

GOOD FOOD BOX

Fresh Produce at a fraction of the Cost!

The Good Food Box program was established to encourage healthy eating while making it affordable for individuals and families alike. The program has been in our area since the fall of 2014 and offers fresh fruits and vegetables to its clients.

The program is available to anyone who is interested in taking part; no restrictions to numbers of boxes purchased or eligibility of participants.



Boxes can be purchased in three different sizes:

SMALL which offers 25-30 pounds of food= \$27 MEDIUM which offers 35-40 pounds of food= \$32 LARGE which offers 45-50 pounds of food= \$37

*There is a \$2 handling/shipping fee which is also added to the initial cost.

Each box contains the basic produce staples: potatoes, carrots, onions, apples and oranges with additional seasonal fruits and vegetables rounding out the weight.

The program is made possible because the Community Kitchens Program of Calgary (with whom we partner) bypasses the retailers and goes directly to importers and produce handlers in the province.

Wheatland FCSS in partnership with Calgary Foundation is **now offering** subsidy for Good Food Boxes to low-income residents of Wheatland County. A one time application completion and proof of income is required. If eligible you will be qualified for one Good Food Box per month until Dec 2023.

For additional information, to apply for subsidy, or to order your box, contact WFCSS at: 403-934-5335, info@wfcss.org,

or www.wfcss.org



Participants pre-order, pay and pick up their boxes at Wheatland FCSS, Wheatland Administrative Office at the corner of Range Road 243 and Highway 1.

NEW 2023 order and delivery dates:

Order before 3:00 PM on:

August 8
September 5
September 26
October 24
November 21

Pickup between 2- 4PM on:

August 18
September 15
October 6
November 3
December 1

Orders can be placed by calling or emailing WFCSS or online at https://www.wfcss.org/good-food-box.html Note: e-transfer must be received two days prior to delivery date. Payment options: cash or cheque upon pick up, visa, mastercard, or e-transfer to info@wfcss.org



COMMUNITY FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WFCSS is pleased to announce a new subsidy program available to residents of Hussar, Rockyford, Standard and Wheatland County.

Wheatland County in partnership with Wheatland Wind Project LP have created the <u>Community Fee Assistance</u>

<u>Program</u> to give families and individuals an affordable option to participate in recreation, arts, libraries, culture programs and activities such as exercise or sports (dropin or formal). This program will also assist in the cost of travelling to these activities.

For more information on this program please contact WFCSS directly at: 403-934-5335 - or - info@wfcss.org

To download a subsidy program application, please visit the WFCSS website at www.wfcss.org or stop by the WFCSS office located inside the Wheatland County Municipal Building.









MEALS ON WHEELS

Wheatland FCSS has partnered with Calgary Meals on Wheels Frozen Program to provide Wheatland County residents with nutritious and affordable meals. The program is available to anyone in Wheatland County regardless of age, finances or status.

All items are prepared by a Blue Ribbon chef in the most up-to-date facility for safe food production. Recipes are reviewed by a registered dietitian prior to production to ensure meals are balanced and meet dietary standards.

Frozen meal orders are placed bi-weekly. The following week orders are retrieved, sorted and stored at our office until delivery or pick up arrangements have been made.

The menu is extensive and offers a variety of entrees, soups and baked goods for individuals and families. Renal and gluten-free options are also available and we would be glad to give further information should you be interested. E-transfer payments are accepted.

Cost varies by product. Payment is by cheque or cash and is due on pick-up/delivery day.

For more information or to place an order,

visit https://www.wfcss.org/meals-on-wheels.httml or contact Wheatland FCSS at 403-934-5335. Order forms can be found online.

WFCSS is pleased to announce the subsidy program is **now available** for the Meals On Wheels for low-income residents in Rockyford, Hussar, Standard and Wheatland County. Contact WFCSS for more information.

* Please note that group sized options are exempt from the subsidy program. A one time application completion and proof of income is required.

NEW Order/Pick up Schedule 2023

ORDER	PICK UP
JULY 10	JULY 18
JULY 24	AUGUST 2
AUGUST 4	AUGUST 15
AUGUST 21	AUGUST 29
SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 12
SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 26
SEPTEMBER 29	OCTOBER 10
OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 24
OCTOBER 30	NOVEMBER 7
NOVEMBER 13	NOVEMBER 21
NOVEMBER 27	DECEMBER 5
DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 19

^{*} Please note that dates highlighted are alternate order days due to statutory holidays. Please have your order in by 3PM.





Thanks to grant funding from the Calgary Foundation, WFCSS is able to offer expanded services in our Home Support Program.

Residents of Hussar, Rockyford, Standard,
Strathmore, and Wheatland County who
qualify for our program can receive
affordable
In-Home meal prep.

Staff will come and prepare a meal plan, shop for needed grocery items and spend a day cooking either with you or for you - using your recipes. The only cost to you is the day spent cooking and any necessary ingredients.

For more information or to arrange an assessment call 403-934-5335 or email info@wfcss.org











ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS

We can help you take your business idea to the next level

Whether you need help writing your business plan, securing financing, or exploring your online marketing opportunities, our business specialists can help.

We're business owners too - and we know what it takes - so call and book an appointment today!

WHAT DO YOU NEED HELP WITH?

Whether you're just starting out, trying to expand your business, or looking for some guidance on how to sell your company, Community Futures is here for you every step of the way.

OUR SERVICES

- · Small business support and guidance.
- · Flexible financial support to start & grow your business.
- · Business skills and training for rural entrepreneurs.



STARTING A BUSINESS

Let our team of experienced advisors help you get started.

GROWING A BUSINESS

Our team is here to ensure you have the resources & financing you need to succeed.

BUYING A BUSINESS

We can help with business planning, strategy, or securing financing.

DIGITAL ECONOMY PROGRAM

The Digital Economy Program (DEP) is designed to help entrepreneurs take their businesses online. Our Digital Service Squads will guide businesses through digital transformation and/or launching and managing their online stores. Small business can apply to participate in one or both programs, free of charge.

ABOUT US

Staffed by seasoned business professionals, and guided by a volunteer Board of Directors, we're more than just a business lender. With over 30 years of experience helping rural entrepreneurs grow and thrive as small business owners, we understand where you are now and where you want to be in the future.

READY FOR THE NEXT STEPS? LET'S CHAT

Phone: 403.934.8888

Email: wildroseinfo@albertacf.com

Website: wildrose.albertacf.com

Office: 101, 331 3rd Ave.

Strathmore, Alberta

GET THE HELP YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS TODAY!



Skills for Success - Strathmore



The Skills for Success Program will help unemployed or underemployed Albertans from the greater Strathmore area improve their skills in the following areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Numeracy
- Digital
- Problem-solving

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Adaptability
- Creativity
- Innovation

Using art-based learning, participants will engage in structured leavons to learn the Skills for Success and to move closer to the work force.

The program will include 5 weeks of skillbuilding in the classroom, followed by 7 weeks of applying the new skills to develop public art projects in the Strathmore community. Working on a public art project will allow participants to build their community networks and further their employability skills while receiving career advising and employment support from Prospect.

A new group of participents will begin every 12 weeks. Scheduling will be flexible and modified to meet the needs of participents within each group.

What Does Prospect Do?

Prospect is an employment organization that focuses on people. Recognized as one of Alberta's most innovative not-for-profits, Prospect has decades of experience in creating employment services for unemployed and underemployed Albertans through skill development, guided supports, and career, employment and information services.

Interested?

For more information, please contact the Skills for Success Team Lead, Shentelle Vermeylen directly at 587-600-7863 or visit www.prospectnow.cs/skillsforsuccess

To learn more about other employment supports offered by Prespect, pieces call 1-877-483-2562 or visit prespectnow.ca





The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services.





Job Saakers

Unleash your patential Personalized workshops, coaching, and support to get the perfect job. Resumes, cover letters, interview prep—we've got you covered. Your path to success starts here.



Employers

Tap into exceptional local talent. We understand your needs and find the perfect candidates. Let's create prosperous opportunities together.

Contact Prospect today to get no-cost employment services in Rocky View and Wheatland County:





2023 CERB AWARDS

Annually, the Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) convenes to review, assess, prioritize, and determine the allocation of funds designated for the Community Enhancement Reserve. On May 16, 2023, during their regular Council meeting, Wheatland County Council approved the annual recommendations put forth by the Community Enhancement Review Board (CERB).

Representatives from the successful applicants' community groups were cordially invited to the Wheatland County Administration Building on June 6, 2023, to receive their funding. The majority of groups were able to attend the event, while a small number had their cheques mailed or delivered directly by their respective Councillor.





















Wheatland County's Agricultural Service Board is honored to support the 2023 Rockyford 4-H Beef, Standard 4-H Sheep and Hussar 4-H Beef sales. We are excited to continue engagement with local 4-H Clubs and are proud of the young farmers and ranchers who are responsible,

The County purchased Mavie Kaiser's steer from Hussar Beef Sale, Lauren Jensen's sheep from Standard Sheep Sale and Maleah Harwoods steer from Rockyford Beef Sale, Maleah's steer will be donated to the Wheatland County Food Bank.

caring and emerging leaders in the community.

Wheatland County is honored to be able to support such an amazing youth program. Congratulations to all 4-H members on your achievements. Keep up the great work!





Mavie Kaiser - Hussar Beef (above) with Wheatland County's Alyssa Hallgrimson



Lauren Jensen - Standard Sheep



Maleah Hardwood - Rockyford Beef

Wheatland County WEEDUCATION Baby's BREATH

Gypsophilo paniculata

Alberta Weed Act Designation: Noxious

Noxious weeds have the ability to spread rapidly, cause severe crop losses and economic hardship. Under the Act the responsibility of a landowner is to control and to prevent further establishment and spread of these weeds.

Common Baby's Breath is perennial plant (grows back every year) and a member of the Caryophyllaceae (Pink) family. It was introduced from Europe as an ornamental, other names include Gypsophila and Maiden's-Breath. This plant is a highly productive seed producer.

This weed is commonly found growing in roadside ditches, pastures, as an ornamental and is often in floral displays. It is most aggressive in dry, sandy soils.

Control Chemical control before flowering.

•	leaves are oppositely arranged on the stem
•	long and narrow (3-10cm)
•	have a prominent mid vein
•	not conspicuous when in
	bloom
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	tall
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Contact Albert Anderson, Agricultural Services Officer for information about invasive species management in Wheatland County at Ph: 403-934-4949 or

Email: Albert.Anderson@wheatlandcounty.ca



NOTE: This program is not retroactive, an application must be submitted and approved before starting your project.

Program Contact

Please contact Sarah Schumacher to submit an application form or for questions regarding the program.

Ph: 403-361-2027

Email: Sarah. Schumacher@wheatlandcounty.ca

What is a riparian area?

Riparian areas are moist areas of water loving vegetation that border a stream, river, take or wetland. They are very important ecologically, socially and economically. A healthy riparian area helps reduce streambank erosion, traps sediments, filters pollutants, provides fish and wildlife habitat, improves water quality and provides livestock forage.

Riparian Pacture Management tips:

Monaging livestock occess to riporion areas can help to improve vegetation health and riporion function.

- Avoid direct access by livestock to a creek or wetland by fencing or providing an alternative water source (i.e. off site watering system, groundwater well, dugout etc.).
- Delayed use, grazing riparian pasture in late summer or early fall instead of spring.
- Allow for rest periods after a grazing period during the growing season or full season rest periods.
- Balance animal demand with available forage, and avoid repeated overgrazing.
- Distribute livestock evenly in pasture (i.e. by using cross fencing, water and minerals).
- Create a grazeable riparian corridor which allows for better management of riparian pastures.
- Not all riparian areas are suitable for grazing and should be excluded (i.e. eroded banks, low areas.)

Program Details

The purpose of this program is to improve and restore the riparian function and watershed resiliency of the watersheds in Wheatland County by assisting producers with the costs associated riparian management.

Eligible Items

Riparian Streambank Fencing

for greater control and management of riparian areas and water sources and to manage livestock access to riparian areas.

- 80% of eligible expenses will be reimbursed
- Applicants are eligible for a maximum \$15,000 at a rate \$12/m

Livestock Off-Site Watering Systems

to limit or eliminate direct access by livestock to riparian areas and water source.

- Up to 80% of eligible expenses will be reimbursed
- Applicants are eligible for a maximum \$10,000 per system and \$30,000 total.

Livestock Creek Crossing Projects

to maintain or improve water quality, bank stability and reduce the amount of time cattle spend in a waterbody and riparian areas.

- Up to 100% of eligible expenses will be reimbursed
- Applicants are eligible for a maximum \$30,000.

Ineligible Items

- Replacement of existing fence, cross fencing or perimeter fencing.
- Costs associated with drilling a well or constructing a new dugout.
- Off-site watering systems for use on irrigation canals and dugouts



Introducing the newest version of the Environmental Farm Plan

The newest and latest version of the EFP webbook (version 4.0) is ready for you. It's easier to use, and we believe it will make for a better experience for our users — Alberta's agricultural producers.

After careful consultation with our producers, staff, provincial technical experts and EFP technicians, we took all that feedback and created our improved version. We are so excited to share it with you.

The workbook has been shamed down (by 18%) and is now more efficient and easier for farmers to schedule their time to complete. We simplified without sacrificing any of the information. Our EFP workbook is still filled with all the valuable information producers rely on to complete their environmental farm plans.

We have also included an optional beekeeping chapter designed to provide guidance to those interested in incorporating apianies into their operations. We recognize the important role basis play in our environment and farming practices and want to make sure producers who are interested in supporting bee populations have the tools they need.

The update we are most excited about is the inclusion of an online renewal feature. This allows farmers to renew their online EFPs in a streamlined, meaningful way without having to go through the process of completing a new workbook each time. We are saving producers time and hassle and ensuring they are able to maintain their EFP status.

The newest version of the workbook is LIVE today, but we understand many producers are already in the process of completing the last version of the workbook. We don't want everyone to start over with the new version, so we are offering a grace period for in-progress workbooks until June 30th, 2023.

During this time, producers can complete their old version of the workbook, or they can choose to upgrade to the new version. It's whatever is essiest for them.

Any workbooks completed in previous versions are still valid. If you have a letter of completion or certificate dated within the last 10 years, your EFP is still considered current, regardless of the version.

We are so proud of the work that has gone into creating this new version of the EFP workbook. The updates and features in the 4.0 version will make it easier and more efficient for farmers to complete their workbooks while keeping the support, guidance and valuable information they have come to expect from the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan.

We would like to thank all of our clients for their continued support of the EFP program and for continuing to make sustainable choices on their farms. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these updates have on farms across the province.

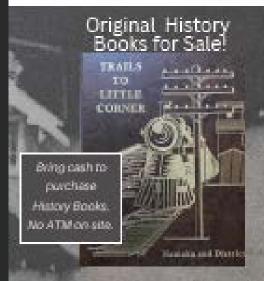
Register today to take advantage of the newest version of the EFP. www.albertaefp.com or contact your local EFP Technical Assistant in Wheatland County.

Sarah Schumacher
Ph: 403-333-6943
email to Sarah.Schumacher@wheatlandcounty.ca

NAMAKA PUBLIC SCHOOL No. 1919

40TH ANNIVERSARY TRAILS TO LITTLE CORNER

Communities of Crowfoot, Namaka, Cairnhill, and Siksika Westend



Saturday July 15, 2023

Namaka Hall

1 pm: Open House

3 pm: Program

4 pm - 6 pm: Food Truck (Hunger Payne)

Kids Playground • 1983 Homecoming Videos

Light Refreshments - Memorabilia



Please bring your own lawn chair! Reconnect with cherished old friends and create unforgettable new memories!



Building a road approach or upgrading your driveway? Did you know, Wheatland County residents are able to purchase crushed gravel and pitrun at a reduced cost?

Gravel tickets can be purchased at the Wheatland County Administration office from Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. Applications are available on the Wheatland County website at wheatlandcounty.ca/documents/gravel-sales/.

Residents will be able to redeem their gravel tickets between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the set days and locations as outlined below:

July 5th and 6th, 2023

Christensen Pit (Carseland) Located at NE-03-22-25-W4 3/4" Crush & Pit Run

August 9th and 10th, 2023

Fish Lake Pit (Dalum) Located at NE-28-26-18-W4 7/8" Crush & Pit Run

Dust Control

Wheatland County is now accepting applications for Dust Control. Prices and deadlines are as follows.

Oiling		
Application order deadline	July 7, 2023	
Price	» County roads \$32.68/meter plus GST (New Application)	
	» Gravel Secondary Highways\$35.96/meter plus GST(New Application)	

- » Payment must be received with completed application(s).
- » Dust Control will only proceed if there is sufficient interest.
- » Minimum order 122 meters (400 ft.).
- » Wheatland County applies a one-time double spray application of calcium chloride for all purchased calcium dust controls.
- » Applications are available at the County office or on the County website <u>www.wheatlandcounty.ca</u>



















Environmental Stewardship

Do you know someone who cares about their environmental footprint, or goes above and beyond to benefit our Wheatland County landscape in some way?

Nominate them for an Award!

Community Stewardship Award

This award recognizes a Wheatland County community member or group that has made an outstanding contribution to environmental sustainability in the municipality. All Wheatland County residents or community groups are eligible for this award.

Youth Stewardship Award

This award will be given to an individual or group of individuals under the age of eighteen who have shown leadership or strong interest in environmental stewardship. Wheatland County residents, community groups, and school groups are eligible for this award.

J. Laslo Legacy Award

This award will be given to an agricultural producer in Wheatland County who has shown leadership in the implementation of beneficial management practices. The winner is dedicated to reducing the environmental impacts of their operation, and has an interest in promoting positive efforts to others in the industry.

Award recipients will be recognized by Council at Wheatland County's Annual General Meeting, their name will be added to a plaque displayed at the County office, and they will receive a \$250 cash prize!

Nomination Information

Contact the Agriculture and Environment Department:

Ph: 403-361-2000

Email: AgandEnv@wheatlandcounty.ca

Submit nominations by January 1st, 2024

For more information, visit: wheatlandcounty.ca/documents/ environmentalstewardshipawards

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2023 Roadside Mowing & Weed **Spraying Schedule**

County staff will begin mowing vegetation and spot spraying weeds of all municipal roadsides in mid-June. Weeds will be sprayed with Clearview herbicide (PCP #29752). The following schedule gives you an approximate date of when the mower/sprayers will be in the listed Grader Division (GD).

Grader Division	Start Date: First Cut	Completion Date
West Rotation		
GD 04	Mid June	Late June
GD 08	Early July	Mid July
GD 07	Mid July	Late July
GD 01	Early August	Mid August
GD 05	Mid August	Late August
East Rotation		
GD 03	Mid June	Late June
GD 10	Early July	Mid July
GD 06	Mid July	Late July
GD 02	Early August	Mid August
GD 09	Mid August	Late August
Grader Division	Start Date:	Completion Date
Grader Division	Start Date: Second Cut	Completion Date
Grader Division West Rotation		Completion Date
		Mid Sept
West Rotation	Second Cut	
West Rotation GD 04	Second Cut Early Sept	Mid Sept
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weather and equipment permitting. The schedule may be subject to change.





The Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) invites students furthering their studies in an agriculture or environmental science related field to apply for an ASB Bursary. The ASB will provide up to \$6000 in bursaries annually with a minimum award of \$500 and a maximum award of \$1500 depending upon the number of applicants that meet the criteria.

Application packages are available from the Wheatland County Administration Office or on the Wheatland County website www.wheatlandcounty.ca

Application Deadline: September 15, 2023

For more information contact the

Agriculture & Environment Department

Phone: 403-934-3321

Email: agandenv@wheatlandcounty.ca



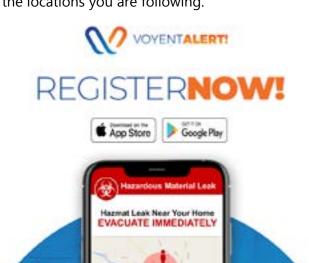


https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/client.html#!/registration

Wheatland County uses the Voyent Alert! Notification Service to keep you informed during emergencies as well as day-to-day notifications. Register now to receive important notifications about Wheatland county that matter to you! The service is FREE, easy to use and anonymous.

Choose how you want to stay informed. Receive emergency alerts or day-to-day notifications from Wheatland County via Voyent Alert! mobile app, text/SMS, email or voice calling to a landline. To ensure you are being reached during a crisis, we recommend registering for at least two of the channels.

Smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication from Wheatland County is relevant to you or one of the locations you are following.





Caregiving can be a stressful, isolating, and overwhelming experience. The COMPASS for the Caregiver program helps caregivers balance their own well-being with the challenges of caregiving. Join our trained facilitators as they walk us through a 4-week virtual course. New sessions will start in September.

If you are a resident of Strathmore, Wheatland County, Hussar, Rockyford, or Standard please contact Joanne Simpson (403-361-7277) or Crystal Gaudet (403-934-5335) for more information and to register. Wheatland FCSS will absorb the cost of registration for local residents.

Residents living outside of the above municipalities will pay \$55 for registration fee and manual.



2023 Property Assessment Re-Inspection Cycle

Property re-inspection is a provincial policy requiring municipalities to perform ongoing re-inspections and complete overall inspections of all properties over a five-year cycle. Wheatland County assesses residential and non-residential properties to determine their estimated market value annually, which is the basis for your property taxes.

Wheatland County Assessment Services will be performing property assessment reinspections of improved parcels located in Range 23 and 24, including Eagle Lake, Namaka and Nightingale. The purpose of these reinspections is to update property assessment information.

For the fourth year, the County is utilizing Residential Request for Information forms to streamline the re-inspection process for property owners and County Assessors. In April, a letter was sent to all residential property owners who are due for a re-inspection, requesting self-reporting of changes to their property. If we received a response, the Assessor will only take digital photos of the buildings during the site inspection.

If no response was received, then a reinspection will require taking photographs, asking questions to confirm building information and may require the buildings to be measured. All Assessors carry personal identification and wear a high visibility vest. The vehicle entering the yard site will be clearly marked with the Wheatland County logo and "Assessment Department" signage. Assessors will also adhere to all safety procedures.

The inspections will occur during the months of June, July, August and possibly September. If required, a call back card may be placed on the main entrance door of the residence or another conspicuous location, to request and gather assessment information.

The Assessment Department strives to prepare and maintain a fair and equitable property assessment base and would like to thank residents in advance for their cooperation during the 2023 assessment re-inspections.

Should concerns arise during these inspections, please contact:

Dennis Klem

Manager of Assessment Services
Ph: 403-361-2009
Email: dennis.klem@wheatlandcounty.ca

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Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership

City of Chestermere joins the Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership

The Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership (WREMP) was established approximately two years ago to coordinate emergency prevention, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery in the Wheatland County area. The partnership includes Wheatland County, the Town of Strathmore, the Village of Hussar, the Village of Standard, the Village of Rockyford and now, the City of Chestermere.

Accepting the City of Chestermere into the Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership benefits all parties by growing capacity, expanding resources, improving collaboration, enhancing emergency preparedness, and increasing efficiency. Uniting resources ensures a strong, coordinated regional response to emergencies.

About the Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership

The purpose of this partnership is to enhance regional emergency management planning activities within the geographical area of the Highway 1 corridor. The WREMP works with all levels of government and stakeholders to coordinate regional emergency management planning.

Roadside Haying Permit

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

Applications are now being accepted

Landowners wishing to hay Wheatland County Right-Of-Ways must complete an application

Deadline: June 30, 2023

For more information or to complete an agreement, contact the Agriculture and Environment Department at Ph: 403-934-3321 or by email to agandenv@wheatlandcounty.ca





By Alyssa Hallgrimson

The plains bison (buffalo) were the original grazers before cattle were introduced, domestic livestock have now played a role in Alberta ecosystems now for decades. Grazing plays an important role in the grassland ecosystem which does not function well without it, continued utilization of grasslands by cattle helps to maintain the remnant grasslands that we have today. Many people do not know that native prairie grasslands themselves are an extremely valuable and diverse ecosystem that is now an endangered landscape. Sustainable grazing management has saved these lands from becoming extinct.

In most grasslands the plants you see are non-native annuals like Smooth Brome (Bromus inermis), Kentucky Bluegrass (Poa pratensis) and Timothy (Phleum pratense) as well as many forbs like, clover (Trifolium spp.) and Dandelions (Taraxacum officinale). Properly grazed pastures reduce the competition between non-native plants so other more desirable species can regenerate and coexist. Grazing the non-native grass species positively impacts the native forbs which support many other different species living in grasslands. This helps cycle nutrients and builds healthy soil, increasing the nitrogen and carbon through the vegetation growth period as well as reducing the amount of fertilizer needed to grow.

Properly managed livestock grazing can be beneficial for wildlife habitat by increasing the plant diversity. Even though wildlife and livestock eat similar plant species, competition remains low when plant diversity is high, especially when the area has the proper amount of Animal Unit Months (AUM).

With cattle being a grass dependent animal, their competition specifically with deer are low. Cattle will not consume enough forbs or brows to compete with wildlife unless a habitat lacks grass. Therefore, understanding proper grazing management with AUM's is extremely important in any cattle operation.

Livestock are beneficial to species at risk like Swift fox (*Vulpes velox*), Burrowing Owl (Athene cunicularia), and greater sage grouse (Centrocercus urophasianus). Grazed grasslands provide food and shelter for these species. Different vegetation canopy covers assist in shelter for different species at risk as well as different food types. If the area was not grazed, grass would grow and die each year covering the ground leaving an abundance of littler behind. This litter would not allow sunlight to penetrate through for the new growth. Grazing knocks down the litter, allowing sunlight to pierce through to the understory and species to remain having a healthy growth cycle.

Grazing can be very beneficial to grasslands if managed properly. Keeping competition between species low, soil health high and assisting with shelter and food for species at risk, grazing livestock becomes valuable for our grasslands. Allowing livestock to graze on our endangered grasslands will keep our ecosystems healthy for generations to come.

Alyssa Hallgrimson

Agriculture and Environmental Services Program Coordinator

Ph: 403-361-2007

Email: alyssa.hallgrimson@wheatlandcounty.ca



Fire Permits

A fire which is contained in an incinerator, barbecue or residential fire pit does not require a Fire Permit under **Bylaw 2019-06**. In Wheatland County a fire permit is required for any other type of controlled fire. There is no charge for a fire or fireworks permit. If conditions are breached or the weather deteriorates, permits may be canceled at any time. Upon suspension or cancellation of any notification; which will include immediately extinguishing any fire set according to their permit.

Our Fire Bans are applicable to only our County. Other jurisdictions and Provincial Parks will have their own regulations. Refer to **albertafirebans.ca**

Fire Permit applications can be found on the County website **www.wheatlandcounty. ca/firepermits** or email fireservices@ wheatlandcounty.ca for more information.

Sky Lanterns & Fire Crackers

Wheatland County Fire Services would like to remind residents that:

- Fire Crackers and Flying Lanterns (also known as a sky lantern) are prohibited in Alberta. If you see them being used, call 911 and report it to the Fire Department immediately.
- Fireworks are regulated under Section 5.7 of the National Fire Code – Alberta Edition and a permit is required to launch fireworks.

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multisensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- INSPECT shingles or roof tiles. REPLACE missing shingles or tiles. COVER ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home

- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **PRUNE** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- MOVE construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- DISPOSE of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.

IT'S A BIG WORLD. LET'S PROTECT IT TOGETHER:

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Increase your wildfire safety. Make simple low-cost changes to your home and landscape starting today!

Visit **www.firewise.org** for more information.

Driveway Etiquette

Ensure emergency access to your property

Driveways require a minimum of four metres (12 feet) vertical clearance and a minimum of four metres (12 feet) width to provide safety access for firefighting and other emergency vehicles.

Any driveway longer than 90 metres (300 feet) should have a turn-out space to allow fire trucks or other firefighting equipment to pass or to turn around.

Do not block your access route with gates, archways or other things that will impede the entrance of emergency vehicles.

Park your vehicles off to the side and keep clutter from blocking the driveway.

If you have a dugout or other water source like a lake or river, ensure that there is access to allow trucks to fill with water.



- Prizes
- Food trucks
- Kid's activities
- Swap meet
- Community garage sale

Dance 7-11 pm with Generation Country. Admission \$15. Cash bar

Cars, trucks & bikes welcome



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Gleichen & District Community Assoc.

Contact: Mike mjunor@shaw.ca 403-400-5020



Michael Bourgon, Manager of Emergency and Fire Services at 403-361-2003 or Michael.bourgon@wheatlandcounty.ca

Are you wanting to give back or become more involved in your community? Wheatland County
Fire Services is recruiting volunteer firefighters!

- Minimum requirements:

 18 years of age

 Valid class 5 drivers licence
- No criminal record
- Good physical health

All new volunteer firefighters are put through our recruit training program.

wheatlandcounty.ca



Rosebud FALL Paint Out Weekend

September 15-17, 2023

PAINT THE VALLEY

with over 60 artists from across Western Canada

Info & Registration

Rosebudartcollective@gmail.com

WHAT DO YOU NEED HELP WITH?

Whether you're just starting out, trying to expand your business, or looking for some guidance on how to sell your company, Community Futures is here for you every step of the way.



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Growing a Business Our team is here to ensure you have the resources & financing you need to succeed.



Buying a Business
We can help with
business planning,
strategy, or securing
financing.



yital Economy Program

The Digital Economy Program (DEP) is designed to help entrepreneurs take their businesses online.

Our Digital Service Squads will guide businesses through:

- · digital transformation and/or
- launching and managing their
 online stores

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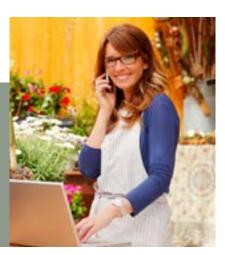


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Whether you need help writing your business plan, securing financing, or exploring your online marketing opportunities, our business specialists can help.

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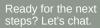
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- Small business support and quidance.
- 2. Flexible financial support to start and grow your business.
- Small business skills and training for rural entrepreneurs.

ABOUT US

Staffed by seasoned business professionals, and guided by a volunteer Board of Directors, we're more than just a business lender.

With over 30 years of experience helping rural entrepreneurs grow and thrive as small business owners, we understand where you are now, and where you want to go in the future.



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Shelterbelt & Ecobuffer Seedling Program

Up to \$2000 in funding!

Wheatland County Agriculture & Environment Department agandenv@wheatlandcounty.ca Ph: 403-361-2000

This program supports landowners planting trees and shrubs throughout the County. There are many benefits of planting trees and shrubs which include:

- Improved building energy efficiency
- Adds aesthetic value to yard and landscape
- Provides wildlife and pollinator habitat
- Decreases soil erosion and crop damage
- · Reduces standing water
- Snow capture for drift management and improved moisture retention.

What is a shelterbelt?

Means a row or rows of plantings made up of trees and/or shrubs that are positioned in such a manner as to provide shelter from the wind, snow, and to protect soil from erosion.

What is an Ecobuffer

Eco-Buffers are plantings of perennial species (i.e. trees, shrubs, and/or herbaceous plants) designed to mimic a natural forest habitat that provides specific ecosystem services.

Planting & Maintenance

Mulching and watering (for a minimum of 3 years), planting as early as possible in the spring or late fall, and excluding livestock from the area are essential factors for successful establishment of trees and shrubs.

Additional Funding & Support

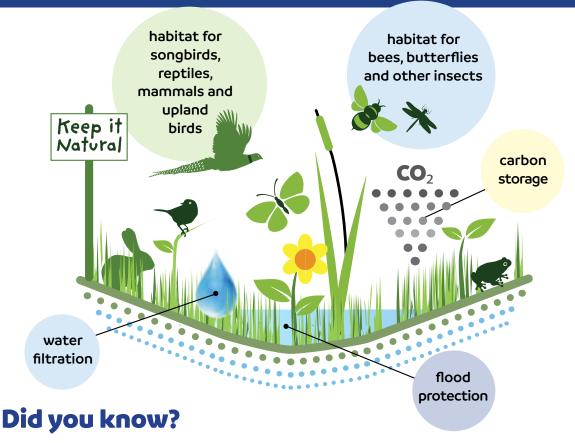
- Additional funding may be available through the Wheatland Agricultural Stewardship and ALUS program for projects on agricultural land. For more information about these programs and support for ecobuffer design contact Sarah.Schumacher@wheatlandcounty.ca or Ph:403-333-6943
- Visit the Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society awes-ab.ca for factsheets on tree planting in Alberta
- Wheatland County has a tree planter available to rent for \$50/day. Contact agandenv@wheatlandcounty.ca

Program Guidelines

- THIS PROGRAM IS NOT RETROACTIVE Applications must be approved prior to purchase of all project components. Program opens November 1st.
- Applicants may receive up to \$2000 per year for the following
 - \$2.50 per Seedling (1-2yr old) to a maximum of \$1000
 - \$500 for Drip Irrigation supplies
 - \$500 Mulch (fibre, wood, plastic etc.)
- GST and shipping costs are not eligible
- Planting must occur on land within Wheatland County.
- Wheatland County ratepayers are eligible for funding for personal, residential or farm use. Commercial or industrial businesses are not eligible. Plants or materials purchased through the program may not be used for commercial resale.
- Applications will be approved by the Agriculture and Environment Department on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The Applicant is responsible for all costs associated with projects over and above the funding maximum, as well as for ongoing project maintenance.
- Planting projects must be compliant with the Wheatland County Land Use Bylaw setbacks. " no shrub, tree, shelterbelt or any other obstruction shall be erected or placed within:
 - i. 15.24 m (50.0 ft) from the nearest limit of a public road rights-of-way.
 - ii. 22.86 m (75.0 ft) from an intersection of two or more road rights-of-way."
- The applicant will be reimbursed when the project is complete.
- Receipts are due by June 30th
- Applicants must submit photos of the finished project by July 31st
- Non-eligible species include; Autumn and Russian Olive, Common Barberry, Common Buckthorn, and Saltcedar.
- Not recommended: Caragana

Save the Edges!

The natural benefits of leaving public roadside ditches and right-of-ways intact.



Naturally-vegetated public roadside ditches and right-of-ways:

- Filter excess nutrients including phosphorous and nitrogen, preventing them from entering our rivers, lakes and groundwater systems.
- Minimize overland flooding by storing, slowing and absorbing excess water, helping to protect roads, culverts and agricultural fields.
- Store thousands of tons of carbon, preventing it from entering the atmosphere.
- Provide homes for pollinators like bees, butterflies, moths and beetles.
- Sustain species that prey on agricultural pests.
- Provide thousands of acres of habitat for grassland-dependent mammals and birds, including pheasants and grey partridge.



Keep public roadside ditches and right-of-ways natural.

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Madden Community Hall

- Coffee & Registration: 9:30am
- Lunch (provided): 12:00pm
- Wrap-up: 4:00pm

Topics include:

- Olds College technology adoption to improve rotational grazing
- · Specialty forage blends for higher performance and gains on yearlings
- · Field tour at Olds College Pitstra site



FFGA or GWFA Member S25 / Non-Member S30

Register at: https://www.foothillsforage.com/fieldtour

















Topic's include:

- Hands- On Plant ID
- Range Health Assessment
- Livestock Handling
- Managing with Wildlife
- **Electric Fencing Demonstration**
- Riparian Health Assessments
- Ranching Women Talks
- And MORE!



Cost: \$120.00 (includes all meals) Details & Registration: https://SAGSW.eventbrite.ca



WFCSS Transportation Assistance



We know that the costs of getting to and from medical appointments can cause people to choose between getting the proper medical care they need or saving money. WFCSS can now offer assistance with transportation costs to medical appointments.

For more information about eligibility, please call WFCSS at 403-934-5335.



