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County attends RCMP
community BBQ



PATRICIA HARCOURT PHOTO

Beaver County Councillor Dale Pederson (Division 5), at left, and Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3), middle, were on hand for the Viking RCMP Community BBQ on Tuesday, May 27 where they chatted with friend Chris Sutter, who was also waiting for a hamburger.

ASB Scholarship
policy increases amounts that
can be awarded

Patricia Harcourt

A policy for providing Agricultural Service Board scholarships was amended by Beaver County Council at the May 21 regular meeting.

It means more funding will be available for those seeking a scholarship through the county in the agricultural field.

Agricultural Fieldman Jonathan Culbert explained the reason the county gives out this scholarship.

The ASB scholarship, he says, “aims to promote agriculture as a viable career choice for Beaver County residents by providing financial support to county residents who are pursuing an agriculture or agriculture-related post-secondary program of two or more years in length.”

Last October, the ASB directed county administration to amend the policy in question “to enable the ASB and council to award more than \$500 to an individ-

ual if they are the only eligible applicant received that year,” Culbert stated.

ASB approved the changes at their January meeting, and were then recommended to county council for approval.

Council has doubled its scholarship award funds during its last budget deliberations.

As a result, the changes recommended include that the policy no longer restricts scholarship amounts to \$500 per eligible applicant.

The total amount of money will be split among the eligible applicants. And, if there is only one application for funds received, that applicant may get the full amount.

Additional funding may be allocated if there are four or more applicants, with the ASB’s approval, to ensure each receives at least \$500.

A motion by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) to approve the amended policy was passed by council.

Council recognizes importance of work done at Beaver County
Seed Cleaning Plant

Patricia Harcourt

The Beaver County Seed Cleaning Cooperative Association was recognized for its work over the years at the county’s regular meeting on May 21.

Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) had asked that the annual report for the plant be taken out of the “consent agenda and added to the active part of the meeting.

“I wanted to bring it forward to recognize the importance of the work guys do at the seed cleaning plant,” he said.

The document of Feb. 20 submitted to the county included financial statements to the year ended at June 30, 2024, a manager’s report, and bushel

report.

“We are requesting a continuation of memorandum of agreement for the \$30,000 annual seed plant grant,” stated Board Secretary Brent Christensen, on behalf of the seed cleaning plant board.

“We are aware that the plant did incur a small loss for the second consecutive year including the county grant,” stated Christensen.

“This is explained by the extra costs associated with the colour sorter surge bin and conveyor project plus the install of the heater for the sorter room.

“Due to the impending drought, extra seed oats was purchased to guarantee a supply of seed for spring of

2025 sales.”

It was noted that “the colour sorter is now running at full capacity (as reported on Feb. 20).” And, there were no major upgrades or capital purchases planned.

The board has budgeted for a “break-even” budget that includes the annual grant.

Raising seed cleaning costs to \$0.80/bu. as of last December has added to the revenues to make that possible.

Plant manager Tyler Suchy reported as of Nov. 25 last year that the plant had cleaned 350,197 bushels in the previous year.

Plus, the plant sold 14,041 bushels of seed oats. “The demand for oats con-

tinues, so we will be sure to keep oat sales going,” he stated.

Maintenance repairs were done over that year, including servicing all of the machines and legs, and changing worn out piping and ducting.

The installation of the conveyor and an overhead bin will increase efficiency.

“This was to increase the flow capacity to our colour sorter,” he explained. Operating costs were saved by being closed in July and August, and being available by appointment only in September and October.

“Thank you to all of the producers for another successful year,” Suchy added.



COMMUNITY THANKS

- The **Tofield Curling Club** would like to thank Tofield Town Council for their generous donation towards their building improvements!
- On behalf of the **BESC** (Beaver Emergency Services Commission) Board, Administration, and Firefighters, we extend our sincere thanks to the former Victims Services Board for your dedication, hard work and \$10,000 donation to BESC! Your service and commitment to the community have made a lasting impact.



BEAVER COUNTY



IMPORTANT DATES

June 18

- 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Regular Council Meeting

July 16

- 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Regular Council Meeting

RYLEY MUSEUM SOCIETY SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Ryley Museum is seeking a reliable and enthusiastic individual to join our team for the summer!

Position Details:

- **Duties include:** Cataloguing, organizing artifacts, welcoming visitors, light cleaning, and other general museum tasks.
- **Employment Period:** July and August
- **Work Schedule:** Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- **Start Date:** Wednesday, July 2
- **Wage:** \$17.00 per hour



Application Deadline: June 20th

To apply or for more information contact:

willisreist@outlook.ca or 780-886-8144

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



Book Club

Location: Ross Creek Community Hall, 531041 Rge Rd 191
Rural book club that meets the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings run from 7PM - 8PM, all ages welcome!

Tofield AA - Thursdays, 8 - 9 PM

Basement of Bardo Lutheran Church, 4737 57 Ave, Tofield.

Viking AA - Wednesdays, 8 PM, Zoom option also available.

Golden Valley Lutheran Church, 5327 56 Ave, Viking.

<https://area78aa.org/meetings/147-3>

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Holden Farmer's Day
Saturday, June 14, 2025

What's Happening	Time	Venue
Pancake Breakfast - Holden Rural Academy Fundraiser	8 am - 10 am	Complex - Rec Room
Parade (Line up 10 am Judging 10:30 am)	FREE 11 am	East side of Sports Grounds (4903-52 Ave)
Farmers Day Olympics - FCSS	FREE 11 am - 1 pm	Complex
Balloon Man	FREE 11 am - 2 pm	Complex
Glitter Tattoos - Holden Rural Academy	FREE 11 am - 2 pm	Complex - Rec room
Farmers Day Market - EDC	11 am - 3 pm	Complex - Rec Room
Italian Sodas Booth	11 am - 4 pm	Complex
Inflatables	11 am - 4 pm	North of Complex
Foam Pit	11 am - 4 pm	North of Complex
Legion Bar & Snacks	11 am - 3 pm	Legion (4932-51 Ave)
Concession Open	11 am - 3 pm	Complex Lobby
Petting Zoo	FREE 11 am - 3 pm	North of Complex
The Gallery Open	11 am - 4 pm	The Gallery (4916-49 Ave)
Museum Open	11 am - 4 pm	Museum (4928-50 Ave)
NU2U2 Open	11 am - 4 pm	NU2U2 Store (4904-50 St)
Beer Gardens	11 am - 1 am	Complex - Rec Room
Fire Department Burgers	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Fire Hall
Car Show and Shine	11 am - 5 pm	Main Street
Ninja Warrior Course & Games	1 pm - 5 pm	Complex
Music Jam	1 pm	Community Hall
4H Project Display	FREE 1 pm - 3 pm	Complex
Pulled Pork: Tickets at Door	5:00 pm - 7 pm	Complex
Ages 12+: \$15, 6-11: \$10, 5 and under: Free		
DJ Dan - Music (No kids after 11pm)	FREE 7 pm - 1 am	Complex - Rec Room
Free Hot Dogs and Pop - Council	FREE 10 pm	Complex Lobby
Fireworks	FREE 11 pm	North of Complex



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BEAVER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD - CALL FOR PUBLIC AT LARGE (PAL) MEMBERS

Beaver County Council is seeking two (2) Public at Large positions to serve on the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) for a three-year term starting November 2025.

The ASB meets approximately 4-6 times per year and helps shape local policies and programs that support sustainable agriculture.

Applicants must:

- Reside in Beaver County
- Be familiar with agriculture practices and trends (e.g. value - added agriculture)
- Be willing to contribute to policy discussions in line with the Agricultural Service Board Act.

Orientation will be provided for applicants to discuss position responsibilities, and the role of the ASB within Alberta.

To apply or learn more, contact Jonny Culbert at 825-385-0064 or jculbert@beaver.ab.ca

To fill out the online form, scan the QR code.

Deadline to apply: 12:00 PM (noon), June 13, 2025



WHISPERING HILLS: RGE RD 200 FROM SECONDARY HWY 630 TO BLACKGOOT GRAZING RESERVE ENTRANCE

Over the coming weeks, Whispering Hills and RGE RD 200 from SEC HWY 630 to Blackfoot Grazing Reserve Entrance will undergo a significant road upgrade to a durable, all-weather hard surface. This improvement includes stabilizing the existing road base with soil cement, followed by the application of two layers of chip seal. Although this process differs from traditional asphalt paving, residents and motorists will enjoy a similar finished surface—dust-free when dry and mud-free when wet.

During construction, sections of the road may be temporarily closed to allow crews to work safely. Detours will be clearly marked. Please plan alternate routes where possible or drive cautiously if you must travel through the construction zone (local traffic only).

Beaver County is committed to maintaining a safe, injury-free work environment for all staff, contractors, and the public. We kindly remind all drivers to respect posted speed limits in construction areas. Excessive speed poses a serious risk to workers and others in the area.

Construction sites can present potential hazards such as heavy equipment, dust, mud, gravel, chip seal materials, and other debris. We urge everyone to stay alert and travel with care.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve your roads. These upgrades are essential to maintaining safe and reliable infrastructure in high-traffic areas.

For more information, please contact the Beaver County Service Centre at 780-663-3730.



Mailing list

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Website

Information on County programs and services can be found on our website, along with the latest news.



2025 COUNTY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

****ALL DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT****

	START DATE	EST. END DATE	AS OF MAY 28
Culvert Maintenance	April 1	Nov 1	
Patching oil roads	May 1	Sep 29	
Hard-Surface Locations Constructed in the following phases: Phase 1 (P1): Cement, Phase 2 (P2): Chip Seal 1st Lift, Phase 3 (P3): Chip Seal 2nd lift, Phase 4 (P4): Final sweep of Chips.			
Kingsway Estates - 501	May 12	May 16	P1  , P2 
Rge Rd 202 between Twp 502 & 504	May 19	May 30	P1  , P2 
Beaver Creek Estates North - 50514 Rge Rd 202	Jun 2	Jun 4	P1  , P2 
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to campground entrance & Hoopers Dr	Jun 5	Jun 9	P1  , P2 
Whispering Hills Estates - 51308 Rge Rd 195	Jun 10	Jun 14	
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to Blackfoot Grazing Reserve Entrance	Jun 16	Jun 24	
Twp 492 approx. 1.72kms east of Rge Rd 170	Jun 26	Jun 27	
Twp 490 between Hwy 857 & Rge Rd 142	Jul 2	Jul 25	
Twp 490 between Hwy 870 & Rge Rd 120	Jul 28	Aug 22	
Twp Rd 512 from Rge Rd 191 to HWY 834	Aug 25	Sep 3	
Shoulder Pulls (Location TBD)			
Backsloping (location TBD)	Oct 2	Nov 1	
Gravelling	Mar 13	Dec 22	
Dust Control- 1st Application	May 13	May 30	
Dust Control- 2nd Application	Aug 8	Aug 15	
 Completed  In Progress  Scheduled  Delayed			

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Kingsway Estates

RGE RD 202 between TWP RD 502 & 504

Beaver Creek Estates North 50514 RGE RD 202

RGE RD 200 from SEC HWY 630 to Hoopers Drive & Campground Entrance

The soil stabilizing for the road base with soil cement is now complete. We will soon be starting the first layer of chip seal and there may be delays as work crews direct traffic in order to work safely. There will be many loose rocks after the chip seal layer is applied and speed limits will be reduced on these roads once opened until the project is complete.

During this construction phase, portions of the road may be closed to allow crews to work safely please use another route, detours will be posted or be cautious when you need to drive through construction zones (local traffic only). Beaver County's goal is to provide a healthy, injury free work environment for all employees, contractors, visitors and general public. Already this year we have had people exceeding the posted speed limit through our construction zones, endangering staff, contractors and the public.

There are potential hazards to the public and vehicles during the construction process. This can include heavy machinery, dust or mud, road material such as gravel, asphalt coatings and rock chips.

We apologize for the inconvenience that road maintenance and upgrading causes, but the same roads that receive the most traffic also need the most maintenance. Thank-you for your patience and understanding during construction. If you have any questions, please call the Beaver County Service centre at 780-663-3730.

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County sets up ag notice of appeal committees bylaw, appoints committee members to appeal committees

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council gave first reading to a draft bylaw regarding Agriculture Notice of Appeal committees.

Any board or committee must be incorporated into a bylaw under the Municipal Government Act (MGA) to be used. Rural municipalities appoint persons to hear appeals of notices sent to an individual under the Weed Control Act and/or the Agricultural Pests Act.

Jonathan Culbert presented the Agricultural Notice of Appeal

Committee Bylaw “to meet the requirements of the act,” he stated, at the May 21 county council meeting.

“The purpose of the bylaw is to provide legitimacy to the different agricultural appeal committees,” he explained, “and to provide guidance on the committees’ functions, structure and meeting procedures.”

Culbert said the Agricultural Service Board had reviewed the proposed bylaw. The bylaw “was recommended to council for approval,” he said.

Council passed First Reading of the draft bylaw following a motion by Councillor Lionel Williams (Division

2). There will be a period where the public can view the draft bylaw prior to consideration of second and third readings at a future meeting.

Council also passed motions appointing Levi Reist, Kayden Strilchuk, Tanner Kastendieck, Robert Young, and Walker Ratte as inspectors for 2025 under the Weed Control Act and the Agricultural Pes Control Act.

These individuals are to function as both weed and pest inspectors, and receive training in implementing both the weed and pest control acts.

“Activities conducted by the county to address weed and pest issues

include the roadside weed control, custom spraying, weed inspections, insect surveys, and disease monitoring programs,” stated the report to council.

The motion by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) to appoint these individuals as inspectors was passed.

Then a motion by Councillor Barry Bruce (Division 4) was passed to appoint the following members of the Inter-municipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) to the Weed and Pest Control Appeal Committees: Brett Huculak, Juanita Enorme, Jennifer Goertzen, Rosemary Harris, and Cathy McRae.

First reading given to bylaw amendment on fees, noise, weed notice appeals and wildlife trap fees changed

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council has passed first reading to amend the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw #25-1174.

The changes, if given all three readings, will mean residents must pay to appeal notices the county issues under the Weed Control Act, Agriculture Pests Acts and Soil Conservation Act.

The fees are refundable if the hearing is cancelled or the notice is not upheld, states Ryan Arndt,

general manager of corporate services.

Another fee to rent raccoon and porcupine traps from the county, and the rental of wildlife propane cannons is also under consideration to add to the bylaw.

In the revised bylaw under consideration, a \$50 charge is listed for a noise permit application.

Under “Appeal to agricultural notice of Appeal Committee” are the following fees: Weed Control Notice - \$500 per notice; Pest Control

Notice - \$100 per notice; and, Soil Conservation Notice - \$50 per notice.

If the additions to the bylaw are eventually passed, trap rentals for skunk, raccoon and porcupine would require a \$100 security deposit. Renting a tree planter would cost \$10 per day (with a \$10 minimum); and a Wildfire propane cannon would require a \$100 security deposit.

Also under consideration is a Noise Permit application cost to be set at \$50. The permit would allow a resident to exceed the noise regulations

imposed by the new Community Standards Bylaw.

Currently, rental fees do not apply to the day of the rental if done before noon, or the day of return if returned before noon.

A motion by Councillor Dale Pederson (Division 5) for council to pass first reading of the amended bylaw was passed at council’s May 21 regular meeting.

Council will consider second and third, or final, readings at a later date.

Council decides Farm Family Award increased to max of \$1,000 per recipient

Patricia Harcourt

Farm Family Award recipients in Beaver County will now be awarded up to \$1,000 as part of policy changes made by county council last month.

The Agricultural Services Board did a review of the Farm Family Award Policy in January and recommended the changes.

“The Farm Family Award aims to recognize farm families who have shown dedication and commitment to the agriculture industry and rural community,” stated Jonathan Culbert, the county’s agricultural fieldman.

Farm families who meet certain criteria are then eligible for the award, including those that increase awareness of agriculture and maintain a high standard in the agricultural business.

Involvement and rural citizenship participation to promote the agricultural community is also necessary to be eligible.

The eligible farm families would be proactive when it comes to innovation and technology, and act as a role model to the rural community.

Nominees are reviewed by the ASB which makes a recommendation to council as to which family should receive the award.

Changes were made to the policy itself including that a farm family unit may only receive the award once.

“This is to ensure fairness to future applicants and to reduce the occurrence of one family receiving the award multiple times,” stated the report.

However, “this does not apply to new generations of families that have previously been awarded.”

Plus, multiple families will not be awarded in one year in order to streamline the award and allow the county to focus more directly on the recognition of a farm family.

The amended policy also clarifies who can nominate a farm family, and

what can be chosen as an “item of recognition.”

“This helps administration choose an appropriate recognition for the awarded family,” said Culbert.

With \$1,000 allocated to the 2025 county budget for the farm family

award winner, a motion was made by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec to approve the amended policy including money to the maximum of \$1,000 for the family.

With no discussion, this policy amendment passed.

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