



WHEATLAND
COUNTY

CONNECTOR

April 2024

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= **\$32**
MEDIUM which offers 35-40 pounds of food= **\$37**
LARGE which offers 45-50 pounds of food= **\$42**

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 2024.

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.

2024 order and delivery dates:

Order before 12:00 PM on: **Pickup between 2- 4PM on:**

May 21

May 31

June 11

June 21

Summer Break

August 13

August 23

September 10

September 20

October 1

October 11

October 29

November 8

November 26

December 6

Orders can be placed by calling or emailing WFCSS or online at <https://www.wfcss.org/good-food-box.html>



Payment options: cash or cheque upon pick up, visa, mastercard, or e-transfer to info@wfcss.org

Note: e-transfer must be received two days prior to delivery date.



Wheatland

MEALS ON WHEELS

Frozen Program

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.

Meals On Wheels is available 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.

For more information or to place an order, visit <https://www.wfcss.org/meals-on-wheels.html> or contact Wheatland FCSS at 403-934-5335. Order forms can be found online.

Check out the new and updated menu options

available at www.wfcss.org

Order/Pick up Schedule 2024

ORDER

PICK UP

APRIL 29

MAY 7

MAY 13

MAY 21

MAY 27

JUNE 4

JUNE 10

JUNE 18

JUNE 24

JULY 2

JULY 8

JULY 16

JULY 22

JULY 30

AUGUST 2

AUGUST 13

AUGUST 19

AUGUST 27

AUGUST 30

SEPTEMBER 10

SEPTEMBER 16

SEPTEMBER 24

SEPTEMBER 30

OCTOBER 8

OCTOBER 11

OCTOBER 22

OCTOBER 28

NOVEMBER 5

NOVEMBER 8

NOVEMBER 19

NOVEMBER 25

DECEMBER 3

(Subject to change)

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



2024 TAX NOTICE

NOTICES WERE SENT APRIL 23, 2024

Property taxes are due June 30, 2024.

Property taxes pay for many local services such as roads, schools, libraries, emergency services, waste, utilities, and parks.

There are many different ways to pay your taxes. One convenient method is through your bank. Simply select 'Wheatland County— Taxes' and use your roll number as the account number. If you own multiple properties, remember to pay for each one separately, using the roll number specific to each property.

Please note, a penalty of 5% will be applied to unpaid balances after June 30, 2024, and again after November 30, 2024.

If you are on a Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP), no action is required, and your payments will be automatically adjusted for the new tax year.

Detailed information about payment options is online at www.wheatlandcounty.ca/taxes/.

If you have questions about your taxes, please contact the Corporate and Financial Services Department at tax@wheatlandcounty.ca, or call 403-934-3321.

MORE INFORMATION?

Visit: <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/taxes>

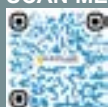
Or Scan This Code



JOIN TIPP TODAY!

Payments are easy when they are automatic and calculated for you.

SCAN ME



2024 Property Assessment Re-Inspection Cycle

The Wheatland County Assessment Department re-inspects properties on a five-year cycle, as mandated by the Alberta Municipal Affairs Assessment Services Branch.

This year, Wheatland County will be conducting property assessment site inspections on all improved parcels within **Range 22 (parallel to Hwy #840), including Redland, Rosebud, and Lakes of Muirfield**. The purpose of these inspections is to update property assessment information and capture exterior digital photos of all assessable buildings.

On March 20th, an introduction letter and Residential Request for Information (RRFI) form were sent to all property owners with a single residence who are due for a re-inspection. This cost-effective process to verify assessment data encourages property owners to provide self-reporting of changes pertaining to their residence and assessable outbuilding(s).

Should any concern arise during these inspections, please contact:

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

An Assessor will conduct an on-site inspection during the summer months and will do the following:

- Capture exterior digital photos of all assessable buildings.
- Carry personal identification and wear a high-visibility vest.
- Enter the yard site in a vehicle clearly marked with the Wheatland County logo and “Assessment Department” signage.
- Place a callback card if no response is received to the RRFI and no one is home during the site visit. The callback card may be placed on the main entrance door of the residence or another conspicuous location to request and verify assessment information.

Our goal is to assess your property based on the most current and accurate information. This process enables us to determine a more precise market value of your property, which serves as the basis for your property taxes. We are committed to preparing and maintaining a fair and equitable property assessment base. We would like to express our gratitude to residents in advance for their cooperation during the 2024 Property Assessment re-inspections.

DID YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE THIS YEAR?

If your address has changed, even if it was updated by Canada Post, please reach out to us to make sure your tax account information is current.

Wheatland County sources property ownership and mailing address information from the Alberta Land Titles Office and the Certificate of Title. It is the property owners' responsibility to ensure that their Land Title record is accurate and up to date. Please note that Canada Post does not update your Land Titles Certificate on your behalf.

To update your address, please complete a Change of Address Form and mail the original signed copy to the Land Titles Office.

Land Titles Office Mailing Address:

Calgary Alberta Land Titles Office
Box 7575
Calgary, AB, T2P 2R4

Street Address: 710 4th Ave. S.W., Calgary
Phone: (403) 297-6511
Fax: (403) 297-8641
Email: lto@gov.ab.ca

To obtain a Change of Address Form:

- **Online:** Visit wheatlandcounty.ca/taxes/, click on 'Taxes' and select the 'Change of Mailing Address Form'. Please complete the form and email it to tax@wheatlandcounty.ca.

- **In person:** Visit the County Office to complete the form.

Wheatland County will accept a copy of the Change of Address Form directly from ratepayers. Wheatland County will update the property owner's address in anticipation of receiving the finalized registration from the Land Titles Office.

If you do not receive your tax notice by mid-May, please contact the Wheatland County Administration Office.

- Taxes are due June 30th and late penalties are applied July 1st.
- Non-receipt of your property tax bill does not exempt you from late payment penalties.
- Under the Municipal Government Act, Section 337, a tax notice is deemed to have been received seven days after it is sent.



FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



OPEN HOUSE MEETING



WEDNESDAY

July 3, 2024



START AT

7:00 PM



LOCATION

Wheatland County Administration Building

242006 RANGE ROAD 243

WHEATLAND COUNTY, AB T1P 2C4

The Open House Meeting serves as a platform for individuals to engage in informal interactions with Council members, facilitating discussions, and gaining insights into various County initiatives.

Conclusion of:

IN-HOME COOKING



The In-Home Cooking segment of our Home Support program has concluded. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Calgary Foundation for their generous funding support throughout this pilot project.

For more information about available WFCSS programs, please visit www.wfcss.org



FARM MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL SHEET



CRISIS SUPPORT

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| EMERGENCY | 911 | TALK SUICIDE CANADA | 988 (24/7/365) |
| ALBERTA HEALTH LINK | 811 | TALK SUICIDE (TEXT) | 988 (4PM - 12AM EST) |

ALBERTA CALL LINES

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| MENTAL HEALTH HELP LINE | 1-877-303-2642 | FAMILY VIOLENCE INFO LINE | 1-780-310-1818 |
| ADDICTION HELP LINE | 1-866-332-2322 | COUNSELLING ALBERTA | 1-833-827-4230 |
| EASECARE | 1-587-323-8646 | | |

NATIONAL LINES

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| FIRST NATION AND INUIT HOPE FOR WELLNESS HELP | 1-855-242-3310 |
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ACCESS FOUR FREE THERAPY SESSIONS THROUGH AGKNOW



READY TO GET SOME HELP?

STEPS TO BOOKING A SESSION

01

CHOOSE A THERAPIST

The members in our therapist network (see page 2 of this flyer) have experience with farmers and agriculture in Alberta, so you can spend less time getting them up to speed and more time getting to the root of the problem.

02

SCHEDULE A CALL

You have direct access to everyone in our Therapist Network, so you can find a therapist you resonate with, fill out their contact form on our website www.agknow.ca, or contact them at the information on page 2, and they'll connect with you to book your first session.

03

TALK ABOUT IT

Whether in person, virtual or through a telephone session, now is your chance to talk about how you are really doing. Remember, we were never meant to do this alone.

CONTACTING YOUR THERAPIST DIRECTLY? TELL THEM AGKNOW REFERRED YOU TO REDEEM YOUR 4 FREE SESSIONS

FARM MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL SHEET

The AgKnow network is made up of agriculturally informed and connected practitioners across Alberta. Our current Free Sessions Pilot Program covers up to **four free counselling sessions** for farmers, their families, farm employees, veterinarians and registered veterinarian technicians.

THERAPISTS & COUNSELLORS



DR. KENDELL BANACK
587-805-1077

Camrose
In-person, Virtual



DR. NICOLE DODD
587-206-9250

Medicine Hat
In-person,
Virtual, Phone



LAURA FRIESEN
833-797-1269

Edmonton
Virtual only



LORELEI HOYT
587-850-2967

Stony Plain
In-person, Virtual



JENNA IBACH
587-605-4131

Medicine Hat
Virtual only



MORGAN JEFFERSON
587-807-0760

St. Alberta
In-person,
Virtual, Phone



SHELBY LOOMIS
780-482-6215

Edmonton
In-person, Virtual



PATTI LOTT
587-319-0259

Rocky View County
In-person, Virtual



AMY MONEA
403-337-0163

Carstairs
In-person,
Virtual, Phone



JOANNE PRYSUNKA
587-872-8153

Red Deer
In-person, Virtual



ALEX SCHINKE
587-341-2342

Sherwood Park
In-person, Virtual



KIRSTI SKINSTAD
587-849-4610

Camrose
In-person, Virtual



MITCHELL TOKAREK 866-401-9162

Beaumont
In-person, Virtual



ALISON VARGA
403-993-6337

Okotoks
In-person, Virtual



WENDY BOS
825-601-5444

Edmonton
In-person, Virtual



ERIKA JEAN WILCOX
587-875-5548

Camrose
In-person, Virtual



DANIEL ZOPOULA
825-250-3685

Lethbridge
In-person,
Virtual, Phone



FARM FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICES 587-370-3728

MICHEAL FEDUNEC, SUPERVISOR

Lethbridge County, Warner County, MD of Taber
In-person, Virtual

2024 Gravel Sales Dates

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:

June 12th and 13th, 2024

Goldsmith Pit (Cluny)
Located at NE-8-22-21-W4M
7/8" Crush & Pit Run

July 10th and 11th, 2024

Christensen Pit (Carseland)
Located at NE-03-22-25-W4M
3/4" Crush & Pit Run

August 14th and 15th, 2024

Fish Lake Pit (Dalum)
Located at NE-28-26-18-W4M
7/8" Crush & Pit Run

Dust Control

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

| Calcium Chloride | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| First application order deadline | May 17, 2024 |
| Second application order deadline | June 7, 2024 |
| Price | County Roads: \$6.19/meter plus GST |
| Oiling | |
| Application order deadline | July 5, 2024 |
| Price | » County Roads: \$32.68/meter plus GST (New Application) » Gravel Secondary Highway: \$35.68/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 120 meters.
- » 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, on our website www.wheatlandcounty.ca or by emailing transportation@wheatlandcounty.ca.

Have you heard?

Wheatland County now
has an expansive online
business directory!

If your business, regardless of size, is based within Wheatland
County, don't miss out - explore our new
investwc.ca website and join today!



Chariots of Fire

by Mike Bartlett

The Iconic Olympic Race

The epic race between two Olympians, one
running to overcome prejudice against his
people and one running for the glory of God!

APRIL 5 - MAY 25

Rosebud 2024
Theatre **SEASON**





Upcoming Projects & Permits

What do you need to know?

With Spring around the corner, many are getting ready to tackle their construction projects or are contemplating what improvements they would like to make. When planning your construction project, don't forget to plan ahead by considering what permits may be applicable to your project. Permits ensure that the work taking place meets the current Codes and Standards so your project can be compliant and completed safely, making the most of your investment!

Electrical, Plumbing, Gas, and Private Sewage permits are required when new work is taking place or when alterations are being made to any existing system. In the building discipline, permits are required when health and safety may be at risk to ensure that the work carried out is done safely and in compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements. If your project or undertaking doesn't impact life safety and does not exceed \$5,000 in prevailing market value, a building permit is not required. Confirm with the County or your Safety Codes Officer to verify if permits are required for your project! While planning an upcoming project, remember to communicate with the County to confirm if a Development Permit is required for your project. It is important to remember that your Development Permit is not your Building permit. Even if you have obtained an approved Development Permit, you are not able to start construction until your required Safety Codes permits are approved and issued.

Building and Private Sewage Permit applications all require a code review prior to the issuance of the permit. Your approved permit is your green light to begin work. Starting work before your permit is issued can trigger costly penalties, limit the ability of the Safety Codes Officer to assist in determining compliance, and result in costly changes. The best time to make changes to your project is when it is on paper and before any work takes place. The code review will ensure that what is proposed meets the minimum code requirements to avoid any costly changes during the project.

You are able to obtain any permit for your own residence, where you dwell. If your project involves non-residential occupancy or where others will reside, you will require a licensed contractor, such as a Master Electrician, Journeyman Plumber, Gasfitter, or certified Private Sewage Installer, to obtain your permit.

Your permit will indicate how many inspections are required for your project and at what stages they are needed. Please inform the County in advance when you are ready for an inspection to ensure it can be scheduled promptly. The Safety Codes Officer will then conduct a site visit to ensure that the work completed is compliant or to inform you of any required changes. The cost of your permit includes the necessary site inspections, so maximize its value by requesting inspections at the appropriate stages to ensure compliance and get the most out of your permit fee!

Prior to undertaking any project, it is important to confirm whether a Development Permit is required. Feel free to contact the County or the contracted Safety Codes provider, The Inspections Group Inc., with any questions and to confirm when permits may be necessary for your proposed project!

For more information regarding permits in Wheatland County, please contact Wheatland County at safetycodes@wheatlandcounty.ca or 403-934-3321, or The Inspections Group Inc. at south@inspectionsgroup.com or 1-888-852-3558.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

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



If you're interested or have questions, please call or email Mark Romaniuk, Deputy Regional Fire Chief at 403-361-2165 or mark.romaniuk@wheatlandcounty.ca



2023 INSECT REPORT SUMMARY

Bertha Armyworm Survey

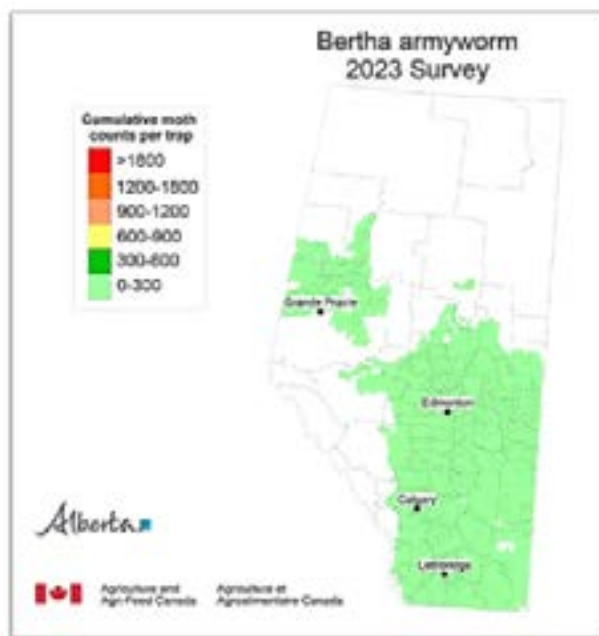
2023 Survey Findings

The 2023 Bertha Armyworm Survey in Wheatland County involved sampling 9 fields. While it's challenging to precisely predict the 2024 bertha armyworm populations based on the 2023 moth catch, the data suggests that there is no significant threat from bertha armyworm in 2024.

Bertha armyworm populations are typically regulated by weather conditions and natural enemies. When parasitism rates reach 50 to 60% in bertha larval populations, it often indicates the end of a local outbreak in the following year. Additionally, disease outbreaks can significantly impact bertha armyworm populations, as observed in 2013. Snow cover promotes successful overwintering, while low snow cover combined with cold temperatures reduces winter survival.

Monitoring, even during low flight years, helps identify trends and predict population build-up leading to new outbreaks. The actual damage caused by bertha armyworm may vary based on weather, crop conditions, and localized dynamics. When larval numbers meet the economic threshold, applying insecticides is recommended.

The primary goal of monitoring is to raise awareness among canola producers about the damage potential of bertha armyworm. It's essential to note that forecast maps do not replace field scouting. Proper field scouting is necessary before treating any field for bertha armyworm. Moth catches indicate damage potential, but assessing actual populations is crucial. Previous outbreaks have demonstrated significant variations in bertha armyworm numbers even within adjacent fields or different parts of the same field. Producers growing flax, peas, faba bean, and quinoa should also pay attention to this system, as bertha armyworm is known to feed on these crops.



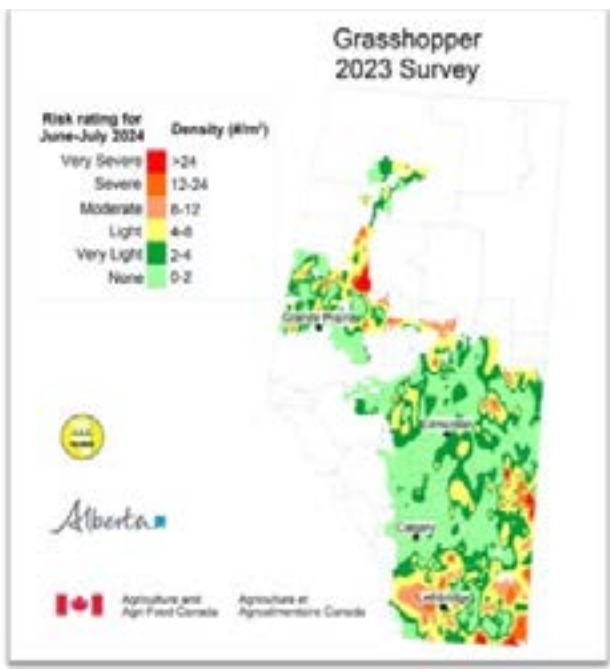


Grasshoppers Survey

2023 Survey Findings

The 2023 grasshopper survey map, based on adult grasshopper counts conducted in August 2023 by the Agricultural Fieldmen of Alberta, provides insights into grasshopper populations. These counts indicate the number of individuals capable of reproduction and egg laying. However, environmental factors can lead to actual populations differing from forecasts.

Producers must be vigilant about potential risks in their areas and monitor fields accordingly. Southern Alberta has seen increasing grasshopper numbers since 2021, particularly in the south and eastern border regions. Warm and dry conditions in August and September of 2022 and 2023 favored grasshopper egg laying and development. Outbreaks are possible in the southern and eastern border regions in 2024, so those who faced grasshopper issues in 2023 should anticipate similar challenges.



Scouting areas with significant grasshopper risk in late May and June is crucial, especially where high concentrations were observed in the previous year. Additionally, attention should be given to traditionally high grasshopper population areas, and early green growth zones (such as field margins, fence-lines, and roadsides) can serve as indicators of potential grasshopper problems.

For further details, scan the QR code provided to access additional 2023 Insect Surveys and Maps, or visit our website at wheatlandcounty.ca.

You can also find more information at <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-insect-pest-monitoring-network>



2024 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 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 08 | Mid June | Late June |
| GD 07 | Early July | Mid July |
| GD 01 | Mid July | Late July |
| GD 05 | Early August | Mid August |
| GD 04 | Mid August | Late August |
| East Rotation | | |
| GD 10 | Mid June | Late June |
| GD 06 | Early July | Mid July |
| GD 02 | Mid July | Late July |
| GD 09 | Early August | Mid August |
| GD 03 | Mid August | Late August |
| Grader Division | Start Date: Second Cut | Completion Date |
| West Rotation | | |
| GD 08 | Early Sept | Mid Sept |
| GD 07 | Mid Sept | Early Oct |
| GD 01 | Early Oct | Mid Oct |
| GD 05 | Mid Oct | Early Nov |
| GD 04 | Early Nov | Mid Nov |
| East Rotation | | |
| GD 10 | Early Sept | Mid Sept |
| GD 06 | Mid Sept | Early Oct |
| GD 02 | Early Oct | Mid Oct |
| GD 09 | Mid Oct | Early Nov |
| GD 03 | Early Nov | Mid Nov |
| Please note that the 2024 Roadside Mowing & Weed Spraying Schedule is weather and equipment permitting. The schedule may be subject to change. | | |



Rosebud Valley 5K / 3K Fun Run!

Saturday, May 25, 2024

A 5K or 3K Fundraising Fun-Run/Walk in the beautiful Rosebud Valley in support of Rosebud Theatre & School of the Arts, and tied to Rosebud's Epic Production of Chariots of Fire!

Registration: 8 am Start Time: 9 am

Fee: Adult: \$45 70+/Youth/Child: \$35 Family: \$140

Includes brunch after the race, swag bag, and ticket discount for dinner & theatre for any show in Rosebud's 2024 season!

Register at:

raceroster.com/events/2024/87924/rosebud-valley-fun-run



Rosebud
Theatre

Rosebud
School of the Arts

RosebudTheatre.com



MEET YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Standard Rural Fire Association was formed on October 15, 1962. At that time, they had purchased a water truck and water tank to service the Village of Standard and surrounding area. There was a membership fee of \$100.00. Today, the Standard Rural Fire Association has seven trucks in its fleet, consisting of the EFRT truck, Bush Buggy, Tender 71, Rescue, Command, Engine/Pump, and Tender 77. According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) rules, each of these units has a specified useful lifespan after which they need to be replaced, regardless of the kilometres or hours on the unit. The Rural Fire Association is currently planning and researching the purchase of a new Engine/Pump truck for replacement in 2027. Shortly after we replace that unit, the Bush Buggy will also be up for replacement. It is only through the funding we receive from the County, community donations, and fundraising efforts of the department members that we are able to purchase these units and all our equipment.



Our fire department currently comprises thirteen volunteer members who reside within Wheatland County and the Village of Standard. Some of our longest-serving members have been with the department for over 40 years, while some of our newest members have joined us in the past 6 months. Our role as a volunteer department is to respond at all hours of the day to a variety of calls, ranging from structure fires, wildland fires, medical assists, to motor vehicle collisions. Our department meets every Tuesday evening for training to keep our skills and knowledge up to date, learning new methods, as well as performing checks and maintenance on all equipment. Last summer, our department participated in a County-provided fire training exercise called Got Big Water. We learned the most effective ways to utilize our equipment and how to collaborate more efficiently with other departments. In the fall, we hosted an instructor specializing in vehicle

extrication, from whom we gained insights into new and innovative ways to utilize the equipment carried on our Rescue and Engine trucks. Currently, some of our members are undergoing County-provided Wildland Fire training so that if the Province requires additional resources to help fight wildland/forest fires, our fire department can dispatch our trained volunteers to respond. We are always looking for new members to join our department and encourage people to visit the hall on a Tuesday evening to find out more information.

Being a member of the Standard Rural Fire Association is extremely rewarding. Providing emergency services in the communities we live in and helping our friends and neighbours when they are in need, volunteering to help at the Standard Rodeo event, speaking with the Playschool children, or handing out smoke detectors to the community - all of these activities fill us with pride and a sense of community. Whether we are putting out a stubble field fire or offering a smile and a helping hand at a medical call, we enjoy being there for the public when they make that 911 call. We do what we do for the love of the job and for the love of the community.





GROUND SQUIRREL CONTROL

Richardson ground squirrels (*Urocitellus richardsonii*) are a common sight in Wheatland County, causing frustration by nibbling on crops and pastures, and creating holes as pests. According to the Alberta Pest Act, controlling them on private property is permissible with landowner consent. Effective management begins with identifying populations accurately, exploring diverse control strategies, and establishing damage and economic thresholds. By tailoring an integrated pest management program, you can mitigate current and potential damages inflicted by these critters.

Implementing best practices and proactive measures is crucial. This involves promoting predation through nesting boxes for birds of prey, maintaining tall vegetation cover or buffers, and practicing crop rotations. All of these factors should be evaluated within the context of land suitability. Users of pest control products must adhere to label instructions and adopt best practices to ensure that human and environmental safety remains paramount.

Timing is crucial for effective ground squirrel control. The optimal window is after adult females are impregnated but before new young emerge. This period is typically between mid-March and mid-April. To achieve complete colony elimination in a specific

area, population control of 80% or more is necessary; otherwise, the population will remain unaffected.

Various strategies can be implemented for ground squirrel control, including shooting, asphyxiation, and poisoning/baiting. Asphyxiation methods utilizing foam from Rocon or smoke from Giant Destroyers prove effective, alongside poisoned baiting options such as Rozol and Ramik Green. Shooting can also be effective, if permitted. Combining multiple strategies is often more effective than relying on a single approach.

For baiting programs, it's crucial to administer before green-up conditions and to properly survey and dispose of carcasses. Suffocation strategies typically leave rodents unconscious within a minute and dead within three, whereas baiting strategies may take longer to achieve efficacy.

The products listed do not encompass all available options but are provided for informational purposes to enhance best practices and effective control tailored to your specific needs and conditions. Please note that availability may vary among rodent control products.

Rozol RTU is a premixed, anticoagulant bait ready for use in crop and rangeland areas, with a readily available antidote. The bait has a consistent blend, is moisture-resistant, and can be used without pre-baiting. Since vitamin K1 serves as the antidote to the active ingredient (Chlorophacinone), an infested alfalfa field may experience a low success rate. Units are available for purchase in 20 or 50 lbs.

Ramik Green (Diphacinone) is another anticoagulant bait that requires multiple feedings. Bait stations may be utilized, and the product maintains palatability due to its high protein content and waxy coating, which provides resistance to moisture. Purchase in 5-gallon pails is available.

The Giant Destroyer Rodent Gasser eliminates burrowing rodents by suffocation via sulfur gas. Burrow exits must be closed off to prevent escape, and the device is lit at the fuse and placed in the last opened entrance, then filled in quickly. This creates asphyxiating smoke if escape is prevented. Purchase is available in 4 packs.

Rocon is a registered mustard-based pesticide, a poison-free mixture of a biodegradable foaming agent used to asphyxiate ground squirrels in their burrow system. Using an electric pump system, the mixture is injected into the burrow system while escape and other exits are closed off using plastic perforated cones. The cones allow the operator to inject the mixture to enter and spread completely throughout the underground burrow system. The foaming agent greatly reduces the amount of water necessary to fill the cavities and flows from a tank-mixed solution through a wand-like apparatus. Since Rocon is nontoxic, there are reduced concerns about predators and scavengers consuming carcasses and exposure to people. Purchase is available in 4x4L solution and a pump/wand combo kit.

Burrow Oat Bait and other similar bait products with zinc phosphide as the active ingredient may be a helpful choice in an alfalfa setting since vitamin K1 is not the antidote. It has a very low secondary poisoning risk for scavengers as well. This product is intended for Certified Applicators and Farmers, and pre-baiting 7 days before using the product is recommended for the best results. The active ingredient is a powder on the bait, and when it is exposed to moisture/acid, it starts to release highly toxic phosphine gas. When the gas forms and contacts the rodent's stomach acid, even more gas is rapidly generated, causing asphyxiation.

Phostoxin produces phosphine gas, which is an odorless gas that enters the rodent's bloodstream and causes death by asphyxiation. Aluminum phosphide is the active ingredient and reacts with moisture; if dry conditions exist, a wet newspaper could be added to enhance the process. All entrances will need to be sealed to ensure efficacy.



For more information about ground squirrel management in Wheatland County, please contact the Agricultural Services Officer at:

Phone: 403-934-4949

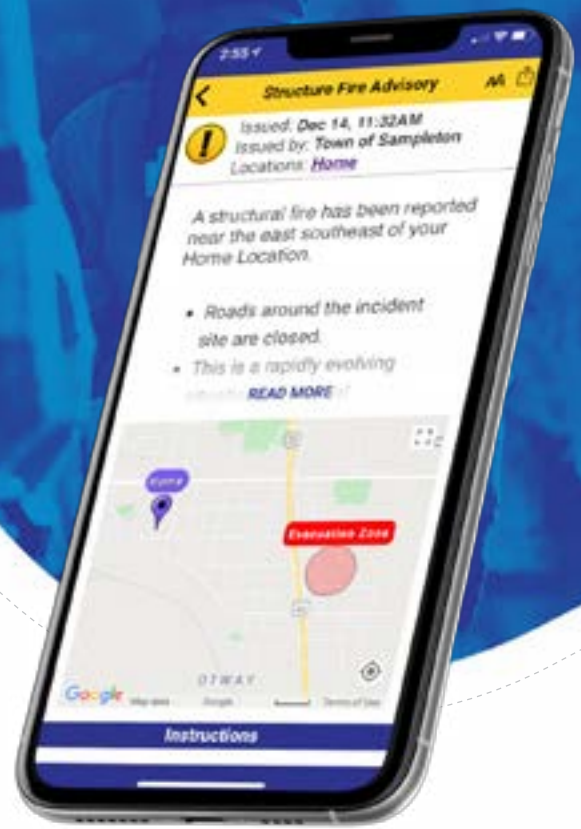
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| Strathmore FCSS..... | 403-934-9090 |
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Local Elder Abuse
Case Manager
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donelda.laing@crpcn.ca



How do I know if someone is being abused:

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- **Financial** - misuse of money and property, forging of signatures, misuse of Power of Attorney, persuasion of buying or selling items/property
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- **Physical** - shaking, slapping, punching, forced confinement, failure to provide adequate health care, severe weather exposure
- **Sexual** - verbal or suggestive behavior, fondling, unwanted intercourse, lack of privacy, unnecessary help with dressing/hygiene
- **Neglect** - failure to provide a safe place to live, clean clothing, proper food, social interactions, personal hygiene, aids for daily living
- **Medication** - withholding medication, overmedicating, sedation, not complying with prescription refills

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Wildfire Risk Reduction

10 Safety Tips

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

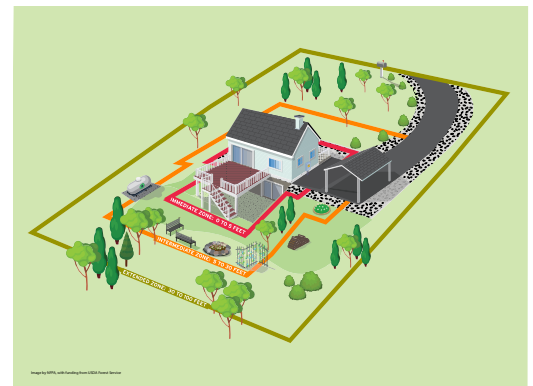
- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior 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.

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Leafy Spurge

Euphorbia esula

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Noxious Weed

Leafy spurge is a long-lived perennial that was introduced as either an ornamental or crop seed contaminant in the early 1800's. It reproduces primarily by re-sprouting from its extensive, persistent, creeping root system, but also by seed. Leafy spurge roots can extend 4.5 m laterally and about 9 m deep.

Leafy spurge forms dense stands over times and a large plant can produce up to 130,000 seeds. All parts of the plant contain a milky colored latex that can poison livestock and cause skin irritation on humans. Cypress spurge is very similar in appearance, but leafy spurge is taller, has longer leaves, and less branching in the upper part of the plant.

Native to much of Europe and Asia, it is adapted to a wide variety of site conditions. It grows on a range of soil types and tolerates very dry to very wet climates, but does require some warmth for good growth. Seasonal flooding of riparian infestations can distribute seed long distances.

For more information
Visit www.abinvasives.ca



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| 1. Leaves | Leaves are numerous and attached directly to the stem, arranged alternately or sometimes spirally. The leaves are up to 7cm long, narrow, waxy, have smooth edges and are bluish-green in colour, turning yellowish or reddish-orange |
| 2. Flower | Flowers are small, yellowish-green, lack both petals and sepals, and are supported by 2 green, heart-shaped, leaf-like bracts, arranged in numerous small clusters. |
| 3. Stem | Stems are arranged in clumps, smooth and hairless, grow up to 1 m tall and contain a milky latex. |
| 4. Seed | Seeds are about 2mm, smooth, oblong, light gray to dark brown in color and grow in pods on top of the bracts. When mature the dried seed pods explode, distributing seed as far as 5m from the parent plant. |



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

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

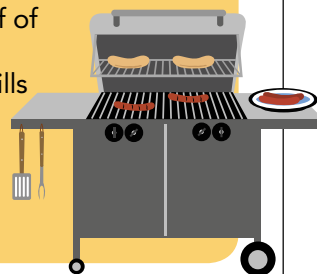
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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Campaign for the Enhanced Protection of Roadside Ditches and Right-of-Ways in Southern Alberta. Funding provided by Alberta Environment and Parks

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- Sustain pollinators like butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, bees and wasps.
- Sustain other species that prey on agricultural pests.
- Filter excess nutrients like phosphorous and nitrogen preventing them from entering rivers and lakes or ground water systems.
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- Retain thousands of tons of carbon from entering the atmosphere when left intact.



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A new group of participants will begin every 12 weeks. Scheduling will be flexible and modified to meet the needs of participants 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, Shantelle Vermeylen directly at **587-600-7863** or visit **www.prospectnow.ca/skillsforsuccess**

To learn more about other employment supports offered by Prospect, please call **1-877-483-2562** or visit **prospectnow.ca**



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

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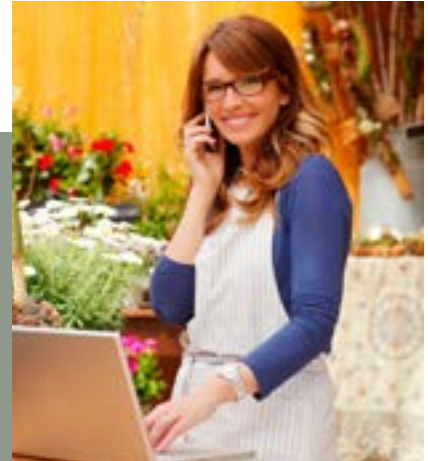
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