone, the course offers players a scenic and varied experience through woods, grasslands, and other natural areas. With changes in elevation and a mix of hole layouts, it's an enjoyable challenge for both beginners and experienced disc golfers.

Visitors are encouraged to take in the beautiful views along the way, and are reminded that the course is located on private property—please respect all posted rules and other trail users.

Learn more at udisc.com/courses/rosedale-valley-disc-golf-course-zb1g





Reducing Emissions and Growing Energy Resources in Central Alberta

MEET ENHANCE ENERGY

Enhance Energy is passionate about creating a collaborative, sustainable energy future. Based in Alberta, Enhance develops world-class, efficient and trusted carbon capture and storage (CCS) and carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) projects. The company's experienced team is locally invested in the community and committed to making a positive impact through the energy sector. Enhance's culture is built on four guiding values: Embrace Challenges, Collaborate Actively, Be Accountable, and Get it Done. These values are embedded in all Enhance's operations, guiding interactions with partners, suppliers, contractors and community members alike.

Enhance Energy currently operates its CCUS project hub in Clive, Alberta, where over 7 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions have been permanently stored underground. Enhance's newest project, Origins, is a permanent storage hub located in Central Alberta. Once operational, Origins will store CO₂ emissions permanently from large emitters across multiple sectors.

The work that Enhance Energy does revitalizes oil fields through Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), a process that uses captured CO₂ to produce oil resources that have been left behind by traditional production methods. This approach creates new economic value from Alberta's mature oilfields through responsible production, while reducing emissions reductions and repurposing legacy assets.

RESPONSIBLE OPERATIONS

Safety is a top priority. Enhance Energy's operations produce energy resources while actively reducing carbon emissions. Through CCUS and CCS, CO₂ is captured from industrial sources, such as refineries and fertilizer plants, and is stored permanently underground. Enhance's work ensures that new and existing CO₂ streams are kept out of the air, helping Alberta reduce its carbon footprint from industrial emissions.

Enhance Energy operates a comprehensive Monitoring, Measurement and Verification (MMV) plan that meets or exceeds regulatory requirements. This ensures that all activities are conducted with protection of the environment and the public in mind. Monitoring includes underground testing, groundwater sampling and soil testing to detect any subsurface changes with certainty. These actions reflect Enhance Energy's dedication to responsible operations.

CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMUNITY

Enhance Energy also looks for ways to connect with community members. To support the Origins Project, Enhance hosted Roadshows across communities including Clive and Haynes, fostering open dialogue about CCS and its role in Alberta. Team members used the sessions as opportunities to hear from community members directly, answer questions, and understand what matters most to local residents. These conversations helped to strengthen relationships and provided insights into how Enhance can continue to support and collaborate with the communities in the area.



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Enhance has proudly been operating within Lacombe County since 2013. The team believes in making a positive impact in the communities in where we live, work and play. This means showing up, listening and supporting local organizations who are making a difference every day.

Enhance Energy supports the wellbeing of local communities through community investment and volunteer hours. Some of the initiatives and organizations Enhance has supported to date include Alix and Area Community Resource Centre, Clive Athletic and Agriculture Society, Clive Fun Fest, Clive School Playground, Haynes Community Playground, Mirror Library and the Stettler Air Cadets.

Team members at Enhance also engage with youth and support future-focused learning through events partnered with Inside Education Generate Summit, Maskwacis Employment Centre, Maskwacis Youth Expo, TenPeaks Innovation Exchange, and Red Deer Polytechnic.

Enhance Energy is proud to operate within Lacombe County and looks forward to continuing its work with the community.



Enhance Energy: carbon capture and storage, low-carbon energy.

To learn more about Enhance Energy and our approach to Community Investment, please visit: enhanceenergy.com

Use Fall to Be Prepared for extreme winter weather

Fall is the perfect time to be prepared for the colder months ahead. Use the season change to update your emergency kits, gather supplies, make or update your emergency plans and prepare your home for the winter weather.

Blizzards, ice storms, high winds and blowing snow can develop quickly and threaten life and property. Severe storms occur frequently across Alberta and can be unpredictable when they happen outside of their regular season.

BE PREPARED

Individuals and families should be prepared to take care of themselves for at least 72 hours. The following steps will assist you in building your preparedness plan.

- Know the risks: Knowing the risks and hazards can help you and your loved ones prepare for the unexpected.
- Make a plan: A plan will help you cope with the stress of an emergency or disaster.
- Build a kit: By taking a few simple steps you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies. Be sure your kit includes a battery-powered/crank radio/flashlight or Weatheradio in case of a power outage.

Learn more at <https://www.alberta.ca/build-an-emergency-kit>

Find out where your community will post information and updates during an emergency, and make sure to download the Alberta Emergency Alert app for critical, life-saving alerts.

When individuals are prepared to the best of their ability, this allows first responders, such as police, fire, and ambulance, to focus on the emergency and provide assistance to those who need the help most.

BLIZZARDS AND BLOWING SNOW

A blizzard warning is issued when falling or blowing snow, combined with 40 km/h winds, is expected for 4 hours or longer. Visibility is usually reduced to 400 metres or less.

A blowing snow advisory is issued when blowing snow combined with 30 km/h winds are expected for 3 hours or longer and visibility is reduced to 800 metres or less.

Blizzard facts

- Blizzards can occur when there are clear skies.
- In wide open areas, blowing snow or a blizzard can mean zero visibility!

Blizzard survival tips

- If you live in a rural area and a blizzard or blowing snow is forecast, you may want to string a guideline between your house and any other buildings you might have to go to during the storm.
- Restrict travel to daytime hours and let someone know your route and arrival time.

If you find yourself stuck in a vehicle during a severe storm, remain calm! Stay inside the vehicle, run the engine every once in a while, and beware of fumes. Ensure the exhaust pipe is not blocked, and continually allow fresh air in.

FREEZING RAIN AND ICE STORMS

Freezing rain is rain that falls through a layer of warm air into a layer of freezing cold air below (below 0°C), freezing onto any surfaces or objects in the cold air and creating a buildup of what is called "glaze ice" on everything it touches.

An ice storm occurs when large amounts of freezing rain continue for several hours. They can also include wind, ice fog, and cold temperatures.

Freezing rain and ice storm facts

- Freezing rain can cause damage by creating a heavy load wherever the ice forms. During an ice storm, freezing rain damage can be severe.
- Even a small amount of freezing rain can make roads extremely slippery.
- Ice from freezing rain can build-up on any surface making sidewalks and pathways dangerous for falls and slips.
- In an ice storm, the risks from freezing rain may still be present hours or even days after the rain stops falling.

Freezing rain and ice storm survival tips

- Avoid driving when freezing rain is forecast.
- Wait several hours after the storm ends so that road crews have enough time to address poor road conditions.
- If possible, avoid going outdoors. If it's unavoidable, use extreme caution
- Pay attention to wires, large sheets of ice on buildings, tree branches, or power lines above you that could break or fall without warning.
- Never touch a power line – you could be electrocuted.

EXTREME COLD

In Alberta, an extreme cold warning is issued for expectations of air temperature minus 40°C or colder, or the wind chill index is minus 40°C or colder.

Extreme cold facts

- Temperatures this low could occur throughout the winter months, especially from early December to late February.



- Extreme cold may occur with other weather, such as blizzards, ice storms or ice fog, and pose a risk of hypothermia or frostbite.
- Ice fog can occur in temperatures lower than minus 30°C due to tiny ice particles in the air. Ice fog forms quickly and can reduce visibility to near zero.

Extreme cold survival tips

- During extreme cold, stay indoors, and try to stay warm.
- If you must go outside, wear proper clothing, and take care not to overexert yourself.

FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS

- Speak to an insurance agent about your specific needs.
- Know your insurance policy. Make sure your home, vehicle, business and belongings are protected.
- If possible, consider an emergency savings account to cover temporary expenses while you are out of your home.
- If you can, keep emergency cash handy in case banking services are unavailable.
- If you are evacuated, keep all receipts for additional expenses.
- Prepare a detailed list of all your belongings.
- Know the 7 steps for making a home insurance claim.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada is ready to answer your questions. Connect with them by email at askibcwest@ibc.ca or by telephone 1-844-227-5422. For more information on insurance preparedness visit ibc.ca.

CHECK IT OUT: Medicine River Watershed Society website

The Medicine River Watershed Society advocates for the health of both the Medicine River and the related Pas-kapoo aquifer. If you would like to learn more about the watershed society activities /advocacy and how you can help, please scan this QR code, which will take you to the Medicine River Watershed Society website or visit them at <https://medicineriverwatershed.ca/>.



Halloween safety tips for a safe night

Tips for parents and Caregivers

Halloween can be an exciting time for children and with the distraction of candy and costumes, safety rules can easily be forgotten. In fact, research shows that distractions can increase a child's chances of being struck by a car. Check out these simple tips to keep Halloween night a safe night for all.

1. **An adult or responsible older child should accompany younger children** since they may lack the developmental skills to cross the street on their own. This is a year-round tip that will help keep your child safe while you share good pedestrian habits and pass on a legacy of safety-minded behaviour.
2. **Teach your child to stop at the curb, look left, right and left again, and to listen for oncoming traffic.** This vital skill is especially important when children are distracted and excited. Never rely on traffic signals alone - use your eyes and ears to make sure it's safe to cross.
3. **It's unsafe to cross between parked cars or other obstacles** - always cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. Many injuries occur when children run out between parked cars, but even at intersections it's vital that children practice tip #2.
4. **Stay on the sidewalk or path** when walking from house to house and if there is no sidewalk, walk beside the road, facing traffic so drivers can see you. From a very young age, children can be taught that roads are for cars and sidewalks are for kids. If your community has no sidewalks, walking beside the road at night can be very

dangerous - adult accompaniment and flashlights are a must, regardless of the child's age.

5. **Select costumes with bright colours** to increase your child's visibility and choose face paint instead of masks. Masks can make it hard for your child to see properly and often restrict peripheral vision, making it difficult to check for oncoming traffic before crossing a road.

Tips for drivers

Halloween means that there will be more children out on the streets. Drivers need to take extra care.

1. **Drive slowly** in residential areas where children are more likely to be trick-or-treating. Did you know that drivers cannot accurately judge their own speed when driving? The higher the speed, the less likely you are to see a child pedestrian, and the harder it is to stop quickly.
2. **Watch out for kids**, many of whom may be wearing costumes with masks that make it difficult for them to see. With the excitement of Halloween, children may forget simple pedestrian safety rules. They have a tendency to dart out in the most unexpected places - the most common being between parked cars. Remember also that costumes can limit a child's vision and they may not be able to see your vehicle.
3. **Reduce your distractions and stay alert.** All your concentration should be on the road, not diverted by cell phones or loud music.
4. **Remember to enter and exit drive-ways slowly and carefully.** Excited trick-or-treaters may run on sidewalks, or dart out unexpectedly. Proceed with caution, when entering or exiting the roadway.

APPLY TODAY

Lacombe County invites applications from the public at large for appointment to the following:

SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD/ ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD (JOINT APPOINTMENT)

The Lacombe County Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB), which is comprised of five members of the public-at-large, is a quasi-judicial board that hears appeals from the decisions of the County's Development Authority and Subdivision Authority.

The Lacombe County Assessment Review Board (ARB) is comprised of the SDAB members and hears and makes decisions on property assessment complaints.

SDAB and ARB members are required to successfully complete board training to maintain their eligibility as qualified board members.

The SDAB/ARB will also hear appeals brought forward under the Weed Control Act as per Section 19 of the Act and Agricultural Pest Act as per Section 14(5) of the Act.

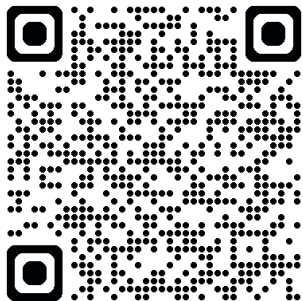
- Applicants should have an interest in 1) municipal planning and development, 2) property assessment, and 3) the administrative tribunal process
- SDAB and ARB meetings are held as required
- Appointments to these Boards are for the period of January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027
- Chair of the ARB is appointed by County Council

Persons interested in applying for appointment to these Boards are invited to submit an application providing details of their qualifications and experience by October 23, 2025. If you are interested in serving as Board Chair for the ARB please indicate this in your application.

Application forms can be found on the County's website www.lacombecounty.com/Boards or at the County Office. For further information, please contact:

LACOMBE COUNTY
TIM TIMMONS, CLGM
COUNTY MANAGER
LACOMBE COUNTY

Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at calendar.lacombecounty.com/meetings



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 25, 2025

FIVE-YEAR BRIDGE PROGRAM

Council approved the Five-Year Bridge Program, including the 2026 capital bridge projects. The proposed replacement projects for 2026 are as follows:

- 70458 – Range Road 3-0 south of the Centerview Road
- 1177 – Lakeside Sargent Road just west of Range Road 25-0
- 1966 – Range Road 25-2 south of Highway 11

Funding will come from the County's Bridge Reserve and from grant funding, if applicable.

2026 PAVING PROGRAM

Council approved the Five-Year Paving Program and authorized the County Manager to tender and award the following capital paving projects for 2026:

- Hamlet of Morningside
- Milton Road (Hwy 2A – Clive)
- Milton Road (Alix North – Hwy 21)
- Old Milton Road
- Clive North Access
- Wilson's Beach Access Road
- Smythe Subdivision & Cul-de-sac
- Roth Subdivision
- Will/Vande Bunte Subdivision

Funding will come from the County's Paved Road Reserve.

WHISTLE CESSATION – LAKESIDE SARGENT AND HIGHWAY 2A

Council approved discontinuing train whistle use

at the Lakeside Sargent and Highway 2A crossing, located at Leduc Subdivision mile 13.54 in Lacombe County, except in emergency situations.

ENDORSEMENT OF CLEARWATER COUNTY RMA 2025 SPRING RESOLUTION

Council agreed to second the Clearwater County resolution titled Increased Police Enforcement in Rural Alberta to Deter Crime which will be presented at the Central Rural Municipal Association Zone meeting on October 3, 2025, and, if approved, will be submitted for consideration at the RMA 2025 Fall Convention.

ORDER TO REMEDY: DECK ENCROACHMENT APPEAL

Council approved varying the Order to Remedy issued June 26, 2025, for the property at Descriptive Plan 1425728, Block A, Lot 7, amending the required action to remove the structure and restore the land to its natural state by October 31, 2025.

2026 COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

The County Manager was authorized to tender and award for the 2026 Community Services capital purchases and dispose of/transfer used equipment at an estimated value of \$171,040. Funding will come from the Fleet and Equipment Reserve.

AUTHENTICCITY PRESENTATION – ABMA PIT CONCEPTUAL RECLAMATION DESIGN

Council received a presentation from Authenticcity

on the Abma Pit Conceptual Reclamation Design.

RANDY GILL - PRESENTATION REGARDING RURAL ADDRESSING

Council received a presentation from Randy Gill regarding rural addressing.

MUNICIPAL FOOD WASTE DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM

Council approved that Lacombe County participate as a partner municipality in the 2026 Municipal Food Waste Diversion Pilot Program at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Council received an update on the progress and initiatives in the 2025 Environmental Action Plan.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE FEES CAP

Council directed the County Manager to complete the necessary bylaw amendments to provide for a cap of \$10,000, excluding third-party costs, for fire department responses for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS

Council directed the County Manager to submit a meeting request for Council to meet with the Honourable Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, during the 2025 RMA Fall Convention.

RECAP | Gilby Harvest Market success

The Gilby Hall was a buzz on October 4, with the Gilby Harvest Market. Focusing on rural vendors, 14 tables of exceptional home grown and handmade items gave customers an enjoyable shopping experience.

Local residents, even some on horseback, supported the market and with the signage located on Highway 12, travelers also stopped in. It was a great event to recognize our rural community.

Thank you to the Gilby Agricultural Society for supporting the Harvest Market. All proceeds from the table rentals will be donated to the Gilby Kalmu Cemetery Co. to support planned upgrades.

~ Submitted by Terry Ramsay



ASSESSMENT 101 | *What you need to know*

2025 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INSPECTIONS

Rotational re-inspections will be wrapping up near the end of October and will resume in the spring of 2026. Property inspections related to annual property changes are ongoing for the remainder of 2025. Lacombe County is aware of new construction and significant renovations due to development and safety codes permitting. We appreciate information provided about buildings where development and/or safety code permits were not requested.

DEMOLITIONS & REMOVALS

A significant number of demolitions or removals of homes, garages, sheds, or any other buildings were reported to us after the 2025 property tax notices were mailed. Will you assist us in verifying a building has been removed prior to December 31 or it will be assessed and reflected on your 2026 Assessment and Tax Notice. Would you please help us ensure removals are reflected accurately on your property assessment by contacting an Assessor. Assessors leave brightly coloured 'callback' cards when visiting your property to verify property details; please contact the Assessor as requested.

REQUEST FOR COST INFORMATION

Over the past several months, Lacombe County has requested information related to various projects including validation of property

transfers, re inspections, and vacancy/occupancy confirmation.

Requests for information regarding potentially assessable machinery and equipment and/or new construction are due to be mailed. The current postal disruptions have impacted the mailing of these requests. Alternatively, Lacombe County will attempt to mail these via email and forward the hard copies via Canada Post. If you are a non-residential property owner and have not received an email and have added new (or replaced) improvements to your property, will you please contact the Assessor to provide an email address or alternate means of remitting the information. If you have received a request and require clarification on how to be compliant or what you are being asked to remit, please contact an Assessor – one of us will be happy help you.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PROPERTY TAXATION EXEMPTION (NOT-FOR-PROFIT) APPLICATIONS

The deadline for submitting a COPTER application for the 2026 tax year was September 30, 2025. If you have submitted a COPTER application for the 2026 tax year, will you please submit any outstanding required information by November 30.

NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS

Lacombe County municipal Assessors are continuously reviewing and visiting properties throughout the municipality as required to verify

property information ensuring accurate and equitable assessments – we appreciate your cooperation with data collection activities. Our Assessors carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

MEET THE TEAM

The Lacombe County Assessment team is made up of the following individuals:



Angel Svennes



Andrew Beecraft



Nolan Bepalko

Disposing Lithium Batteries DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH!

THE RISKS OF IMPROPER LITHIUM BATTERY DISPOSAL

Improper disposal of lithium batteries poses significant risks to both human health and the environment. It is crucial to handle and dispose of these batteries correctly to avoid potential hazards and prevent environmental contamination.

LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES

Lithium-ion batteries, if not disposed of properly, can be a fire hazard. LRWSC has had multiple landfill fires in the last six years because of improper battery disposal. These fires can have devastating effects

on human lives, property, and the environment.

LITHIUM BATTERY TOXICITY

Apart from the risk of fires, improper disposal of lithium batteries can also result in the release of toxic chemicals. Cobalt, manganese, and nickel are among the dangerous contaminants found in lithium-ion batteries. When these batteries end up in landfills, there is a real danger of these toxic substances seeping into the surrounding soil and groundwater, posing a threat to plant and animal life.

LANDFILL CONTAMINATION

Lithium batteries that are thrown into landfills can cause significant environmental contamination. The leakage of hazardous metals such as cobalt, manganese, and nickel can pollute the soil and groundwater. This contamination not only harms the local ecosystem but also increases the risk of underground fires in landfills.

Proper disposal of lithium batteries is vital to mitigate these risks and protect our health and environment.

By responsibly recycling these batteries, we can prevent fires, reduce toxic chemical exposure, and prevent the contamination of our landfills.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING LITHIUM BATTERIES

Recycling lithium batteries is crucial for the environment and our future. By recycling these batteries, we can prevent the need for new mineral extraction, reducing the negative impact on our planet. This process helps conserve valuable resources and promotes a circular economy where materials are reused rather than discarded.

One of the significant benefits of battery recycling is the recovery of valuable metals and materials. Lithium batteries contain components like cobalt, nickel, and plastic, which can be extracted and reused through recycling. While not all parts of a lithium battery are recoverable, the majority can be recycled, contributing to the conservation of valuable resources.

Recycling lithium batteries also plays a crucial role in reducing the risks

associated with improper disposal. Batteries that end up in landfills can pose threats to the environment and human health. They can leak toxic substances like cobalt, nickel, and manganese, polluting the soil and water sources. Recycling helps prevent these risks and ensures that batteries are disposed of safely.

HOW TO RECYCLE LITHIUM BATTERIES PROPERLY

Properly recycling lithium batteries is essential to ensure their safe handling and disposal. To start, it's recommended to remove the battery from the device whenever possible. If the batteries are physically damaged, they should be stored in an insulated plastic bag to avoid any short-circuiting. It's important to keep lithium batteries in a cool and dry place to prevent combustion.

LRWSC accepts all batteries at our sites for recycling, please ask the attendant where batteries can be safely placed.

Do NOT place batteries in the Rubble Bins or the Compactor Hopper.



WINTER IS COMING! | Winterizing Your Septic Systems

Did you know that a holding tank or “pumpout” septic system left unused for more than 72 hours may not have the anaerobic bioactivity to generate enough heat to prevent winter freezing? If you plan on using this style of septic system during the winter months, here are some long-term steps needed to protect your system from freezing:

1. All components <2.7 meter (9 feet) deep must be insulated with spray or rigid foam to prevent freezing. This foam adds a thermal barrier between frozen ground and non-frozen ground (frost line). A rough “rule of thumb” is 1 inch of insulation equals 1 foot of ground cover. You always want a minimum of 2.7 m (9 feet) of frost coverage in Alberta!
2. Don't forget to insulate the plastic lid of your holding tank. An uninsulated lid can allow heat from bioactivity to escape even

if the sides and top of the holding tank are insulated. For concrete lids and tops, spray foam applied by a professional can be very effective in preventing heat loss.

3. Make sure to use electric heat trace around any piping, check valve or shutoff valve <2.7 meter (9 foot) depth if your system is connected to a communal wastewater system. As these systems DO NOT have a drain hole to empty the pipe between pumping cycles like rural system have. Many are <1 meter (3+ feet) from the top of the holding tank lid which is in the frost zone.

WINTERIZING FOR EXTENDED HOLIDAYS OR WINTER MONTH ABSENCES

1. Clean your holding tank with a garden hose and spray nozzle. Pump down your tank by holding the float in the upright position with a long hook on pole. When you see the bottom of the pump, lay the float back down. This process can be done by a professional when they're performing your annual inspection of the pump, valve and check valve.

2. Add clean water back into holding tank and ensure pump is submerged in water.
3. Add potable RV antifreeze only to the water in the tank, follow manufacturers recommendations for volume and strength.
4. Manually run the pump by holding the float in the upright position for a few seconds to circulate RV antifreeze into discharge piping, check valve and service line.
5. Leave your holding tank pump active when you're away DO NOT unplug! High efficiency furnaces, dehumidifiers, RO/water softener backwashes, tap/toilet leaks, or even a family member visiting forgetting to let you know can quickly fill or overflow a holding tank with an unplugged pump when you're not there.
6. Always leave your alarm system active 24/7 to notify if there's a problem! Some alarm systems have a call out and text feature so you can be immediately notified if there's a problem. Contact your local installer or phone provider to take advantage of this timely benefit.
7. Have your daily residence monitor always check for system alarms and water movement in systems not blown out for the winter.
8. **If you've closed any valves in or after the holding tank, never run a pump with valves closed on the intake or discharge side of your system, this may damage the pump and piping!**



PARTNERSHIP

THE ARTIST FORMERLY KNOWN AS
SPONSORSHIP

It's time to get out of the Gold, Silver, Bronze medal mindset and level up your partnership strategies!



With Kate's proven strategies you will learn:

- How to create partnerships with lasting impact
- How to unlock the full potential of your assets & inventory
- Building a partnership deck that captivates & inspires
- Practical tools, templates, and takeaways you can use immediately

WHEN: Thursday October 30th, 2025

TIME: 9am-4pm (lunch provided)

WHERE: Lacombe Memorial Centre

TO REGISTER: E-mail kate@kmgevents.ca

Limited space available.

In partnership with:



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It's time to get out of the Gold, Silver, Bronze medal mindset and level up your partnership strategies!

Presented by Kate Gallagher of KMG Events. With over 30 years experience in the events, fundraising and strategic consulting industry, Kate has supported dozens of charities & nonprofits helping them raise over **\$25 Million Dollars** combined.



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Who is it for:

- Executive directors, fund development managers, staff tasked with partnership development
- Board members & volunteers
- Nonprofit & community leaders
- Anyone ready to put down the sponsorship medal mindset and dive into partnership strategies that will change everything!

WHEN: Thursday October 30th, 2025

TIME: 9am-4pm (lunch provided)

WHERE: Lacombe Memorial Centre (5214 50th ave)

YOUR INVESTMENT: \$225+GST, \$200+GST for FUNDamentals alumni

TO REGISTER: E-mail kate@kmgevents.ca

Limited space available.

In partnership with:



2 or more registrations from the same organization will receive a private one-hour virtual planning session with Kate.

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

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Lacombe & District
Family and Community
Support Services

Home Support Service

- Laundry
- Housekeeping Services
- Meal Prep assistance
- Vacuuming/Mopping
- Dusting, changing bedding
- Grocery pick up (in town only)

AVAILABLE IN LACOMBE, LACOMBE COUNTY, BLACKFALDS, CLIVE & BENTLEY



Lacombe 403-782-6637
Clive 403-784-2020

LACOMBE COUNTY
Clive

Healthy Aging Alberta

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Lacombe & District
Family and Community
Support Services

Lacombe Connex

LACOMBE COUNTY

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



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

Town of Bentley
Community Services of fcss

Over 55 Wellness Mornings
Mondays/Wednesdays
Seniors Drop In - Town Office
Call 403-748-2160

Mondays 9:45 to 11 am Seated Range of Motion Exercises
Wednesdays 10:30 to 11:45 am Chair Yoga - light movements

Move your body, make connections & socialize!

FREE!

These programs are free thanks to FCSS funding and great partnerships!

Mondays - zoomed in from Innisfail
Wednesdays - zoomed in from Edmonton
If instructors are away we used their recorded sessions

Bentley Seniors Drop In
55+

Over The Hill & Loving The View
located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+

- Tuesdays 1 pm Socialize/cards/games
- Thursdays 10 am Socialize - Toast & Coffee
- Potluck noon Last Tuesday each month

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE \$10

Special Outings - dinner theatres and more.
Have an idea? Let us know.

LACOMBE COUNTY

We will remember them...

Remembrance Day | November 11

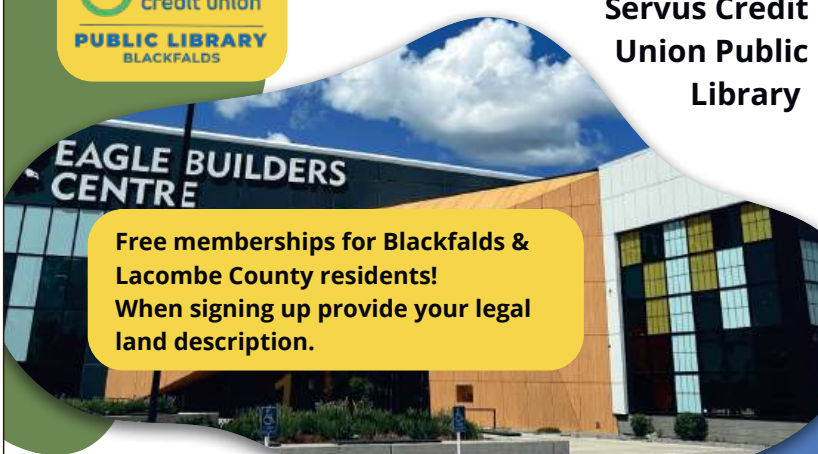


AROUND THE COUNTY



Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library

Free memberships for Blackfalds & Lacombe County residents!
When signing up provide your legal land description.



Upcoming News
The Golden Ticket Contest is back!
Every day during October you can have the chance to find the golden ticket & be entered into the draw to win great prizes!

Programming
Book Squirms *Ages 0-1*
Music & Movement *Ages 1-4*
Lego Club *Ages 5+*
Reading Buddies *Ages 6-13*
Family Films *All Ages*
**For more program info, 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

Make a SPLASH

at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre
5429 53rd Street

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

What's happening at the pool:

- Fall program registration is open!!! Check out our new Sunday swim lesson options.
- The Spray Park is now closed for the season.
- Spooktacular Splash Passes (valid for all \$3 swims) are on sale October 1, great alternative to Halloween candy!
- Halloween Bash October 24, 2025, tickets on sale October 1, 2025.

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



Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

Program Updates

Alix & Area Santa's Anonymous:
Apply at the Centre, after Nov 11. Open to Alix, Mirror and Lacombe County residents. A vital program, ensuring every child in Alix and Area has a gift to open at Christmas, through the efforts of local partners and Lacombe Kinsmen. Applications available at the Centre, after Nov 11, more details to follow.

Lacombe FCSS programs including Tools for School, Santa's Anonymous forms, Coats for Kids and Fill a Fridge are **NO longer available to Alix and Area residents.* Please contact us if you are needing support this holiday season and all year.*

NEW: Feeding the Holidays
Apply at the Centre, after Nov 11. Open to Alix, Mirror and Lacombe County residents. Do you need some extra help this holiday? Apply to receive a \$75 voucher to supplement Christmas meal costs (voucher to Alix Foods) more details to follow..

Coming up This Holiday Season

Angel Tree: During December
Place an angel on the tree at the Centre to name & honor a memory. Angels: \$5 each.

Joy of Giving: Anonymous gifting for Alix and Area seniors and adults...
Sign-up by December 15, and pick-up your gift by Dec 22 or 23. Donate or purchase a gift (drop off by December 18)!

Holiday Postcards:
Watch your mailbox for beautiful cards from the Alix MAC School in December!

HOLIDAY CLOSURE:
December 24, 25, 31 & January 1

WHAT WE DO

Services Available

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

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

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

Closed all statutory holidays
Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB
403-396-3369





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These are our Regular programs at the County of Lacombe

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- CHAIR YOGA
- COOKING CLASSES
- FRENCH CLASSES
- LEARN ENGLISH
- SPANISH CLASSES
- EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS
- WILLS & ESTATES
- CRAFT CLASSES
- SAGE ACCOUNTING
- SIGN LANGUAGE
- WORD OR EXCEL
- MATH & READING
- BASIC BOOKKEEPING
- COMPUTERS
- COFFEE & COMPUTERS

AND SO MUCH MORE, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Most class start dates are ongoing and flexible.
Contact us for more info:
(403) 782-7955 office@cllla.com
or use the QR code to check out the current Don't Hibernate



gull lake centre



Made for Gathering

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403-784-2020

YOU CAN FIND US AT: 5107 50TH STREET, CLIVE AB

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CLIVE FCSS SUPPORTS ALL STAGES OF LIFE

FREE!

Mondays 3:15 to 5:15

Grades 3 to 5 Kids Klub

Where young minds meet big ideas!

With a focus on community engagement our program nurtures good citizenship, emotional regulation and creativity. We will explore science and art while learning valuable life skills in a fun and supportive environment

FREE!

Fridays 9:30 to 11:30

Stay & Play

Ages 0-6 with an adult

Location: Basement of Town Office
Contact: Community Services 403-748-2160
Programs Facilitated by: Parenting Proactively 101



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



Haynes Community Hall

Harvest Supper

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 22, 2025

Doors open at 5pm

\$15 (12 and up)
\$10 (Kids 6-11)
Free (Kids 5 and under)



MORNINGSIDE HALL

October 25 | 1 pm
Fall Cleanup
Pizza and refreshments to follow

November 1
Harvest Potluck
Doors open at 5:30 pm
Supper at 6 pm

LINCOLN HALL PRESENTS Tap9

PUB NIGHT AT THE LINCOLN HALL
ON HWY 792

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

DOORS OPEN @ 6PM BAND STARTS @ 7:30PM DOORS CLOSE @ 12AM

PRE-SALES TICKETS: \$15/ PERSON OR BUY A TABLE OF 8 FOR \$100

EMAIL: LINCOLNHALLBOARD@GMAIL.COM

TICKETS AFTER NOV 14TH WILL BE:

\$20/PERSON AND A TABLE FOR \$110

HOMEMADE FOOD SALES BY OUR LOCAL CATERER:

The Culinary Pursuit

CASH
BAR



SONGS & SWEETS FOR SOPHIA

A DELICIOUS COFFEEHOUSE-STYLE BENEFIT WITH
LIVE MUSIC BY SINGER SONGWRITER HAYDEN HUSEBY
+ FABULOUS SILENT AUCTION

Please join us as we come together to help build a dream.

WHEN: Friday, November 14, 2025

TIME: 6:30 - 9:00 PM

WHERE: Lincoln Hall — 41319 AB-792, Lacombe County

FEATURING:

Dessert bar treats along with coffee, tea and more.

Live original music performed by Hayden Huseby.

TICKETS: \$20 early-bird · \$25 at the door · \$150 table of 8

For early-bird tickets – including table of 8 – please eTransfer:
schuseby@gmail.com using memo for attendee's name.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS:

Please call, text or email:

Robbin Huseby — 403-391-2750
rhuseby61@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFO:

Please text or call:

Hayden Huseby — (587) 876-7232

@SongsSweetsSophia · #SongsAndSweetsForSophia #CommunityLift #TeamSophia



SUNDAY - OCTOBER 19, 2025

Two Sitzings @ 4:30 & 6:30

At: St. Stephens Parish Hall

5128 - 53 Street | Lacombe, AB

COST: \$25.00 PER TICKET

**RESERVE TABLES OF 8 ONLY
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**

MARILYN RON PARISH OFFICE
403-318-2869 403-782-5576 403-782-3514

SILENT AUCTION - WINE & BEER AVAILABLE
MEMBERS & INVITED GUESTS ONLY - NO SALES AT THE DOOR

**COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

ENTRY BY DONATION

THE FORSHEE
COMMUNITY HALL

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 23
11AM TO 3PM

GIFTS IDEAS FOR EVERYONE
AND FESTIVE FOOD STALLS

OUTDOOR FIRE, CAROLS,
SLEIGH RIDES & MUCH MORE...

VISIT THE FORSHEE HALL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

2nd Annual Haynes Christmas Market

Saturday November 15, 2025

Haynes Hall 10am - 3 pm

Delectables by Janet & Deb

Fudge by the Littles

Sisbiz

Martina's Kitchen

Naturally You

Recycled Shirts by Joan

Fifth Avenue

Kreations by Tam

Deep Roots Garlic Farm

Red Deer Farm Toy Man

Timberly Charms

Outlaw Boos

Silver Sage Creations

Shells Shimmering Expressions

Farmasi

Fish & Fox Ceramics

Kelsey's Tiny Terrariums

Forever Dreams

From the Heart

CNL Baskets

Nicole Raincock Quilts

Head & Heart Soap Company

Lots of local vendors with amazing items.

*Drop down for lunch or a piece of pie and
coffee!*

*Concession courtesy of Jolyn Dobinson and
family!*

Free Admission

*Come out for a fun Saturday of shopping, refreshments
and reconnecting with your neighbors and friends!!*

Contact Debbie: 403-598-0180 or 403-784-3834

We would love to see you!!

**COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS MARKET CRAWL**

NOVEMBER 29 | SATURDAY | 10AM-4PM

LINCOLN HALL 3 locations!!
GULL LAKE HONEY 60+ tables!!
MERIDIAN BEACH HALL

Food, Shopping, Gifts, Picture with
Santa,
and a whole lot of FUN!

NOVEMBER 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29 Organizational Meeting: 9AM	30 County Council: 9AM	31	NOV 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Remembrance Day (Office Closed)	12	13 County Council 9AM	14 County News submissions due	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 County News published	22
23	24	25	26	27 County Council 9AM	28	29
30						
Upcoming Events: November 11: Remembrance Day (Office Closed), November 13: County Council (9AM), November 27: Thanksgiving (Office Closed)						

ATTENTION:

Notification of Access for County Assessors

Under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, Part 9, Lacombe County's Assessors regularly visit properties throughout the municipality to collect and verify the information for the purpose of preparing property assessments. An inspection may occur at any time throughout the day between 8:30 am and 4:30 p.m.

Assessors operate vehicles marked as the Lacombe County and carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at the Lacombe County Administration Office at 403-782-6601.



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